

## POEMS OF THE MONTH

### Walk in the Light!

– Simon Zachariah

The sun gives light, but it brings heat;  
The moon reflects light, yet stays sweet.  
The sun creates warmth, and it shines,  
While the moon just reflects, the light.

My mom sends letters, each with care,  
The mailman delivers it, without fail.  
Mother's letters are filled with love,  
While the mailman only does his job.

If the sun did not exist,  
would the moon still shine?  
If my mom didn't send it,  
would that letter be mine?

Look for the source of all that is true,  
And thank God's grace in all you pursue.

### മിന്നുന്നതെല്ലാം

–സൈമൺ സഖറിയ

'മിന്നുന്നതെല്ലാം പൊന്നല്ല' മോനേ!  
തിളങ്ങുന്നതെല്ലാം നക്ഷത്രമല്ല കേട്ടോ!  
ചിരിക്കുന്നവരെല്ലാം നിന്റെ മിത്രവുമല്ല!  
വെറുതെ തരുന്നതൊക്കെ ദാനമല്ല!

വിമർശിക്കുന്നോരെല്ലാം നിന്റെ ശത്രുവല്ല,  
തല്ലുന്നതൊക്കെ നിന്നെ കൊല്ലാനല്ല,  
വേദനിപ്പിക്കുന്നത് നിന്റെ മുറി കെട്ടാനത്രേ!  
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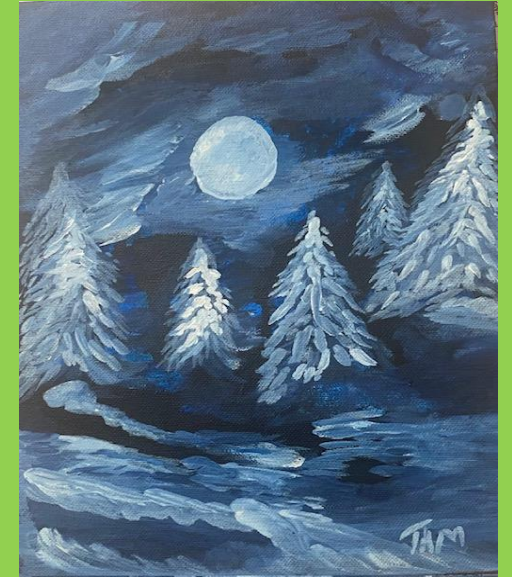
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**Channels of Glory –**  
**Letter from Dr. Simon Zachariah**

There is a Bible verse that challenges each one of us: *“Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”* You may wonder why I consider this verse a challenge. Allow me to explain.

Recently, someone asked me to financially support a large number of school children from a very poor area. As usual, I began contacting some of them to learn more about their circumstances, and I was deeply moved by what I discovered. Many of them come from broken families, and others live in dire poverty. Many non-profit organizations require their beneficiaries to contribute in some way to receive help, but some of these children and families don't have the means to do even that.

As I spoke to them on the phone, I could almost picture their homes—the worn-out walls, the leaking roofs, the cracked pots and pans. Yet, it was difficult to connect with

them because they were understandably suspicious of a stranger calling from abroad. Since I left India many years ago, I can no longer directly assess their situations or make fair judgments about each case. Eventually, I found one person who seemed capable and offered to help. However, he soon realized how challenging it was to extend a helping hand to the needy. Today, as I write this newsletter, I've just finished explaining to him how important it is to help others, even if they are not willing to cooperate.

My father once told me that *“One should not jump into deep water to save someone who is drowning, because that person might harm the one trying to save them.”* The same principle applies when helping others. We can't expect everyone to be grateful or appreciative. Some may never acknowledge our efforts, and others might even criticize us for doing good.

You may have heard the story of the crane and the fox. The crane helped a fox by removing a fishbone lodged in its throat. The fox patiently waited, mouth wide open, as the crane carefully extracted the bone. However, once the task was done, the fox walked away without a word of thanks. When the crane wondered why, the fox replied, *“You should be thanking me for not biting off your head while you had your head in my mouth!”*

This story highlights a common human tendency: ungratefulness. Some people refuse to acknowledge that they are in need, while others are too proud to accept help. There are also two often misused terms: *superiority* and *inferiority*. No two people are exactly the same. That means no one is truly superior or inferior in every aspect. We must

embrace the truth in the saying, *“Unity is not uniformity.”* There is no reason to be embarrassed about who we are. While we may be inferior to others in some ways, we are also superior in others.

This understanding fosters interdependence. Just as the health of the body is vital to our financial well-being, so too are our influences, appearance, character, education, and reputation all important aspects of our lives.

The story of the *Mouse and the Lion* illustrates this beautifully. When the lion spared the life of the mouse, it never imagined it would need help from such a small creature. But when the lion was trapped in a hunter's net, the mouse and its friends came to the rescue, proving that even the smallest act of kindness can have a significant impact.

In conclusion, I want to remind you of two important lessons: First, *“Do not grow weary of doing good.”* Second, *“Do not be too proud to accept help, even from someone smaller than you.”* As the poet Poonthanam wrote, *“It is God who makes a king beg for his meal for one day, and it is the same God who blesses a poor beggar to rule over a kingdom.”*

