

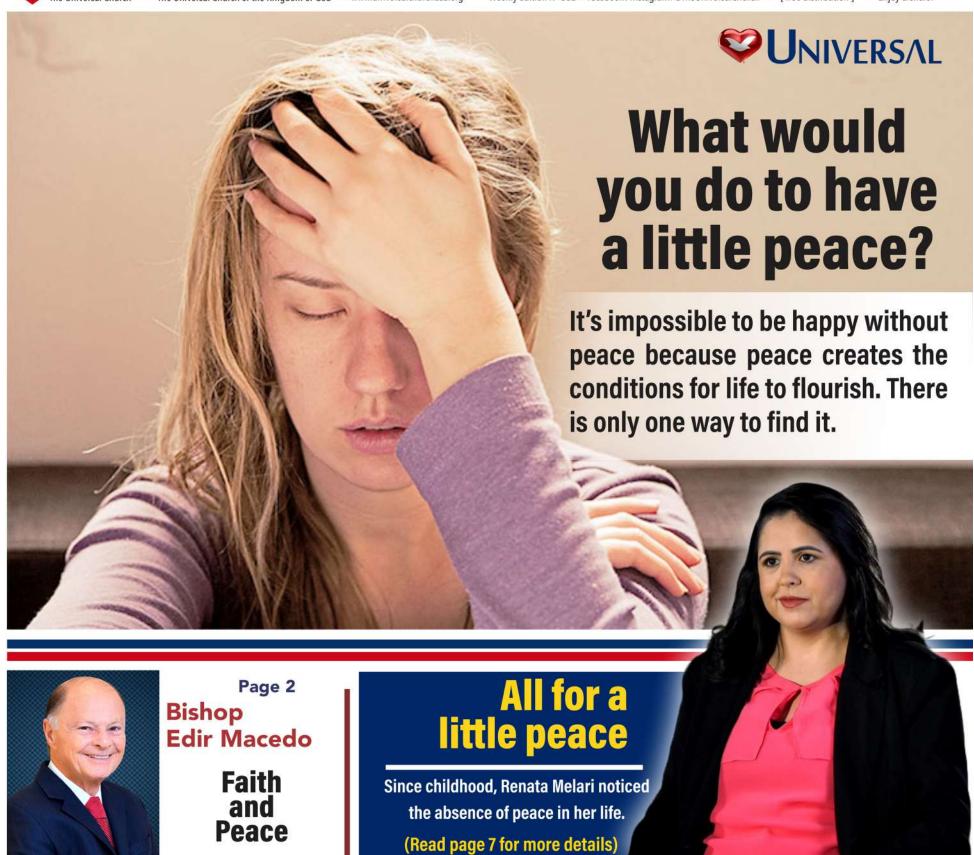




# INTERSAL EWS



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OPINIONS 2

### IN THIS EDITION

### How to find the peace you have been searching for

any people confuse peace with moments of calm. But true peace does not mean living a life free from problems because problems are inevitable. Real peace means that even in the middle of challenges, you do not feel despair, fear, or anxiety inside. Even when things around you are not going well, you still have the assurance deep within that everything will work out. This is the peace that many desire, some seek, and only a few truly find.

The truth is, countless people live with daily conflicts, broken relationships, emotional torment, anxiety, and constant unrest. For that reason, many believe that being close to nature can bring the peace they long for. And indeed, nature gives us a wonderful sense of calm. But have you ever wondered why it does? The answer lies in its Creator, God, who is the true source of all peace.

Therefore, seeking God is the only way to find lasting peace. But how can we achieve it? Many try to find peace within themselves or with others, but they fail because they overlook one essential truth: peace with ourselves and with others depends on having peace with God. And peace with Him cannot exist if our conscience is burdened with guilt or sin because guilt separates us from Him.

### Making peace with the source of peace

It is impossible to have peace with God while living in a way that displeases Him, and this is not about religion but about using wisdom.

To please God, we must use our faith, as the Bible says: "Without faith, it is impossible to please God." (Hebrews 11:6)

This faith, as the Apostle Paul wrote, produces peace: "Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:1)

This faith acknowledges our mistakes before God, understands that only He has the power to forgive us, and believes in the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus as the only way to receive forgiveness. There is no other way to be cleansed from sin except through the One who took our place.

When a person truly believes in this sacrifice, they show it through obedience to God's Word, living with the awareness of what He expects in every situation, and striving to do His will in all things

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### **Bishop Edir Macedo**



Faith and peace

oubt robs us of sleep, erodes the deepest parts of our being, and unsettles the soul. Without inner peace, no pleasure, whether food, company, leisure, or work, can bring true satisfaction.

Every day, in every moment of our waking lives, we are called to choose between faith and doubt, between seeing people and life's circumstances from God's perspective or

from a purely human one. We must decide to live in the Spirit or in the flesh, there is no middle ground.

Those who waver in their trust in the Most High open the door to doubt. From that moment, an inner battle begins, a struggle between the assurance of God's promises and the pull of disbelief.

It is also important to remember that emotions such as fear, anxiety, and worry can, like doubt, weaken our faith and steal our peace. Faith, in contrast, brings peace, balance, and safety to the soul.

When we live in faith, in the Spirit, there is



no room for fear, stress, torment, or misgiving. Faith and peace walk hand in hand, and the key to this harmony and strength is the practice of God's Word.

Those who anchor their minds in divine precepts can overcome all obstacles. For them, there is no bad luck, envy, threat, or reproach. This is why the Almighty encourages us to live "from faith to faith." Without this extraordinary power, doubt will prevail. Yet when we practice our faith daily, God grants us peace, and no barrier can make us stumble.

As it is written: "Great peace have those who love Your law, and nothing causes them to stumble." (Psalms 119:165)

### The peace she sought was already within her reach

At just 19 years old, Raquel Andrade spent years searching tirelessly for something to fill the emptiness she carried inside. Since childhood, she had attended the Universal Church, always encouraged by her mother. Yet, during her teenage years, Raquel began to question her faith and her place in it.

"I wanted to be like my friends," she recalls. "I was in church, praying, knowing that God exists, but I wasn't happy. My friends didn't go to church, they dated several people, wore striking clothes, and seemed so much happier than I was."

In an attempt to find the same happiness her friends seemed to have, Raquel began following their example. However, she soon realized that the joy they displayed was only superficial. That realization deepened her sense of frustration and emptiness. For years, she suffered from spiritual disturbances, bouts of nervousness, and panic attacks.

"I was afraid of the dark, afraid to sleep. I had many nightmares and

heard voices. At night, I would feel someone touching me, something pulling my legs," she remembers.

Although she continued attending church, Raquel's suffering persisted.

"I went mainly to please my mother," she admits. "But I didn't want to follow what was preached. I was there, but I wasn't free because I wasn't sincerely seeking God."

Over time, her situation grew unbearable. Consumed by inner anguish, she developed bulimia.

"I thought I was ugly. I would look in the mirror and hate what I saw. I saw myself as fat. Everything I ate, I tried to get rid of so I wouldn't gain weight," she says.

Eventually, unable to bear the pain any longer, Raquel made the decision to completely surrender her life to God.

"I began attending the Deliverance Meetings with sincerity, got baptized in water, and truly started seeking God. From then on, I began following the guidance I was given," she shares.

Today, Raquel's life is entirely transformed.



"Learning to obey was essential for my growth in my walk with God. Finding salvation became my true source of happiness," she reflects.

Now, she has every reason to smile. The peace she feels within is genuine. Raquel finally found what she had been searching for in the One who had always been close to her.

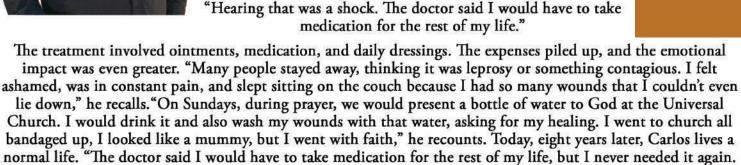
"I realized that with God, I can do all things. When I received the Holy Spirit, I gained strength, assurance, and the confidence that everything will always turn out well," she concludes.

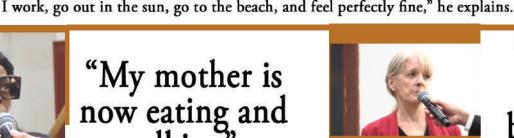
# "With God all tnings are

In 2017, Carlos' life took an unexpected turn.

Used to working under the sun and spending time at the beach where he lived, Carlos realized something was wrong when spots began to appear on his body. M"It started with itching, then came sores that oozed fluid. I scratched so much that the skin came off under my nails," he says.

Worried, he sought medical care at a hospital, where he underwent a biopsy. The results brought a frightening diagnosis: lupus, an autoimmune disease that, according to the doctor, had no cure and could affect vital organs such as the heart, kidneys, and brain. "Hearing that was a shock. The doctor said I would have to take medication for the rest of my life."





## "She died on the table, but God brought her back"

My daughter went in for what should have been a routine gallbladder operation. When they made the incision and pumped her up with air to do the procedure, an air bubble went to her heart, or at least that is what we were told. They said that she had died for a while. The doctor said he had never experienced anything like that before. He had done thousands of surgeries. She was hooked to the machine, and the doctor said she flatlined and it was code red — she had died.



He called me and told me to hurry over. I did not accept that, of course. So I called a pastor to come to the hospital, and he brought the holy water. He took the holy water in his hand, placed it on her head, and prayed for

her. Some assistants came with him, and we all prayed around her bed. I stayed as long as I could until I was falling asleep. The next morning when I went back, they said she was stabilizing. The doctor was crying when he saw me and said, "This has never happened before."



## "My mother is now eating and talking"

This is my third time in the church. I came because my mother was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. I was invited to come, pray, and receive the blessed water for her. My mother was not moving or talking.



Now she is moving, talking, and eating. It is incredible because I am not a church person, but now I will come because I see the miracle happening. She wants me to thank all of you for sending the pastor to see her and pray for her. Geneva



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### How to calm your emotions



Peace, not the kind that depends on people or circumstances, but a deep and lasting calm that remains even when life feels uncertain. Many times, we try to create peace through success, relationships, or by trying to control everything around us. Yet somehow, it always slips away. The more we chase it, the more restless we feel.

But what if peace is not something you must chase, but something you receive? True peace begins when you stop fighting what you cannot control and start trusting that there is a greater purpose at work, even in the moments that feel difficult or confusing.

It is written: You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Isaiah 26:3

This verse reminds us that peace does not come from having a perfect life. It comes from a heart that is steady and firm in faith. When your mind rests in trust instead of fear, no storm can take your peace away.

So here is a challenge for today: instead of trying to manage every situation or force every outcome, choose to rest your thoughts in trust. Bring your worries, your future, your relationships, and everything in your heart to God. Allow His presence to calm your thoughts and steady your feelings.

From that moment on, peace will no longer feel far away. It will live inside you, strong, constant, and untouched by the chaos around you.

May the God of the Bible bless you with His perfect peace.

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### When I forgave, I found peace



rowing up, I did not have a good relationship with my mother. She had me when she was very young and did not really know how to raise a child. My father passed away when I was only four years old, and because of the difficult relationship with my mother, I was raised by my grandparents. They loved and cared

for me deeply, but even with all their affection, I still longed for the love of a mother and a father. That emptiness made my childhood sad and lonely.

At the age of 19, I became involved with a man and went

to live with him. At first, everything seemed fine, but as time went by, we began to argue constantly and face serious financial problems. We could not afford to pay the bills, and everything

continued to fall apart. One day, someone suggested that I could make money by selling my body. Because of our situation, I saw it as a chance to fix our lives, and I told myself it would only be temporary.

Once I entered that life, I did earn money, but it did not bring

peace or happiness. When my partner discovered what I was doing, he was furious. He grabbed a knife and tried to kill me. In that moment, I told him to do it, because deep inside, I wanted to die. I did not have the courage to take my

own life, but I thought if he ended it, my pain would finally stop.

When my mother heard what had happened, she took me back to my grandmother's house. But nothing changed. Clients continued

to contact me, and I kept going back. It was as if I was trapped in that life. I hated what I was doing, but I could not see a way out. Some nights, I would sleep with several men, and when I returned home to shower, I felt so dirty that I could not even touch my own skin.

I began drinking in an attempt to find peace, but nothing could fill the emptiness inside me. I blamed my mother for my pain and carried deep resentment toward her. I tried to stop and even found a regular job, but no matter how much I tried, I could not leave that life behind. I did not know how to be free.

One day, while walking home from work, I passed by the Universal Church. I had walked by it before and always told myself that one day I would go inside to seek help. That day, I finally gathered the courage and entered. The pastor prayed for me and told me that if I truly wanted to change, it would not be by my own strength. I needed to surrender my life to God and allow Him to do what no one else could.

As I continued attending the church, I decided to leave that old life behind. I was baptized in water and asked God for forgiveness.

During my journey, God revealed that I also needed to forgive my mother. I realized I was still carrying resentment, and when I finally forgave her, I felt a peace inside me that I cannot explain.

I continued seeking the Holy Spirit, wanting to truly know God. One day, I prayed and said, Lord, how can I say I love You if I do not know You. That day, God revealed Himself to me. He baptized me with the Holy Spirit. From that moment on, everything changed.



Today, when share my testimony, it feels like I am speaking about another person. torgave me, purified me, and erased my past. Now I live peace. in

relationship with my mother has been fully restored. We are the best of friends. I am truly happy, and I can smile, something I could not do before.

Ana Paula

### What's happening at Universal

# The restoring power of faith brings peace and rebuilds lives

hen psychologist Sylvia went for her routine exams, the doctors discovered three fibroids in her uterus but assured her that the condition was not serious. A few weeks later, however, Sylvia began to experience recurrent urinary infections. She tried four different medications, but none provided relief.

She returned to her doctor, who ordered new tests. The results revealed a two centimeter kidney stone in her left kidney.

"The doctor said he would first treat the infection and then perform a procedure to break up the stone. But nothing changed. I was living on medication, and the infection just would not go away," she recalls.

Not long after, she began to experience severe pain in her bladder and was rushed to the hospital. The infection had become extremely serious. The procedure to remove the stone could not be carried out because the stone had shifted, blocking the passage to the bladder. The kidney had become infected and filled with pus.

"To make things worse, I began bleeding due to the fibroid, which developed into a hemorrhage. Nothing the doctors planned seemed to work. With each new exam, another problem appeared, even my heart showed signs of failure," she recounts.

Because of the bleeding, she developed anemia and needed twenty one iron infusions to compensate for the deficiency, but her condition did not improve. A catheter had to be placed in her kidney, requiring a ten-hour surgery. During the procedure,



she received two blood transfusions to stabilize her levels.

"I thought I was dying," she remembers. "I could not understand why so many things were happening at once. The pain was unbearable. I was dependent on morphine. It was a truly desperate situation. A group from the Universal Church came to pray for me at the hospital."

Thanks to her faith and the spiritual teachings she had learned at the Universal Church, which she had attended for seven

years, Sylvia chose not to be discouraged by the doctors' negative predictions. To the doctors' surprise, her kidneys began to recover the very next day.

Six months later, Sylvia returned to the operating room for a hysterectomy to control the hemorrhage. However, during the procedure, the doctors reconsidered and decided to remove only her ovaries, as that would be enough to resolve the issue.

"I spent entire nights watching the Universal Church programs on TV. I spoke with God constantly. While I could not attend services, my husband and daughter went to the healing meetings. They would bring back the blessed water for me, and I used my faith continuously," she shares.

Gradually, Sylvia's condition began to stabilize, and her bleeding stopped. Within days, she was discharged and able to return home.

"My doctors told me I am alive because of a miracle. They saw me as a hopeless case," she says.

Today, Sylvia is completely healthy. Her organs function normally, and her faith grows stronger with each passing day.

# There was no peace, no sleep, no rest



arlos Robert, fifty four years old, arrived at the Universal Church with his life completely in ruins. He was addicted to drugs and gambling, spending his nights in bars playing pool, billiards, and betting games. He would squander all his money and could not even provide food for his family. He depended on neighbors and relatives who donated basic food baskets so that he and his family could eat.

At home, constant arguments with his wife, Claudia, made life unbearable. At one point, he even threatened her and placed a gun in her mouth.

"I was armed all the time, and the fights with my wife were terrible," Carlos recalls. "Once, she even stabbed me in self-defense. Another time, I jabbed her arm with a fork. I was extremely violent, not only with her but with everyone around me."

In search of a solution, Carlos began visiting spiritist centers. His grandmother practiced witchcraft, and he believed that following in her footsteps would help him overcome his problems.

"The exact opposite happened," he says. "I had no peace, could not sleep, and never felt at ease. My wife constantly suffered from headaches, and just like me, she had no peace at all."

When the couple arrived at the Universal Church, they took part in the purpose of faith. Claudia made a vow for her husband's life and for their deliverance from the suffering they were living in.

"We began to live by faith, learning God's Word and putting His teachings into practice," they share.

Today, Carlos's life is completely transformed.

"I have a car, I was able to give my daughter a car as a gift, and our table is filled with the best of everything. I can afford to send my grandson to a private school, and all my daughters are in the presence of God. I have bought a beach house and an apartment. Now I can take my family to beautiful places," he says with joy.

"But beyond all these material blessings, I have received the Holy Spirit, and most importantly, the salvation of my soul," Carlos concludes.

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### "The right crowd"

Hello my name is JayJay, Before joining YPC I would always substance abuse, cheat, lie, deceive and steal because of what my heart sought and wanted, after joining and spending more time with the YPC; I realized that the things I've been doing weren't needed to make somebody enjoy life and that there was another way, through God's word. I kept taking the information I received from both my peers and Pastor which made me realize a lot, I don't need to depend on drugs and other things to keep my life lit, all I needed was God, and the right people to motivate me to change.

To cut it short, you who's reading this should also try joining the Youth Power Group to see for yourself what im really speaking on.

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# What would you do to have a little peace?

Some people justify their lack of peace by the absence of a home, a job, health, or harmony in the family. They believe that once these needs are met, they will finally experience the peace they desire. Many say, for example, that they will only be at peace when they pay off their debts. After all, who can rest while owing money to loan sharks and banks or running the risk of losing their house due to unpaid bills?

However, there are people who lack nothing, and yet they still do not have peace. They have a family, are married, have money saved, have achieved professional goals, and enjoy good health, yet the restlessness inside them follows them wherever they go. They travel to beautiful places, true natural refuges of tranquility, but as soon as they return to daily life, the same worries come back.

The question that arises is: why do none of these things bring peace? The answer is simple: peace comes from security. Not the kind of security that comes from cameras, guards, or a bank account full of money. True security, and therefore true peace, exists only when the soul is safe in the Presence of God. This is why the psalmist and king David declared that he could sleep peacefully, even after having faced many battles: "In peace I lie down and sleep, for You alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety" (Psalm 4.8). Therefore, it is correct to affirm that peace does not come from external circumstances, but from within.

### How to have peace

The peace that comes from the Lord Jesus gives us independence from circumstances. It is born from trust and confidence in the Word of God, as we read in Psalm 119.165: "Great peace have those who love Your law, and nothing will make them stumble."

Since peace is the result of feeling safe, it is experienced by those who obey the Word of God and acknowledge that He knows everything and that when He answers us, He does it for our own good. Even in the face of challenges, difficulties, and adversities of every kind, the person who trusts in God keeps



For this reason, we read in Iselah 26.9 that

God keeps in perfect peace

those whose minds remain firm in Him. When there is trust, there is no space for worry. This inner peace provides the strength needed to advance and grow in all areas of life, just as it happened with the people whose testimonies you will read in the following

pages.

# "When I was alone, I felt that deep sadness."

Plavio Luchez carried a feeling of emptiness inside him, even though he believed he had everything he needed. He recalls, "I could not relate to others, and that brought sadness and anguish to me. I felt different from everyone. It was as if I had been born in the wrong world or that I should not have been born at all."

Flavio began to connect that emptiness to the lack of peace in his home, especially the constant conflicts. "Nothing satisfied me. I was always looking for parties and trips, because they gave me a momentary feeling of joy. For example, if I planned a trip one month in advance, I would live anxiously for that day. But on the last day, before returning home, the sadness would come back. Those brief experiences were the only moments when I felt happy, but when I was alone, the deep sadness returned," he says.

He started attending the Universal Church with his mother and felt drawn to the environment and the message, but he had not yet faced what was happening inside his soul.

After his mother passed

away, Flavio became involved with a young woman from the church. "We dated, got married, and I believed that this would fulfill me. But it did not happen. I felt inferior, because I did not know how to love and I was not red. This made my sadness even deeper. We lived like two siblings in the same house until we divorced." By then, Flavio had already distanced himself from the church and had fallen into deep depression. He even thought about ending his life.

One night, unable to sleep and



trying to avoid going out into the streets, he turned on the television. "As I changed the channels, a man appeared on the screen. The way he spoke caught my attention. He spoke with life. He had a peace that I did not know, a peace that I was searching for and never found,"



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he remembers. At that moment, Flavio thought about the church again and felt as if a light had appeared at the end of the tunnel. He returned to the church that same day. He remembers feeling peace, and with every service he gained strength to continue. But now, he did not want just temporary relief. He wanted the Holy Spirit.

"Everything that had gone wrong in my life was because I did not have the Holy Spirit. So I focused on that. I prayed every day. I sought Him without stopping. Until one day, the peace I had heard about entered me and filled me completely. It was as if I had been born again. The anguish, the depression, and the fear disappeared. I began to have peace, a deep and constant peace. I would lie down and fall asleep right away. It was a Wednesday, and that day marked the turning point of my life. It was the moment when everything changed," he recalls.

In time, Flavio met a woman who also had the same peace from God, and today they are happily married. For him, the secret is clear: allowing the Prince of Peace to reign in the heart.

"The Holy Spirit is everything to me. He is the foundation of my life. He guides me in every area, in my marriage, my financial life, and my work. I can lose everything, but I cannot lose the Holy Spirit," he affirms.



Tince childhood, Renata Melari, a 41-year-old secretary, felt the absence of peace in her life. In her home, as she recalls, unhappiness ruled. When her parents divorced, her mother was left with the responsibility of taking care of her and her siblings. "We went through many hardships, hunger, and had to rely on others to have a place to live, and that stayed with me for a long time," she says.

In her youth, Renata explains that she began to feel such a deep emptiness inside that she reached the point where she could no longer sleep. "It felt as if there was a hole inside me, and I desperately tried to fill it in every possible way: I went out partying at night, got drunk, got involved with the wrong people, and nothing helped. I began to seek refuge in relationships. But the emptiness, the anguish, and the depression continued. I drank every day to be able to sleep, but it did not work because I still could not sleep. I would get terrible headaches, I looked like a zombie, and sleep would not come," she mentions.

To put an end to that suffering, the solution Renata found was to try to end her own life. During another sleepless night, while thinking about how she could cause her own death, she turned on the TV and came across a woman telling her life story. When Renata realized that it was a program from the Universal Church, she immediately tried to change the channel, but the remote control did not work. Considering the state she was in, she decided to keep watching the program and identified

herself with the woman's story.

For a moment, as she recalls, she questioned whether the testimony was real. "I had already knocked on many doors, looked for help in many places, gone to many denominations, and nothing ever happened. My situation only got worse, and I was already desperate, not knowing what else to do," she says. But Renata decided to set aside the prejudice she had against the Universal Church and see for herself whether what she had

heard was true. "My life was destroyed. I had Allow the Prince of Peace to reign in your life. one last chance," she explains. and learn more.

Right in the first meeting she attended, she noticed something different. That night she slept normally, something she had not been able to do for two years. "So I kept attending the meetings and everything began to change. I no longer needed to drink to be able to sleep, doors began to open, and everything started to work out. I got baptized in water, accepted the Lord Jesus as my only Lord and Savior, and



### All for a little peace

began to have a life with God."

She notes, however, that she understood something was still missing inside her: "By listening to the Word in the meetings, I understood how much I needed to receive the Holy Spirit, and that when God lived inside me, I would be a complete person and have direction for my life. Then, on a beautiful Sunday during a meeting, I received Him. It was the most important day of my life. That was when I discovered true peace. Nothing in this world compares to the Presence of God," she says.

When she thinks about everything she lived through, Renata comes to the following conclusion: "Before I knew Jesus, everything

> I did was in search of just a little bit of peace. Today, I do not know what depression, emptiness, or anguish feel like. That hole does not exist anymore, and now I have true peace and the joy that comes from having the Spirit of God living inside me. He is the One who helps me overcome every situation and sustains me," she celebrates.

### Plans of peace

God's thoughts about us are thoughts of peace (Jeremiah 29:11). But these plans will only be fulfilled in our lives if we submit our will to Him.

nothing to lose, so I decided to give myself this Look for the Universal Church closest to you

### Peace comes from within

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When a person has true peace inside, nothing is able to take it away. They may face hardships and difficult situations, lose material resources or loved ones, suffer disasters and tragedies, but they still have inner tranquility to deal with everything. It is the Holy Spirit Who gives this peace.

### **MAKE A**



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Tuesday - Prayer for healing 7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm

Receive prayers for your physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

Wednesday - Night of Salvation 7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm



A meeting will be held for those who want to invest in a genuine relationship with God.



Thursday - Family & Love Therapy 7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm

The goal of the family meeting is to bring families together. No family is perfect, but they can be free from any hate, separation and other underlying issues.

Friday - Deliverance 7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm



There is a root to every problem. No issue can be dealt with permanently without removing its root. Every Friday, strong prayers is provided for anyone who is facing a problem that is influenced by negativity.



Saturday - Impossible Cases 8am & 12pm

Have you ever looked at a problem or situation and thought, 'this is impossible, there is no solution to this?' If you want to see the 'impossible become possible', join us every Saturday.

Sunday - Gathering of Faith & Miracles 7am, 10am, 3pm & 6pm

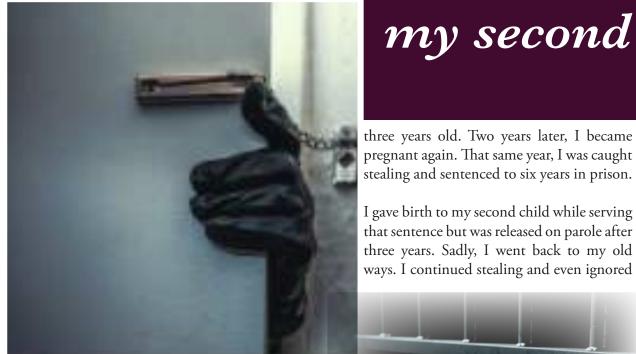


These meetings aim to help people connect with God, to empower people and teach them how to use their faith to achieve what they want in their lives.



# UNIVERSAL BEYOND BARS YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

## "From then on, jail became my second home."



ail was the place where two of my children were

I started stealing chocolates from local shops when I was just 14 years old. What began as a small habit quickly grew into regular shoplifting. By the time I was 17, I was stealing groceries from big supermarkets and items from retail stores. That same year, I was caught and arrested for the first time.

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From then on, jail became my second home. I could hardly go a week without being arrested. Each time I was locked up, my mother would bail me out. When I was 18, I was sentenced to three years in prison while I was pregnant with my first child.

I gave birth in the prison hospital, and my son I had done. After serving eight years, I was released stayed with me until he was a year old. I still had to serve the rest of my sentence, so my mother took and taking part in the chains of prayer. him in. By the time I was released, my son was

my court dates. Eventually, I was arrested again,

this time for theft and contempt of court.

I was sentenced to 15 years in prison. That was when I finally realized I needed to stop. While in prison, I started attending services held by the Universal Church.

I prayed and asked God to change my life. I surrendered myself to Him completely and asked for forgiveness for everything

on parole. I continued attending church services

That same year, God blessed me with a job. I was finally able to provide for myself and my children. Later, I resigned and started my own tuck shop.

Today, I live a clean, honest life. I am grateful to God for giving me a second chance — and for leading me to the UBB, where my faith continues to grow.





"I never imagined my life would turn out like this. Well... I didn't think I would get caught. I thought I could keep doing
"If God was able to transform my
life, I know He can do the same for nd get away with it. I'm stuck in you." - Ruth, and class ... ...y thoughts, I NEED help. I can't do it anymore.... feel STUCK Stuck in my past, stuck in my thoughts, stuck with unforgiveness and grudge.

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# Money cannot pay the bill of the soul

We live in a world where almost everything has a price tag. People work every day, chasing success, comparing themselves to others, and believing that winning in life means making more money.

But that is not true. No amount of money can buy even one more minute of life. The rich die just like the poor. They get sick, feel pain, face depression, and deal with problems just like everyone else. In many cases, money only makes the emptiness inside more obvious.

Money does not buy salvation

Psalm 49 teaches that no one is wealthy enough to buy salvation. A person can pay for the most expensive coffin, but not eternal life. The Scriptures

"None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him. For the redemption of their souls is costly, that he should continue to live eternally, and not see the pit." (Psalm 49:7 to 9)

Money cannot stop death. No matter how powerful someone is or what science or technology they depend on, every life on earth comes to an end. Only Jesus Christ can offer eternal life, and He has already paid the price through His sacrifice.

God's greatest concern is the soul

The soul is what matters most to God, and it is also what the devil works the hardest to destroy. Many people ignore their spiritual life and live as if they will never face eternity. Yet the soul is the most How to secure the salvation of your soul valuable part of every person.

Here are three reasons why your soul should be your top priority:

1. The soul is eternal

has great value. The body may last seventy or eighty years, but the soul continues. People put a lot of effort into taking care of their bodies, but often forget the soul. The body returns to the dust, but the soul continues to exist.

### 2. The soul has two destinations

When this life ends, the soul goes to one of two places: heaven with God or hell with the devil. That outcome depends on the decisions made in this life. God does not want anyone to be lost. He sent His Son to save all. But if a person rejects God now, they are choosing to be separated from Him later. God respects the choices we make.

#### 3. The soul cannot be bought with money

The soul does have a price, but it is not one that money can pay. Only the blood of Jesus can cover that cost. He gave His life for the sins of the world and offers forgiveness and salvation to anyone who believes and accepts Him.

Work for eternal life, not only for what fades. Many people spend their entire lives chasing things that will not last. Jesus said:

"Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life." (John 6:27) This means we should not live only for what is temporary. We should work, but we should not allow money or material success to become the reason we live. While the world is chasing what disappears, God is calling for your soul.

If you want your soul to live forever with God, begin by recognizing that without Him, you are lost. Ask for forgiveness. Repent sincerely. Choose to obey His Word. Give your life to the One who has already paid the ultimate price for you. Serve God. Live for Him. When you do, He promises a place for your soul with Him for eternity



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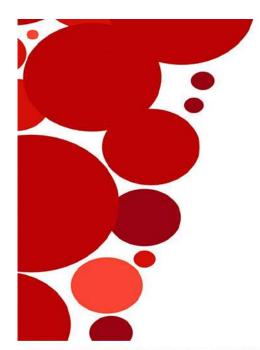








## The Universal Church.











### What is the Unisocial?

Unisocial is a social outreach • the Kingdom of God. Its main goal fruits, vegetables), importantly, spiritual support to items. people in vulnerable situations across different parts of the world. • Health assistance: Basic health The project operates through care, including blood pressure volunteers from various church checks and glucose testing. groups and professionals from different fields.

### Main purpose

message of hope and the Word of every outreach event. God. For the volunteers, the purpose goes beyond simply providing material aid — it's about caring for the spiritual and emotional well-being of others, showing them that they are not alone and that there is a way out of their problems.

Main activities and services Unisocial's actions take place in underprivileged communities and include a wide range of free

### services such as:

- Essential donations: project of the Universal Church of Distribution of food (groceries, clothing, is to provide material and, most blankets, and personal hygiene

  - Wellness services: Free haircuts, manicures, massages, and makeup.
- Unisocial's mission is to combine . Spiritual support: Prayer, solidarity with faith, offering counseling, and sharing the practical help while sharing a message of faith — the heart of









Operation and reach: The project operates through community events, reaching thousands of families throughout the United States and around the world. Its mission is to bring people together and inspire volunteers who want to make a real difference in the lives of those living on the margins of society — regardless of their background or religion.



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