



Ich bete für meine Kirche 2018

November 11 to 17

Nuremberg District

Look, now is the right time! Look, now is the day of salvation!
(2 Corinthians 6:2)

Tender and invisible.

See! Look closely! Don't be blind! Focus all your attention in this direction! Watch out! Now! At this moment! Especially now that your eyes are open, your hearing is sharp and your senses are receptive. Right now you are surrounded by God's grace and salvation!

This is the day of grace. The time that God has placed you in. The time that you can stand before God and have hope. The time when God has cleared everything out of the way, so that you can live in fellowship and relationship with him. Time for you take a deep breath and to breathe out again. It is time! God's time! The day of salvation.

When will it be? Not yet and nevertheless now. Tender and invisible. But then, powerfully, the day of salvation begins. A day on which everything will be healed. The damaged knee and back, as well as the broken hearts and the ruined souls. A day on which you and I will become whole. When tears will be wiped away, and laughter will become

redeemed laughter. It is God himself who will make this happen, who cares for you and me, with healing and full of mercy.

Those who really internalize this can fulfil the claims of God even in their own brokenness. Live out this grace of God in your own relationship to others! Bring it about! Heal the relationships. Live them out before God, because these words are indeed for you.

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I GIVE THANKS

- that in the face of death, a new beginning welcomes us
- for faith, that in the power of the mustard seed, helps us to change ourselves and the world
- for love which respects you, the others, my neighbour and even my enemy, treating them with courtesy
- for all who long for such a life and faith, that the world may be changed, beginning with themselves

I PRAY

- for unity among Christians
- for lively conversations among Methodists, who are open to those who believe, think and live differently
- for the delegates of the General Conference: may the Spirit of God lead them so that unity in diversity finds its own value; one which is equally or even more respected than our own (apparent) recognition of what is right
- for a change in our actions so that God's creation has a future with us

Nuremberg District

The 25 circuits in the Nuremberg District are comprised of 43 churches. With a little over 6193 Methodists, the District is the second-smallest within the South German conference. Cities, conurbations and open country make up the District in Bavaria and Württemberg. In the Nuremberg District, a positive mix of innovation and tradition is evident. In the next few years, we plan to open churches in three new locations

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