



**Why do people go to church?**

# Top 10 Reasons Americans go to Church

1. To become closer to God. (81%)
2. So their children will have a moral foundation. (69%)
3. To become a better person. (68%)
4. For comfort in times of trouble or sorrow. (66%)
5. They find the sermons valuable. (59%)
6. To be part of a faith community. (57%)
7. To continue their family's religious traditions. (37%)
8. They feel obligated to go. (31%)
9. To meet new people or socialize. (19%)
10. To please their family, spouse or partner. (16%)

**Pew Research Centre Study (2018)**





# **The Overflow of God's Presence**

## **Psalm 65**



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**See yourself as a saint whom Jesus has forgiven &  
made righteous, whom the Holy Spirit is sanctifying**



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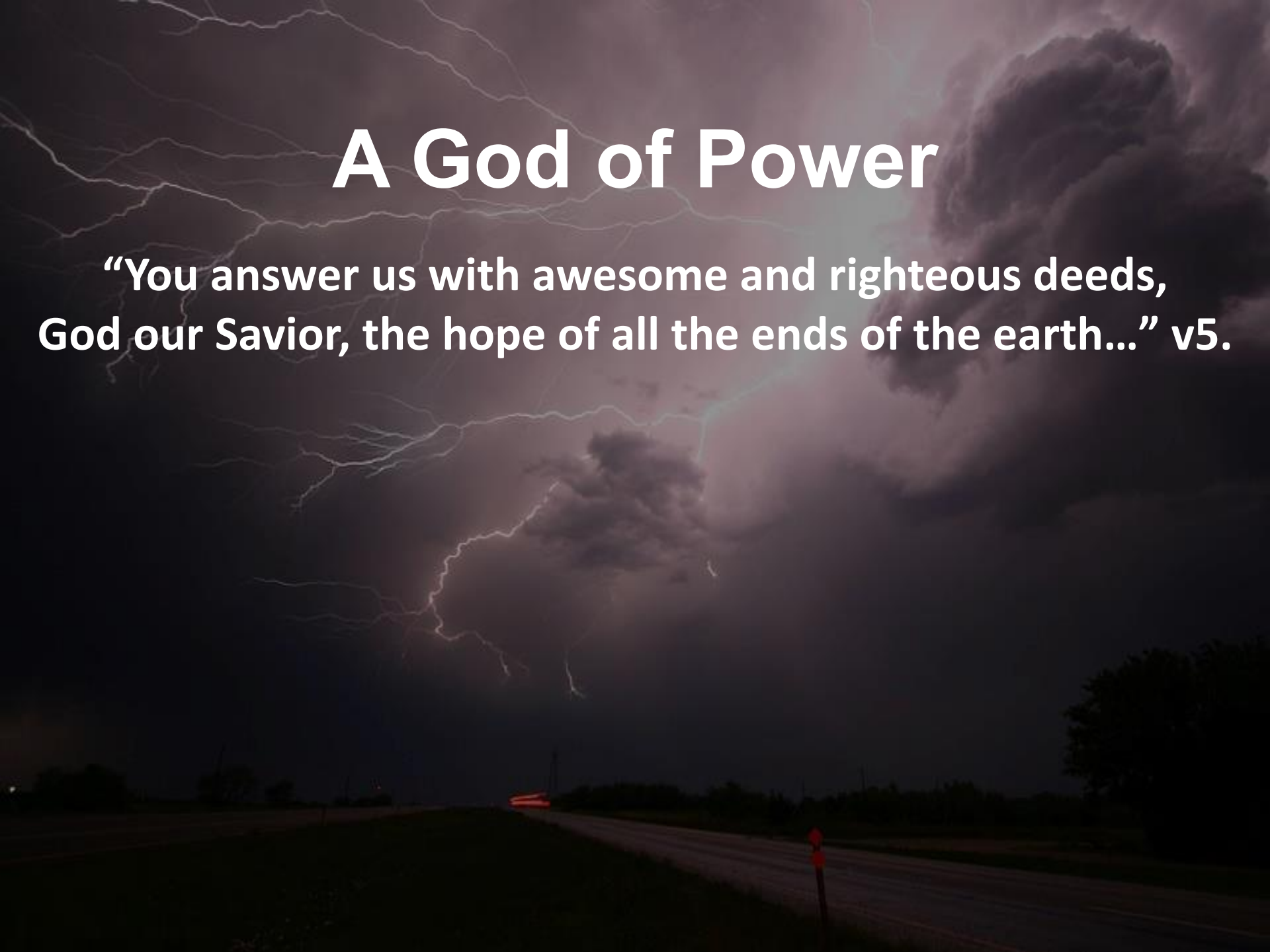
**“Though we are overwhelmed by our sins, you forgive them all. Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house...” v3-4**

**God wants to  
forgive us because  
He wants  
relationship with us**



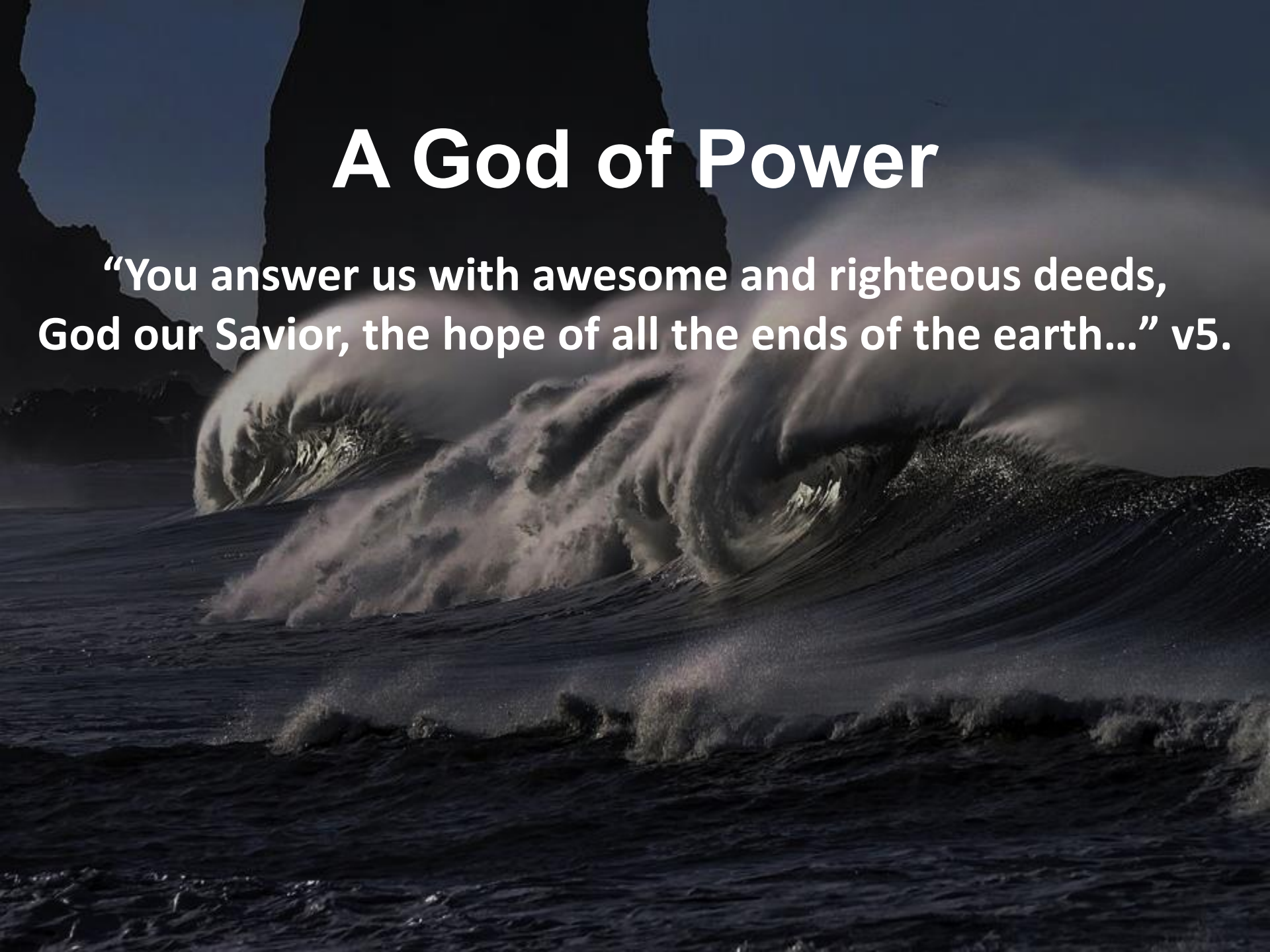
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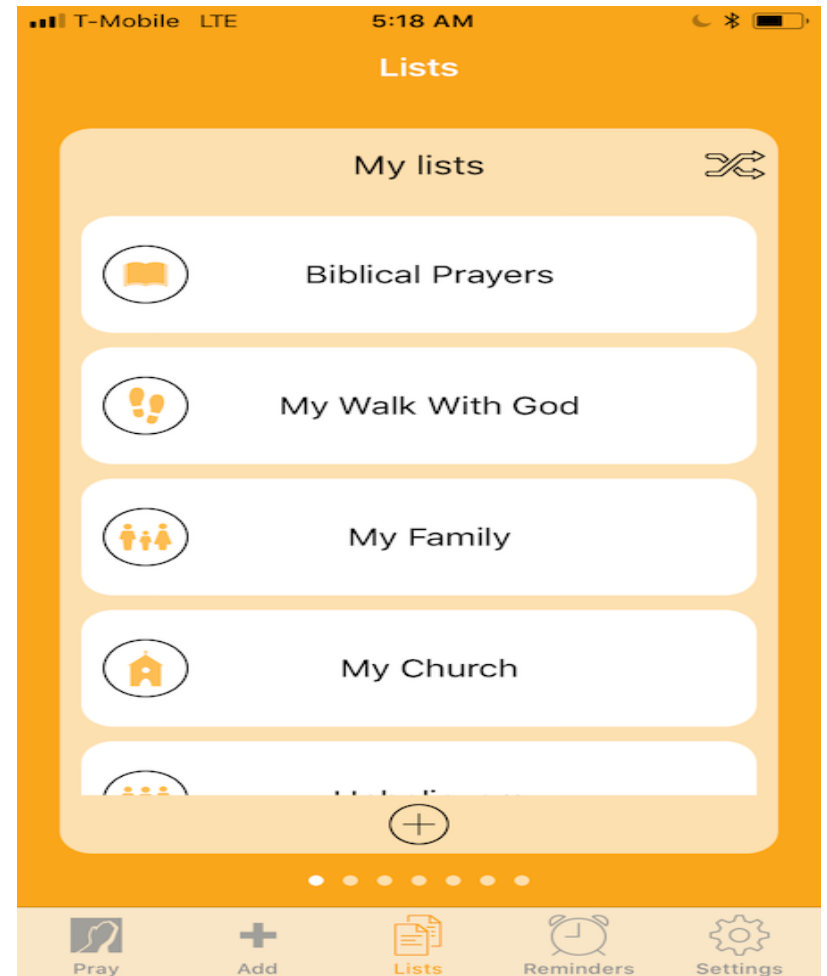




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North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, left, and South Korean President Moon Jae-in embrace each other after signing on a joint statement

TOP STORIES

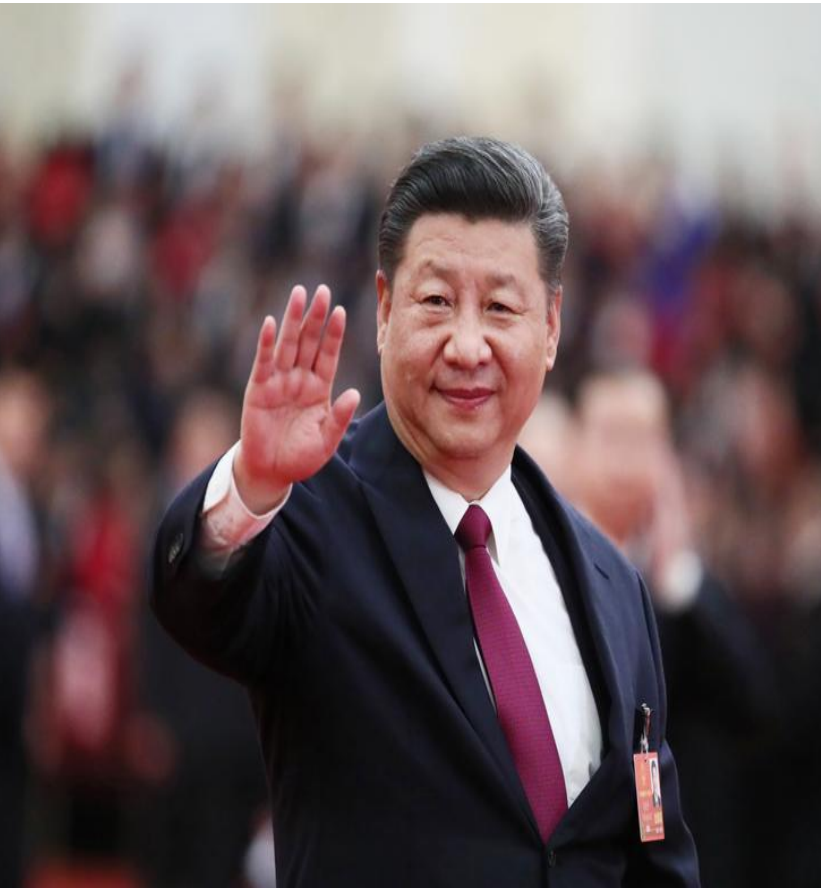
- Democrats to investigate claims that Trump told Cohen to lie
- Police officer shot in the face, another shot in the neck during domestic incident in NSW town
- Russian whistleblower's daughter speaks out after years in outback exile

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What are your big, bold prayers for our great God?  
For this world? This: Country? City? Church? Your life?  
Seek God for 3 big prayers!



A wide-angle photograph of a pumpkin patch at sunset. The field is filled with numerous orange pumpkins of various sizes, scattered across green foliage. In the background, a line of trees and a house are visible under a bright, golden sky with the sun low on the horizon, creating a lens flare effect.

# A God who Provides

**“You crown the year with your bounty;  
your wagon tracks overflow with  
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**What are your needs in 2019?  
Draw near to God and ask Him to provide.**





# Soul Training

- 1. Talk with God.** Thank Him that you are a “holy one” in Jesus. Ask Him to continue the work of holiness in you. Ask for help with stubborn sins.
- 2. Walk with God.** Go for a walk where you will see God’s greatness in nature. **Pray bold prayers for the world**, this city, your life. **Ask God for your needs and trust Him.**