

# CHRISTIAN DIGEST

Official Newsletter of Christ Circle Community

## Deeper Devotion

We have recently celebrated the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The new global community of Christ was founded on these historic events over 2000 years ago. As Gujarati-believing Christians, we are a part of this global community.

Apostle Peter highlighted key characteristics of Christ's community in 1 Peter 3:8–9: being of one mind, sympathetic, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Does our lifestyle reflect Jesus' sacrificial death and victorious resurrection in our community relations?

We live in a world where multiple opinions storm our minds every day on any topic or issue. Differences of opinion in a community are a healthy sign. Do we hold our opinions so dear that it leads to a divide? As Christ's followers, the true sign of unity is being of one mind and one purpose. Peter is not talking about superficial external display of unity but the inner unity of mind which is the result of God's deeper work leading to inner transformation.

King Solomon, warned against personal ego and pride that destroys relationships (Prov 11:2, 15:33, 18:12, 29:23). But humility is powerful! It calms storms of fierce anger and battle. The greatest example of humility is Jesus himself (Philippians 2:5–7). He did not choose to use his power and authority destructively but used them constructively bringing salvation to all who believe.

## About Newsletter

“Christian Digest” is a communication platform for the vibrant Gujarati Christians living in the diaspora. This platform is a community newsletter that connects you with the rest of the community, provides a common space to share your news, opinions, and prayer concerns, and reflects Christian love. We aim to foster spiritual, social, and practical growth to help you understand what it truly means to be a part of the community.

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Are we using our power and authority as Jesus did? This reflects the level of humility we demonstrate. Peter is talking about a genuine humbleness that flows from a Spirit-filled heart and mind.

The toughest of all these is “brotherly love.” The Love of Christ demonstrated on the cross obliges us to love one and all. We must ask ourselves this question: how many of our relationships in the community, with family, and among friends, are guided by selfish motives (Philippians 2:3–4)? Such selfish motives show the absence of genuine love in our relationships. If we all hold on to these qualities consistently, achieving unity is not a distant future!

 PARIMAL CHRISTIAN, PH.D.

## Community News and Views

### This is your space...

1. You are invited and encouraged to share your personal/family news, prayer requests, and practical and/or spiritual help you need. Please use the contact details given on the first page for prompt communication.
2. We have great people in our community having brilliant opinions on various matters. Are you looking for a platform to convey your views and want to use your creative talents? Then, We invite you to share your views/opinions on various fronts at our “Your Voice.” This is the place we will reflect your voice. Please answer the question placed below and send your views/opinions with your full name and city/town of residence to us and we will publish them here with your name.
3. Young people are a great asset to any community. We value one and all young people, YOU ARE PRECIOUS! As you strive to achieve the best for your future, we want to come alongside you to help and support you. Please send us an email or a WA message for any help you need. We will connect with you to get you going.

To get nations back on their feet, we must first get down on our knees  
Billy Graham

## Prayer Connect

Community that prays together stands together! We have started a monthly community online prayer meeting called “Prayer Connect” every second Saturday at 8:30 pm EST. Next prayer meeting is on May 11th at 8:30 pm EST. Please join us on Zoom.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78583460701>

Meetings ID: 785 8346 0701  
Password: 416320

## Your Voice

Question for May 2024:

How should we improve our community bonding?

Please Email or WhatsApp your opinions.



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સમુદાયમાં એકતાની મીઠી ધારીએ.  
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