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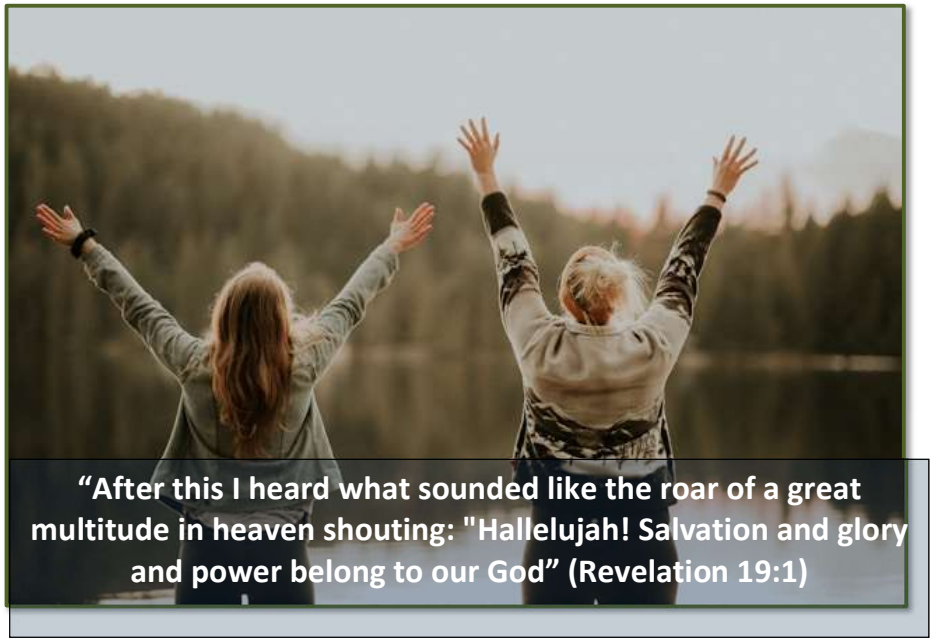
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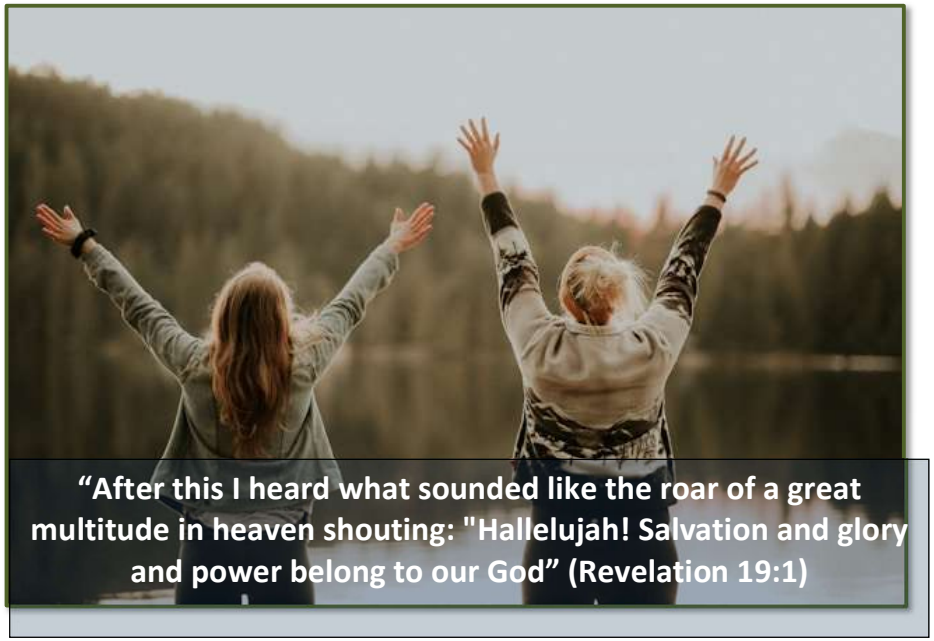
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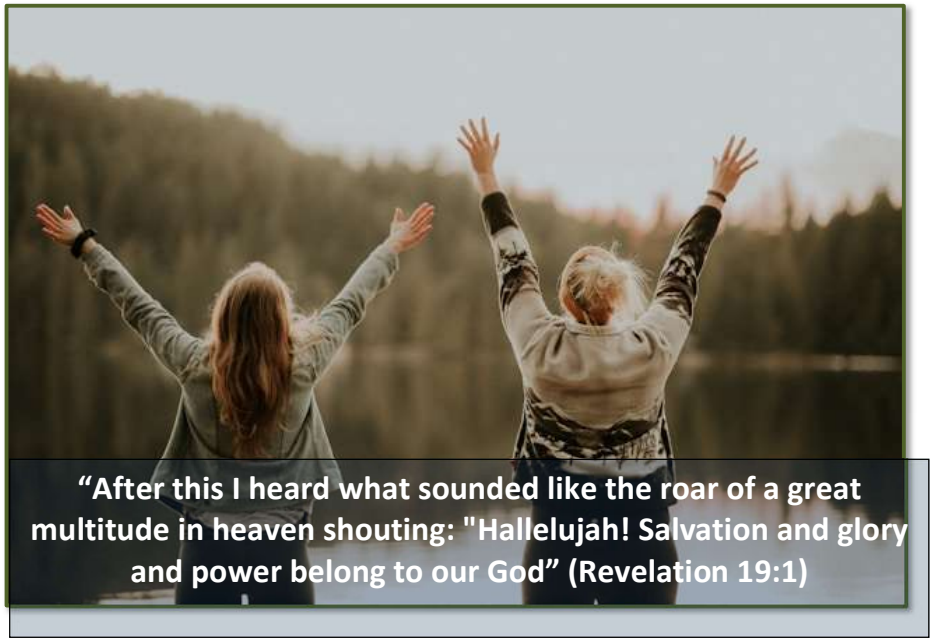
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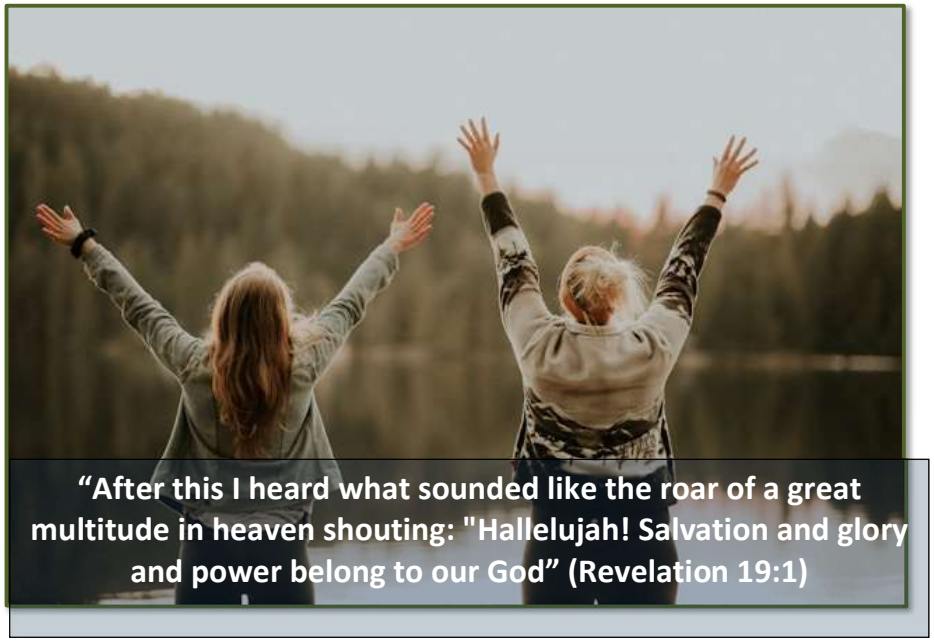
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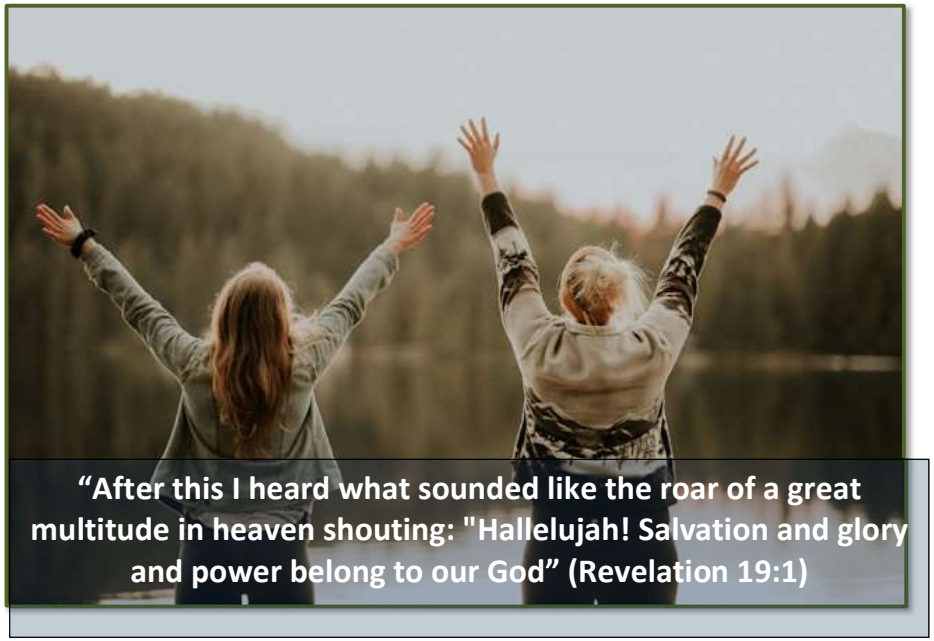
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OUR MONTHLY PRAYER GATHERING - Tuesday, 12th August at 7:00pm in the Church. Why should you attend? Because prayer is not just preparation for the work of the church—it **is** the work of the church. This Tuesday evening, we invite everyone to gather as a church family to **seek God's will**—for our lives, our church, and our community. In a world full of noise, distraction, and pressure, this is a sacred space to **pause, listen, and pray together**—trusting that God hears and moves when His people unite in faith. Whether you've been coming for years or have never been to a prayer gathering before, **you are welcome**. Let's come expectantly and prayerfully, knowing that **God meets us when we draw near**.**"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." — Matthew 18:20**

A PRAYER REQUEST SENT SAT7 – We have received an urgent plea from a group of Afghan Christians in Tajikistan, who desperately need our prayers.

To the churches of God around the world, from a brother in chains of sorrow, yet free in Christ – a humble servant of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Dearly beloved, as I write these words, my heart is overwhelmed with anguish, tears, and groaning that do not cease day or night. For 23 nights, sleep has escaped my eyes – not for myself, but for the suffering that has come upon the body of Christ, His church. We, a community of Afghan believers, now reside in Tajikistan. Yet our situation is uncertain and filled with fear and hope mingled together. Many conflicting reports surround us – some bring fleeting comfort, while others strike terror in our hearts. Some of us face the threat of forced return – a return not to safety, but for many, to the very mouth of death.

As your younger brother, I earnestly plead with you: Pray for us. Remember us in your gatherings and intercessions. Write letters. Be our voice. Reach out to organisations and governments who have the ability to help.

Please join other Christians across the world in praying for these oppressed people. Barbara.

This week, as we pause to marvel at the beauty of God's creation—from sunrise skies to starlit nights—we remember that the greatest masterpiece of all is not the mountains or the sea, but **us**: the people He formed in Christ.
We are His workmanship, made for His glory, called to live lives of joyful praise.
The following poem celebrates the wonders of creation and the deeper wonder of who we are in Christ—responding with heartfelt "Amen" and "Hallelujah!"

Work of His Hands

The skies proclaim with colours bold,
A canvas brushed in blue and gold.
The mountains rise, the oceans swell—
All nature lifts its voice to tell:
Amen! His glory fills the earth,
Creation sings its Maker's worth.

The flowers bloom in rich array,
The stars still shine when night holds sway.
Each creature formed by wise design,
Each sunrise speaks of love divine.
We see in all—both vast and small—
Hallelujah! God made it all.

Yet greater still than hill or tree
Is what His grace has made of me.
In Christ, reborn to shine His light,
To walk in truth, to live what's right—
By mercy shaped, by love begun,
His workmanship, through Christ the Son.

So let us praise with heart and voice,
In work and rest, in tears, rejoice.
For we are loved, called out by name,
To bear His image, share His flame.
From age to age, His praise we send:
Hallelujah! Amen! Amen!

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

PLEASE PRAY FOR DOROTHY RIDLEY – Please pray for Dorothy as Her grandson Luke died peacefully at St. Wilfrid's Hospice on Sunday evening. Dorothy wants to thank you all for your prayers over the past year. They have meant so much to her and the family. Please pray for Luke's parents - Sue and Julian - and for the rest of the family as they try to cope with their loss. Dorothy herself remains very unwell with heart problems. Please pray for healing and peace of mind.