

## Teach me, your way O Lord Ryder Kumar – A personal newsletter, January 2025

While growing up in my Christian life, I would sing this song(the newsletter title), each word echoing from my heart! After five decades of serving the Lord, the same song continues to be my heart's cry!

“Teach me Thy way, O Lord, teach me Thy way!  
Thy guiding grace afford, teach me Thy way!  
Help me to walk aright, more by faith, less (*NOT*) by sight;  
Lead me with heav'nly light, teach me Thy way!”

I remember an incident where a servant of the Lord who had been serving the Lord for many years in Varanasi(North India) faced troubles. He went down to Hyderabad to meet Brother Bakth Singh for counsel. This servant of the Lord doesn't belong to the assemblies of Bro. Bakth Singh. Even then, he took time to sit and counsel the servant of the Lord, saying he needed prayer support. He elaborated on this further, turning to reference after reference from the Bible to illustrate how the apostle Paul requested the support of others' prayer.



I feel the same need now, hence this prayer letter to you. For Flory and me, returning to India in June 2024 and going through several critical issues have been challenging. Two stents were put in on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Following this heart procedure, I had concerns with high BP and Sugar. Visits to the doctor included a urologist. Flory was tied up with a company that did interior work for our new apartment. The Sovereign God has handled every situation, difficulty, and trial.

When I am sad at heart, teach me Thy way!  
When earthly joys depart, teach me Thy way!  
In hours of loneliness, in times of dire distress,  
In failure or success, teach me Thy way!”

Despite all the health issues, the Lord enabled me to minister the word for several weeks during once-a-week Bible study meetings at El Shaddai, our local church. This is a fulfilling ministry. Ministering the Word in different local churches has been a God-given opening over the months.

While traveling, witnessing taxi drivers and others display the fact that “For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.” 1 Corinthians 16:9

Flory had a mountain-like challenge to open boxes shipped from the US to set up our new apartment. She couldn't resist but accept the Lord's opening to minister the Word to teach dear sisters who are involved in teaching at El Shaddai and teach to the sisters of Great Commission church in Manikonda, Hyderabad. It was her first time in Bangalore to minister to the ladies in a small church.



While over half of the 80 boxes are opened, Flory continues to organize, set rooms, and make everything comfortable. Her desire to make each room look 'artistic' keeps her busy.

Since our return to India, two significant STN graduations have occurred in remote villages. This has given us a tremendous opportunity to interact with the graduates who



have just undergone rigorous training and equipping programs and look into their lives and ministries being done sacrificially. Two more graduations are coming, one in February and the other in March.

Our grandchildren are growing in the Lord and age. Our grandson, who is 9 years old, knows his spiritual gifts. Our granddaughter, 17, will graduate this summer, a terrific milestone in life. Both Flory and I were there taking her to school on the first day, and followed by it; we helped reach the school and bring her back home. I continue to enjoy my discussion and talk with Abraham as he digs out truths from God's new song based on Psalm 17 is yet to be with specific final touches, but I am immensely have been listening to it repeatedly. He does along with his regular hard work, travels, and his family.

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our son Word. His completed blessed to these things caring for

“When doubts and fears arise, teach me Thy  
 When storms o'erspread the skies, teach me  
 Shine through the cloud and rain, through  
 and pain  
 Make Thou my pathway plain, teach me Thy

way  
 Thy way  
 sorrow, toil,  
 way”

Please pray for:

1. We are settling into the new apartment. There has already been an opening, and I preached a clear message about being born again to a group of 25 in this community. Flory has the tedious task of setting up the home.
2. We travel to two remote locations for graduations. Please pray for effective ministry and safety on the new airline's flights.
3. Our granddaughter, Rebekah, celebrates the 'faithfulness of God' that brings her to graduate this summer of 2025 and enter a new chapter of life in college, where she aspires to study medicine.
4. For Flory and I to be in good health as we visit our doctors and get lab tests.



“Long as my life shall last, teach me  
Thy way!  
Wherever my lot be cast, teach me Thy  
way!  
Until the race is run until the journey's  
done,  
Until the crown is won, teach me Thy  
way!”