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### Upcoming Events

PYCD Stage Competition (July 30 - Aug 1). Stage event schedule available online at [pycd.org](http://pycd.org)  
Metro Vacation Bible School: August 10 - 14 (Tues - Sat), 6 PM daily

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### Weekly Schedule

Mon, July 19th (Murphy)	Bro P M Thomas and Sis Ammal's res. (7 PM)
Fri, July 23rd (Mesquite)	Fasting Prayer @ Br. Babkutty's res. (10 AM)
Fri, July 23rd (Metro)	Impact Meeting @ Metro (7 PM)
Sat, July 24th (Metro)	Prayer Meeting @ Metro (7 PM)

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### Prayer for the Nations: Martinique & Monserrat (Latin America)\*

#### Martinique

- Columbus described Martinique as " the most beautiful country in the world". It lies in the eastern Caribbean - right in the hurricane belt.
- Martinique is dominated by a dormant volcano - St Pelee, which last erupted in 1902 killing 30,000 people. The island still suffers a natural disaster every five years.
- Martinique is an overseas department of France.
- There is a growing number of bible-believing churches. Many new Christians come out of a background of drug-abuse and difficult family situations. Pray that churches can effectively support and disciple these new Christians

#### Monserrat

- Monserrat is British territory in the eastern Caribbean.
- Volcanic eruptions beginning in 1995 and culminating in 1997 and 1998 have devastated the island. Two-thirds of the island were completely destroyed and are inhabitable.
- Over 80% of the population left the island and it is likely that many will never return home.
- Rebuilding the island, communities and homes will take many years. Pray that in the middle of all this uncertainty people will find refuge and hope in Jesus.

\* [http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country\\_id=185,186](http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=185,186)



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Communicating the Word of God  
Educating the People of God*

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"Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness." (Ps 97:11,12)

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# Welcome

## **Our past, present and future (Eph 2: 1-10)**

Praise the Lord. It gives us immense pleasure in welcoming you all to the house of the Lord as we celebrate the presence, power and promises of our Lord this day.

Many of us have heard this statement "every saint has a past and every sinner has a future." It shows that no matter where we are today we all have come from a past. It is the past of our sinful nature. It is the past of our deadness in sin and trespasses. It is the past of living in darkness and despair. It is the past of confusion and conflicts. It is the past without joy, hope and peace. Paul reminds us sufficiently that this is the past without Christ and without God in this perverse generation being under the yoke of sin, darkness and Satan. This past was reflected in the spirit of disobedience and rebellion.

But thanks be to God who redeemed us from that sinful past and has liberated us in Christ Jesus. Today we are in endless bliss of having started enjoying the blessings of eternal life. Today we are seated with Christ in the heavenly places and enjoying communion and fellowship with the Triune God. Today we have the confidence of knowing that fact that the one who redeemed us has promised that he shall never forsake and forget us. He is true to his promise and will carry us through every high and low. We may not know all the grand designs of Him currently but we have this confidence that in the end all things shall work together for our good. We who were dead were quickened and have been infused with new life. All this was made possible because of God who is rich in mercy and has loved us with a great love.

But this present bliss and peace will lead us to a greater future because we have been promised something amazing in Christ Jesus. In the age to come he shall show the exceeding riches of His grace. This grace is already inaugurated as we accepted Him as our Lord and Savior and as we continue in partaking of his body and blood in remembrance. But the fullness of this grace shall be revealed in the end of ages when we shall truly know all the treasures that is in store for us in Christ Jesus. This grace is the outworking of his goodness and kindness towards us. And as we continue to walk with him, He desires to reveal that to us as we begin to know Him more and more in this earthly sojourn.

This knowledge should keep us humble in God's presence. We have nothing to boast about unless that fact that we are redeemed by grace through faith alone. May the grace of God continue to abound in our lives.

In Christ Alone,  
Pastor Satish Kumar

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# Sermon Notes