



# TGC TIMES

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## WHERE IS GOD WHEN WE SUFFER?

By Pastor Solomon

This is a question that has plagued humanity for centuries. There are no easy answers as suffering is unique to each individual, family, and community. It is never easy to nail down the reason or understand the reason even if revealed to us. The human mind can always counter the reason as suffering is not innate to humanity as much as pleasure and comfort. Many people have either strayed away from God or found meaning and purpose through suffering. The scope of this article is not to provide answers as to why we suffer but help us to understand what we can do when we suffer and know where we can find God and therefore meaning during our suffering.

In Psalm 107:6,13,19,28, the psalmist says, "Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress." The only one who can help us navigate suffering is God himself. Whatever the reason for our suffering, when we reach out to the Lord, He is more than able to navigate us.

There may be moments when we may struggle to even reach out to the Lord, which is when the support of the community of faith helps us. God chose the way of immense physical and emotional suffering to redeem humanity though He could have chosen some other way. The cross therefore becomes the principal place where we can meet God during our suffering. Therefore, the answer to where God is when we suffer, is that He is suffering with us, because He suffered. His promise to never leave or forsake us because we are His children becomes the greatest hope that we can rely on as we traverse the path designed for each of us. During our suffering, the Lord, being with us, does a work inside of us that will shape and mold us into the image in which we were created. That is why we can affirm the truth in Romans 8:28-30, <sup>28</sup>"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who [i] have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. <sup>30</sup>And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified."

Dear TGC family, let us endure suffering knowing that our Savior who suffered to grant us salvation from sin and the gift of eternal life will never leave us nor forsake us.



### **1 Corinthians 15:14-17**

"And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith."

### **1 Corinthians 15:20:**

"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."

**Romans 4:25:** "He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification."

**Romans 6:4:** "Just as Christ was raised from the dead... we too might walk in newness of life."

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Benita Magdalene</b>              | <b>May 01</b> |
| <b>Sandra Babu</b>                   | <b>May 01</b> |
| <b>Iniya Premkumar</b>               | <b>May 02</b> |
| <b>Emmanuel Jebaraj</b>              | <b>May 02</b> |
| <b>Priya Shibu</b>                   | <b>May 06</b> |
| <b>Elliana Fredrick</b>              | <b>May 12</b> |
| <b>Elda Williams</b>                 | <b>May 13</b> |
| <b>David Livingston</b>              | <b>May 14</b> |
| <b>Nirmal John Rajkumar</b>          | <b>May 15</b> |
| <b>Anitha Joe</b>                    | <b>May 16</b> |
| <b>Brian Samuel Richy</b>            | <b>May 16</b> |
| <b>Chelsia Angeline</b>              | <b>May 17</b> |
| <b>Christy Aarathana David</b>       | <b>May 18</b> |
| <b>Samypillai Jayaraj</b>            | <b>May 18</b> |
| <b>Bilson Santhappan</b>             | <b>May 18</b> |
| <b>Davina Shalom</b>                 | <b>May 19</b> |
| <b>Joshua Raj</b>                    | <b>May 23</b> |
| <b>Preetha David</b>                 | <b>May 26</b> |
| <b>Jasmine Shamine Andrew</b>        | <b>May 28</b> |
| <b>Daneshia Bilson</b>               | <b>May 28</b> |
| <b>Ranjith Jayapandian Jothimani</b> | <b>May 30</b> |

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Christopher Newton Job &amp; Shanthi Newton</b>            | <b>May 11</b> |
| <b>Rajasingh Fredrick Nagarathinam &amp; Jerrina Jayapaul</b> | <b>May 14</b> |
| <b>Vijay Kumar &amp; Sheela Christy</b>                       | <b>May 16</b> |
| <b>Venugopal Subramanian &amp; Florence Daniel</b>            | <b>May 20</b> |
| <b>RajaKumar Premkumar &amp; Yogapriya Rajakumar</b>          | <b>May 22</b> |
| <b>Richy Gerard &amp; Angel Richy</b>                         | <b>May 23</b> |
| <b>Shajin Pathrose &amp; Abisha Shajin</b>                    | <b>May 24</b> |
| <b>Jebastine Vetharaj &amp; Alice Swarna Rathnakumar</b>      | <b>May 25</b> |
| <b>Andrew Yesuraj &amp; Jasmine Shamine Andrew</b>            | <b>May 26</b> |
| <b>Arul Shalom Aruliah &amp; Sheeja Shalom</b>                | <b>May 27</b> |

# May 2026

| SUN                                                                                        | MON | TUE                             | WED                                     | THU | FRI                           | SAT                                                                                     |
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|                                                                                            |     |                                 |                                         |     | 1<br>8 pm:<br>• Small Groups  | 2<br>7 am:<br>• First Saturday Morning Prayer (Zoom)<br>10:00 am:<br>• Men's Fellowship |
| 3<br>5 pm:<br>• Sunday Service<br>• Sunday School<br>• Tamil Class                         | 4   | 5                               | 6<br>8 pm:<br>• Wednesday Night Prayer  | 7   | 8<br>8 pm:<br>• Small Groups  | 9<br>11 am:<br>• Fasting Prayer                                                         |
| 10<br>5 pm:<br>• Sunday Service<br>• Sunday School<br>• Tamil Class<br>• Girls Youth Group | 11  | 12<br>7 pm:<br>• Elders Meeting | 13<br>8 pm:<br>• Wednesday Night Prayer | 14  | 15<br>8 pm:<br>• Small Groups | 16<br>10 am:<br>• CUP Outreach                                                          |
| 17<br>5 pm:<br>• Sunday Service<br>• Sunday School<br>• Tamil Class<br>• Youth Group       | 18  | 19                              | 20<br>8 pm:<br>• Wednesday Night Prayer | 21  | 22<br>8 pm:<br>• Small Groups | 23<br>2 pm:<br>• Women's Fellowship                                                     |
| 24<br>5pm:<br>• Sunday Service<br>• Sunday School<br>• Tamil Class                         | 25  | 26                              | 27<br>8 pm:<br>• Wednesday Night Prayer | 28  | 29<br>8 pm:<br>• Small Groups | 30                                                                                      |
| 31<br>5pm:<br>• Sunday Service<br>• Sunday School<br>• Tamil Class                         |     |                                 |                                         |     |                               |                                                                                         |