

# HERALD OF HIS KINGDOM



## PRECEPT

### MATTHEW 24:14

<sup>14</sup> And this Gospel of Kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come!

### ISAIAH 61:1-2

<sup>1</sup> The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, <sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn.

## PROMISE

The mystery of the Kingdom of God is that Christ comes in two stages. He first came in the form of man, but His final consummation is yet to come, and that will happen when he comes again the second time. Our world today is filled with light and darkness at the same time, and this is because the Son has risen to the horizon already. We have hope and joy in this world, and yet there's still darkness and evil, with every single deed of rescue and liberation that God is doing in our midst. While we are waiting for Him to come again, Jesus tells us that this is what we're supposed to do. Matthew 24:14 says, "*And this Gospel of Kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.*"

All around the world, there is strife, war, famine, and series of unfortunate events and all kinds of troubles. There are also mental disorders that weigh a lot of people down. Living where we are now can make us out of touch of all the reality that is happening across nations. Let us pray for hearts like Christ's, being compassionate to others especially to those who are in dire need of His love and mercy. We praise God that as we await His coming, we can be assured that all of this evil in the world will be destroyed. We are called to join the Lord as we become heralds of His Kingdom, extending help for them to come out of the darkness they're in. We, as the body of Christ, are called to what Jesus Christ did in John the Baptist's time. We are supposed to be an extension of Jesus' ministry, through what He's able to do in and through us.

*Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which He looks  
Compassion on this world,  
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
Yours are the eyes, you are His body.  
Christ has no body now but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
compassion on this world.  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*  
— St. Teresa of Ávila

## PRACTICE

**1. Herald of Christ.** How can you be Christ's hands and feet in your own simple ways?

**2. Christ's Example.** How can you be a herald of His Kingdom and follow Christ's example in being the light of the world?

## PRAYER

### I. Young Couples

- Pray for these couples as they lead the Young Couples: Oliveros, Imperial, & Gu-masing.

### II. Youth & Young Adults

- Pray that we will soon be able to establish life groups for our youth & young adults.

### III. Nation

- Pray for wisdom and integrity for all our leaders as they make decisions on behalf of this nation.

### IV. World

- May God bless and heal the world. May His love comfort every soul and bring hope to all.

### V. Families

- Pray that families will have unified love for Christ and for each other; serving and caring for each other.

### VI. Church

- Pray for a church passionate in sharing the love of Christ and showing this love to the people around them.

### VII. Leaders

- Pray for leaders that have compassion and heart for God's people. May their hearts be aligned to Christ's.