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## Upcoming Events

PYCD Non-stage Event Competition (August 16th, Saturday, 8:30 AM)

Memory Verses, Essay, Bible Quiz, Bible Quick Reference

Location: India Pentecostal Assembly, 544 Tipton Rd, Irving, 75060

An evening with Gladys Staines\* on Aug 17, Sun (5:30pm) at Plano Convention Center.  
(\* Wife of Graham Staines and mother of two sons who were martyred in Orissa)

Special Fasting Prayer for the upcoming school year on Aug 22-23 (Fri & Sat) at Metro

Church Retreat in Glenrose, TX (Fri - Sun, Sept 5 - 7). If you are attending the retreat, please provide notification so that accommodations/food/activities can be arranged.

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## Weekly Schedule

Tues, Aug 12th (Carrollton) Pr. AM Georgekutty's residence (7 PM)

Thurs, Aug 14th (Fort Worth) Rajesh and Suja's residence (7 PM)

Fri, Aug 15th (Mesquite) Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10 AM)

Fri, Aug 15th (Rowlett) Sam & Daisy's residence (7 PM)

Sat, Aug 16th (Lewisville) Bro Joseph Thomas & Sis Lillykutty (6:30 PM)

Sun, Aug 17th (Metro) Baptism Service (9:30 AM)

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### Words of Wisdom

"Your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him" ( Matthew 6:8 ). Then why should we ask? The point of prayer is not to get answers from God, but to have perfect and complete oneness with Him. If we pray only because we want answers, we will become irritated and angry with God. We receive an answer every time we pray, but it does not always come in the way we expect, and our spiritual irritation shows our refusal to identify ourselves truly with our Lord in prayer. We are not here to prove that God answers prayer, but to be living trophies of God's grace. -Oswald Chambers (My Utmost for His Highest)



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Cast your burden on the Lord, and He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved. (Psalm 55:22)

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# Welcome

*" I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Tim 4: 7)*

Greetings and welcome to a time of fellowship in the house of the Lord. It is our pleasure that you are with us as we seek the face of the Lord together on this resurrection day as we celebrate His presence in our midst.

The world watched with awe the spectacular extravaganza that Beijing offered as the curtains went up on yet another summer Olympics. The next few weeks would be days of intense joy for some and despair for some. The hopes and aspirations of every athlete would be tested and tried and would lead to crowning for some and tears for some. The motto of Olympics, which is faster, higher and stronger, will be written all over the Olympic stadium. The emblem of five rings representing the five continents and the colors of all the flags of various countries will be evident as athletes compete at these games. The emblem reinforces the idea that this is a movement of the whole world and athletes from all continents (Asia, Africa, America, Europe and Oceania) participate. The spirit of these games calls upon the Christian believers to ponder and reflect upon their very existence and future destiny.

In the New Testament athletic metaphor has been used to explain Christian life. (1 Cor.9: 24; Heb 12: 1; 2 Tim 4: 7) Paul who was a natural citizen of Rome had been well acquainted with the Olympic games of his times. He occasionally borrowed analogies from these games to drive home to his Christian readers that the 'way' of the cross demands a disciplined effort if we have to finish the race that we all began in Christ. The modern Olympic games may say that winning is not important but taking part is of value. Paul would rather say that in the Christian' race finishing well is of eternal consequences. The promise of the eternal life is meant for the over comers who have finished the race on a high note. Beware that we may be enticed by sin and drop the pail of bucket at the doorstep.

In Paul's three fold assertion some see elements of military metaphor, athletic and stewardship metaphor. But we may argue that in this passage Paul may have more of the athletic metaphor in mind. If we accept the dominance of the athletic metaphor here, we can paraphrase the verse like this: "I have competed well in the athletic contest [of life], I have finished the race, I have kept the rules"—not "fouled out" and so been disqualified from winning. Now this is important because we know that after having finished the race if we fail to qualify the shame of that would be greater than the loss of the race itself. So friends let's run in such a way that we may have no need to be disqualified.

In Christ Alone  
Pastor Satish Kumar

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# Sermon Notes

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## Prayer for the Nations: Eritrea –Africa\*

Eritrea still carries the wounds from 30 years of fighting for independence, after the United Nations made the unpopular decision to join Eritrea to Ethiopia in 1950. 65,000 people died as Eritrea and Ethiopia fought the longest African war of the 20th century.

Eritrea began to rebuild its country in the '90s but squabbles with rival Ethiopia flared up into full scale war over who could own a piece of land on their borders – near the town of Badme.

70,000 people died in trench warfare between 1998 and 2000, when a peace agreement was finally reached.

Roughly half the population are Christian and half are Muslim – this delicate balance means that churches and religious organizations are sometimes restricted in what they can do.

Pray that there will a genuine end to the hostility between Eritrea and Ethiopia and humility and trust between the countries leaders.

Government restrictions have stopped Christian organisations from bringing help and aid into Eritrea and made it hard for any Christians to go and live or work there. Pray that these restrictions would be lifted.

A third of the population are Tigre – who are almost entirely Muslim. Pray for the few Tigre who are Christians, that they can be a powerful witness in their lives.

*\*[http://www.24-7prayer.com/ow/country.php?country\\_id=71](http://www.24-7prayer.com/ow/country.php?country_id=71)*