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Great Is Thy FAITHFULNESS

BUT THIS I CALL TO MIND, AND THEREFORE I HAVE HOPE:

THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD NEVER CEASES; HIS MERCIES NEVER COME TO AN END;

THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING; GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS.

“THE LORD IS MY PORTION,” SAYS MY SOUL, “THEREFORE I WILL HOPE IN HIM.”

Lamentations 3:21-24

Yesterday, my 3 year old daughter picked up her backpack and asked, ‘Mummy, can I go to school?’ Already, one week into the ‘circuit-breaker’ measures, she is missing her friends! That morning, her teachers spoke to her via a video call, and she was very happy to see them. My K2 daughter also had a (rather chaotic) video call with a few classmates, showing them her toys and drawings, and we’ve communicated with our extended family over Zoom. We are indeed thankful for modern technology.

It’s not easy for my young children to fully understand the impact of the COVID-19 virus and why it’s crucial to stay home! However, they do know what it feels like to be sick, and understand that we must keep older people (like their great-grandma) from getting a very serious illness. Recently, we’ve prayed for the migrant workers, falling sick in their dozens far away from their families, and those living in homes for the aged who can’t receive visits from their loved ones. My daughters know that though their normal routine has been disrupted, they are fortunate to be cared for in a stable household, and that Mummy and Daddy still have jobs.

As a doctor, my job scope has changed a great deal as well, as I encounter patients with possible symptoms of COVID-19 infection. A number of my

patients have to undergo inpatient admission and testing, and their family members are naturally anxious about their loved ones’ conditions. It is

a long hard process, unfortunately with no

clear end in sight for us healthcare

workers. Nevertheless I am grateful

each day for little blessings;

a negative test result for a

patient; an understanding

colleague who brings food

to share; a (video) prayer

meeting with my SAC connect

group.

At the end of a long shift

at work, I enjoy playing the

piano with my daughters, and

one hymn we love is a familiar

one from my childhood. ‘**GREAT IS**

THY FAITHFULNESS, O GOD MY FATHER;

THERE IS NO SHADOW OF TURNING

WITH THEE. THOU CHANGEST NOT, THY

COMPASSIONS THEY FAIL NOT; AS THOU

HAST BEEN, THOU FOREVER WILL BE.’

Indeed, our faith gives us ‘strength for today,

and bright hope for tomorrow.’ Whatever may

pass, we look forward to the rainbow after

the storm, and take comfort in God’s promises,

love and grace.

*Dear Lord,
We pray for the sick, and for
the vulnerable members of
our community: the elderly,
the migrant workers and those who are
struggling financially.
Please have mercy on them.
Bless us all with strength, wisdom and
peace in these difficult times.
May we never forget your everlasting
faithfulness towards us.
Amen*



Dr Gail Chua with her daughters, Fiona (left) and Audrey (right)