

TIPPING POINT SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER. 29 OCTOBER 2018)

Introduction.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers. Herewith our prayer points for period from 29/10/2018. We will be updating the prayer points +/- 2 weekly, as the Lord guides us.

The prayer points are arranged day by day so that you can pray for a different subject each day. Issues of critical importance are placed for prayer every day, not just once weekly.

You will recall that we prayed every day for the It's time meeting on 27 October. What a blessed event! The hand of God was evident in everything, from traffic control to marshalling to wonderful sound, visual quality and worship. What a privilege for all who were fortunate enough to attend or participate.

But – was It's time the end of all our prayers? Do we just need to sit back and wait for God to act? Definitely not. It's time was a wonderful boost to the country wide prayers, but only that, another brick in the wall of nationwide prayer, or perhaps a few bricks.

Jericho only fell after 7 days marching, and on the 7th day they marched 7 times, instead of once. In spiritual terms, the principle is as follows - the closer to the outcome, the more prayer needs to be intensified and accelerated. To bring the breakthrough for South Africa we need to continue and accelerate the momentum gained at It's time.

Please – my fellow South African prayer warrior – do not think we have now prayed enough. Continue, and increase your prayers, do not slacken, **God will reward us with a glorious revival.** How wonderful to be able to say – I was part of that!

Daily prayer for the following 2 weeks – President Cyril Ramaphosa.

Certain topics are so crucial, we feel they need to be prayed for on a daily basis, once weekly seems too little. The Lord laid it on Angus's heart to directly address president Cyril Ramaphosa at the It's time event, and to impress on him the vital necessity of governing the country "by the book" In other words, that Mr Ramaphosa would listen to only one voice, in the midst of hundreds of voices advising, leading and criticising him, the voice of almighty God.

We pray daily for our president:

- Thank God for giving us president Ramaphosa for a time such as this, (Esther 4: 14) pray that God would protect him, guide him and bless his every action.
- Pray that he would have the courage to do what Angus requested – honour God and His Word in every action and decision. This is not easy to do and will require great courage in the face of resistance and criticism.
- Pray for him for wisdom to make the correct decisions and govern our country with wisdom and grace, much as God granted to king Solomon at his request.

Mondays– land reform and redistribution.

It's significant that this was one of the main prayer points emphasised by Angus Buchan at the It time meeting. Also noteworthy is that he prayed for exactly what we have been praying for – wisdom for the government to fairly treat all parties, and manage expectations with God given insight and sensitivity.

***There enough land for all** – God grant us the wisdom and grace to distribute the land in a righteous and wise manner!*

- Pray daily for every farmer / landowner:
 - For peace, prosperity and a conciliatory attitude towards others
 - Pray earnestly that difficult and dangerous times will draw our farmers and all involved closer to God, nor further away from Him in bitterness. **Pray that farmers and their workers would be saved and born again, on a scale never seen before.**
 - Pray for reconciliation between farmers and their workers where such tensions exist.
- Pray for the government, for all involved for wisdom to make courageous, correct and righteous decisions. Pray especially for President Ramaphosa for wisdom to effectively lead us out of this crisis.
- Pray for all who feel they have a right to land – for fair treatment and wisdom by all parties. Pray also that delays and frustrations will drive them closer to God, not further away into rebellion and violence.
- Pray against the forces of evil wanting to use the land issue to incite hatred, and bring division and violence to our country.

Tuesdays: Court case - same sex marriages (21 Aug) Gaum vs NG church.

We continue to pray for a favourable outcome, as at 29 October judges are still deliberating. However, it feels more important that we should pray for the NG Church as a whole, more than just for this court case. What this case has done is to highlight compromise made by the NG Church, diluting Gods word, and misleading and confusing NG church members.

- We ask God to forgive NG church leadership mistakes and compromise made in the past, as regards same sex relationships. We pray that God would cleanse and free His church from any long term consequences of this transgression.
- We ask for a holy boldness, among pastors and church leadership, to always speak the truth without compromise, but in love, humility and compassion.
- We ask that the Lord would forgive, cleanse and use the NG church in a mighty way in our country, as an instrument too win souls for the Lord Jesus, but also as an instrument to bring healing, love and restoration to a country still hurting and divided as a result of past injustices.
- We pray that God's will be done in this court case, and that there will be no compromise regarding the Word of the Lord. Pray that the Lord will guide the judges as they deliberate the case.

Wednesdays: Our police force, army and corrective services.

Again it's noteworthy that Angus laid special emphasis on our police force. He prayed that the police would regain their authority, and the respect of all citizens in our country.

Is it not sad that there is so little respect, empathy and support for those who daily risk their lives to keep us safe? Certainly there is criticism, almost never praise or gratitude. May the Lord forgive us this as we intercede for everyone involved in security and keeping us as citizens safe in what has become an increasingly dangerous country.

- Firstly we intercede for all involved in police work and security, keeping us safe.
 - That God would keep them safe and protect them and their families as they risk their lives daily for us.
 - Pray that the danger would not make them bitter or cynical, but rather drive them to God in prayer and repentance.
 - Pray that the daily danger and the reality of death would cause them to question their own eternal destiny, and that the Spirit would lead them to Calvary, where Christ paid the price to save us all.
- We pray for all in leadership positions – police, army and corrective services. Ask the Lord to expose and root out all corruption and theft of funds, and to replace corrupt officials with honest and God fearing persons.
- Pray for a revival in our police, army, corrective services – **Jesus in the heart of every man and woman tasked to keep us safe.**
- **Pray, as Angus did, for a new respect for our police force, but also a love, gratefulness and compassion from all citizens in our country.**

Thursdays: Schools, Universities, Colleges.

"The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom" (Proverbs 9:10.)

*Exam time is coming. Let's pray for every student and scholar in our country. **We pray not only for their results, we also intercede for them that God would give them a future in our beautiful country.** How many students and scholars feel hopeless and helpless, knowing that their qualification doesn't guarantee them a job, or a future in this country, given the economic situation? Dear brother and sister in Christ – let's intercede for the young people in our country, as if each one were our own - that God grant them hope, and a future here!*

- Ask the Lord to forgive our school and education system for rejecting Him and removing Him from our classrooms in some cases. Pray for repentance and Godly leadership in the education department.
- Pray for each student / scholar for:
 - Responsive hearts open to the Word of God and the Gospel. **Pray for Jesus in the heart of every scholar and student in our country**
 - Protection against wrong influences and bullying
 - Protection against impurity, wrong relationships, rape and pornography.
 - Protection against the attraction and power of drugs and alcohol.
- Pray for our country – that God would have mercy on us, that every young person would know there is a future for them here. Pray against a spirit of depression and despondency in those leaving school, college and university and feeling there's no hope for any kind of future here.

Fridays – Election 2019.

The 2016 American elections were the most prayed over elections of all time in American history. God intervened to save the country from policies which would have finally destroyed school systems, destroyed marriage, promoted abortion as never before, and promoted a LGBT agenda as never before.

No one can deny, that Donald Trump, for all his faults as human, is promoting legislation and policies which are God honouring and true to the Bible.

We believe that God will do the same for us, on one condition, that the 2019 election is the most prayer saturated election this country has ever had! Please don't stop praying for Gods intervention in the 2019 elections, we are asking for nothing less than a government which honours God, and acknowledges Him and His Word in every decision made.

In addition we continue to intercede for our government, and our economy. Who knows how much opportunity and job creation is squandered by corruption, bribery and corrupt officials.

- Election: Ask the Lord to bring the right candidates to the forefront. Pray especially for Christian parties and Christians who hold political positions. We continue to pray for our brother in Christ Errol Naidoo. We ask that the Lord give him wisdom and lead him very clearly where exactly and what political party to become involved. Pray as well for his protection and his family.
- Election: We ask the Lord for a spirit of prayer over our country in preparation for the 2019 elections - on a scale never seen before with any previous election. Remember to thank the Lord for the answers to prayers during the 1994 elections and we plead with Him to be merciful to us again.
- Election: We pray for a favourable outcome in the 2019 election. **A government that respects and honours God in every decision, a parliament opened every day with scripture and prayer!**
- Corruption: We pray against this spirit of corruption and bribery, which is damaging our economy to such an extent. Ask the Lord to expose and turn this around, so that the economy can flourish and jobs be created.
- Economy and jobs: Pray for the workless, as if it was you yourself waiting day by day for any kind of work, just to put some bread on the table. Ask God to bless our economy to the extent that many jobs will be created.

Saturdays – Churches around the country.

Dr M Lloyd Jones (British preacher) once said – “The church is not a protest organization. The church has a message of hope (the only message of hope) for a desperate and dying world.” There is a desperate, and dying world out there, waiting for the church to stand up and offer them hope – the only hope for the world – Jesus Christ, and Him crucified (1 Cor 2:2)

- Pray for churches across our country:
 - Pastors:
 - That pastors would proclaim the message of salvation fearlessly and without compromise. (1 Cor 2:2)
 - For pastors with a deep love for the Word and for prayer.
 - Members
 - For new conversions, in accordance with the great commission of Mathew 28.
 - For spiritual growth in existing church members.

- For church members to stand up for Christ and bring a message of hope to their workplace, home, school, university, circle of friends etc.
- Universities, bible schools and colleges.
 - For Spirit-filled professors and mentors to train our young preachers.
 - That liberal theologians will be exposed and removed from teaching.
 - That any other un-biblical teaching will be uncovered and removed.

Sunday - Families and children

“As the family goes, so goes the nation.” The family has always been the building block of Christian nations. Children flourish and grow in God fearing and God honouring families.

- Pray for restoration of marriages nationwide.
 - That marriages on the verge of divorce will be renewed and saved. (Perhaps you know someone who is experiencing marital difficulty - please pray for them by name and for their children. Pray daily for the family’s salvation)
 - That men will rise to take on their responsibility as fathers and spiritual leaders of the family.
 - That mothers will not be so professionally focused that families and especially children suffer neglect.
- Pray for broken households
 - That single parents will increasingly experience Jesus' love and that they will not become despondent/discouraged. Pray for single parents for strength and wisdom to raise their children to love and fear God.
 - We pray for children of single houses, that the Lord himself will take the place of an absent father or mother in their lives, and use this difficult situation for good (Romans 8:28)
- Pray for orphans
 - There are hundreds of thousands of children that are orphaned due to HIV and other causes.
 - Pray for God to intervene and to be gracious to the children. Pray that the church will rise up and increasingly play its part in the care of orphans. (In line with the biblical command in James 1:27)

We would like to thank everyone who is participating for your prayers- we know it will not be in vain!

Blessings,

MPC prayer team.