

## POEMS OF THE MONTH

**Where are the people?**

-Simon Zachariah

Winter is over, the Daffodils peaked,  
Rabbit families came out to play,  
Birds and butterflies fluttered in air,  
They wondered "Where are the people?"

People used to hunt, and pollute,  
'Using' later became 'abusing'  
Nature used its smallest weapon,  
They wondered "Where are the people?"

No fire is needed to control them,  
No hurricane is needed to limit them,  
They are afraid even to come out!  
They wondered "Will they remember?"

**കൊല്ലനും കൊല്ലത്തീയും**

-സൈമൺ സബറിയ

കൊല്ലന്റെ വീട്ടിൽ കലഹമെപ്പോഴും,  
നാട്ടിൽ പാട്ടാണതെന്നത് സത്യം!  
ഉലയിലെ ഇരുമ്പ് പഴുത്താൽ-പിന്നെ,  
കൊല്ലനും കൊല്ലത്തീയും ഒന്നു!

പാർട്ടികൾ പലതുണ്ട് നാട്ടിൽ,  
ഇന്നു മതങ്ങൾ പലതുണ്ട് നാട്ടിൽ,  
എന്നാൽ ആപത്തു വന്നിടും നേരം,  
നമുക്കൊന്നിച്ചു ചേരാം നന്മക്കായ്!

വൻ കാറ്റും മഴയും വന്നോട്ടെ,  
പിന്നെ പ്രളയം, സുനാമിയും ആകാം,  
ഉഗ്രൻ വ്യാധികളോ ആവാം,  
എന്നാൽ ഒന്നിച്ചു മുന്നേറാം നമുക്കു!

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**Spring is here!**



### **Channels of Glory –** **Letter from Dr. Simon Zachariah**

I am glad to write the first Newsletter for this year. A new decade! We all think that we are in a better position than others. During the Kuwait war, one of my colleagues went to raise funds for our academic institution. The people over there lived in much better financial status. But one fine morning the war started, and all the Indians started their journey back. My friend was saying, that they planned the trip very carefully and collected the money for the first lap of the trip by luxury bus. On their way they saw some people living in the temporary tents made from sheets and clothes, using suitcases as posts. Someone from their team commented: “That’s what happens when someone starts the long trip without proper planning!” But ten minutes later a military truck instructed them to join the people who were living in those tents. They did not know that they had already entered ‘No man’s land’ and they couldn’t go back or go forward. They had to live three days there without proper food and water! When everything goes well, we also

think that nothing is going to harm us. We usually do not think how fragile we are! When we fly above big cities, we can see the big cities way down below like an old tree bark! Then I feel that we are so insignificant in God’s big picture. But we still, worry about the things we cannot imagine. My brother used to sing a Sanskrit poem. It talks about a beetle drinking honey from a lotus flower. As the evening came, the flower started to close. Then the beetle thought to itself: “I know the lotus will close when the sun goes down, but I also know that the sun will come back next morning, and the flower will reopen.” But the poor beetle did not know that there was an elephant playing in that pond. The elephant pulled out the whole lotus plant and threw it on the shore. So the beetle could never escape from the closed lotus flower. In Malayalam there was a very humble poet, who wrote like this: “Lord help me not to be proud and arrogant in my life; and in case I feel such proud thoughts, show me how powerful and mighty You are! “I remember the story of a small girl who went with her dad to see the saw mill company owned by her dad. While she was sitting in his office and playing, a big machine suddenly started making a loud noise. The girl got scared and started to cry. Her dad came to calm her down. But that was not enough. She pointed at the loud moving machine and continued to cry. Finally her father called the supervisor and told him to turn the machine off. All of a sudden there was a big silence. The child smiled with her eyes filled with tears. She did not know her father could stop the noise

just by one gesture! Our heavenly Father can do miracles like that. But we have to go to Him and ask His help. There is a beautiful hymn in English. It says: “In His time, in His time, He makes all things beautiful, in His time.” When He completes His work in us, we will understand, the meaning of His ploughing, watering & pruning. He is a good farmer and He knows the seed, the soil, and the season. All we have to do is to submit ourselves to His hands and wait for His time. Many religions teach us to pray several times each day. This will give us the awareness how feeble we are and how strong God is! This gives assurance that our heavenly Father is in control.

All the official work of this organization is almost complete. Hope and pray that the postal system in India will soon operate as usual. We want to thank all those who have contributed to this organization without which we won’t be able to continue this work. We just want to remind everyone that any amount that we receive, for a specific cause will be given completely for the cause. So if anyone wants to help their friends through this organization, they can do so. We know many of our beneficiaries as well as donors are suffering from various problems during this Covid-19 epidemic. Help comes in different forms- a smile, a phone call, a word of comfort, are all different forms of help we all need. Let us all remember each other in prayer and try to be helping hands to those who are affected by this. We are thankful to all those who are working hard these days to keep us safe.