

## Colossians 1:4-12

We have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from the glorious power of God, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to God, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

## Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



Our mission project for November and December will be Nativitas, a soup kitchen in downtown Brussels. This year because of the Covid pandemic and resulting restrictions, Nativitas has different needs.

They are concentrating more specifically on the homeless. Currently Nativitas hands out free take-away packages consisting of fresh soup, a sandwich, and a drink, to approximately 90 people, five days a week.

What they most urgently need:

- **Ground coffee**
- **Sugar cubes**
- **Individual drinks (small juice boxes, cecemel, soda cans, etc.)**

**So this year, we will limit our collection to these 3 items only. Please do not bring fresh food or other non-perishable items. Also, please check the expiration dates!**

We realize that your time spent shopping should be kept to a minimum because of the current situation. However, if and when you do go grocery shopping, or if you order on-line, please consider purchasing a few of these items.

If church services resume by the end of November, you may bring your donations at that time. In either case, a drop-off session will also be organized at church on Sat. Nov.28 and Dec.12. More details on the time will follow.

**We are also collecting financial donations for Nativitas during these 2 months,** which will be used to help purchase the fresh food used to prepare soup and sandwiches. This is equally important. We thank you for your generosity, knowing that these are difficult times for all. God loves a cheerful giver, and no contribution is too small. Together we can make such a difference.

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