

TIPPING POINT SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER. 4 MARCH 2019

Thank you for your ongoing prayers. Herewith our prayer points for period from 04/03/2019. You will note that the prayer points are arranged day by day so that you can pray for a different subject each day. Issues of critical importance, however, are placed for prayer every day, not just once weekly.

Introduction.

We trust that you, my dear South African intercessor, are still praying steadfastly for the items listed under our topics for prayer. Some of these topics we consider to be so important that we are asking for daily prayer and intercession for these specific items, and obviously other prayer items as the Holy Spirit leads you as individual.

We continue to pray for the election day by day, this is the most critical election in our countries history, at least as critical as 1994, and possibly more so.

God has answered our prayers for country wide rain in a marvellous way. We give thanks and continue to pray for areas stricken by drought.

Since our last updating of topics, major revelations have surfaced, detailing the extent of corruption and dishonesty in dealings between government and outside parties / companies. We believe that God is beginning to answer our prayers for a corruption free government and business sector, and it is imperative to not only to continue our prayers against corruption, but to increase these prayers in the coming weeks and months.

As far as our once weekly items for prayer are concerned – they remain essentially unchanged. We know that God hears our prayers, we know that God answers prayers and petitions of His children, what we don't know is when God is going to answer our cries for our beloved South Africa.

PLEASE don't stop praying because there are no apparent or spectacular answers to some of our prayers. On the contrary, lets press in to God, accelerate our prayers, and continue in the certain knowledge, we serve a living God, a God of love and mercy, who delights to hear and answer His children's prayers.

ITEMS FOR DAILY PRAYER – NATIONAL ELECTION 2019, DROUGHT, CORRUPTION.

Daily prayer for the election on May 8th.

We believe that the 2019 election is so critical that it warrants countrywide, daily prayer and intercession.

We continue to pray every day that God would perform that which humanly speaking is impossible:

- *To give us a government which honours God, and dedicates each decision made to the Word of God, and to the will of God.*
- *To give us a state president who honours God in every decision, and listens to one voice, and only one voice – that of almighty God. (Whether it be Pres Ramaphosa, or someone else)*

Daily prayer for relief of the drought.

- *We thank the Lord that He has been merciful to our country and given relief to drought over many areas.*
- *However, many in our country are still suffering the effects of severe drought, and we continue to intercede for areas in our country which are waiting for rain, especially for:*
 - *Eastern Cape*

- Northern Cape
- North West
- Free State
- We continue to pray for farmers and farm labourers.
 - That God would be merciful and send rain where it is so dry at the moment.
 - That God would turn the hearts of the farmers, and workers towards him, and not away from Him.
 - That God would receive all the glory, honour and thanks when he brings the outcome.

Daily prayer against corruption.

The amounts of money lost and siphoned off due too corruption are to say the least staggering. It is upsetting to consider how these lost billions could have been put to use to build our economy, promote education, improve infrastructure, etc. etc. But this is water under the bridge. We give thanks to God for those brave enough to "come clean" at great personal cost, and expose the extent of corruption. There can be little doubt that the current exposure of corruption is part of Gods answer to the prayers of His children to heal our land (2 Chronicles 7:13-15)

We continue to pray:

- That God, in His mercy would continue to expose corruption at the highest levels, so that this evil practice could be stopped in its tracks.
- We ask that God would convict those guilty and bring them to the point where their only desire is a clear conscience before a holy and just God. Also ask God to protect, forgive and bless those brave enough to come forward and expose corruption.
- Ask God to "*restore the years the locust has eaten*" (Joel 2: 25) to somehow give back the billions lost through corruption so that our country may flourish economically, to the blessing of every citizen.

Please pray, once weekly, or more often as the Lord leads, for the items listed below

Mondays– land reform and redistribution.

*This remains a sensitive issue. Land and agriculture is an emotional subject close to the heart of many in our land. We continue to intercede for farmers, workers, and government, for a God given outcome to the glory of His name. **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: Racism, discrimination and racial hatred.

I saw the testimony of an Arab Christian on YouTube: "before I met Jesus Christ I was conditioned to hate Jews, and did so. After I became a Christian, I met a Jewish brother, also born again, a child of the living God. I felt an immediate and deep love for this brother – Jesus Christ had removed all barriers and hate between us, and replaced it with His love" (my own paraphrase of the interview)

The love of God, and new birth in Jesus, turns sworn enemies onto brothers with a deep love for each other – ONLY the gospel can do this.

What's the answer to racism, racial hatred and racial tension – Jesus in the heart of every man, woman and child!

We pray for:

- A country wide revival – Jesus in the heart of every man, woman and child – the result will be the end of all racism, racial tension and racial hatred.
- We ask for mutual forgiveness, restitution and restoration of relationships, where racism has been an issue in the past.
- We pray for our schools and universities – for God's protection for scholars, students and lecturers against racism, racial hatred and all the consequences thereof.
- We pray for the government elected this year that it will oppose and scrap all legislation which may promote racism and racial tension in our country.

Wednesdays: Our police force, army and corrective services.

Angus Buchan laid much emphasis on prayer for police and protective forces at the "It's time 2" prayer day last year. We continue to intercede for all those involved in our protection for the year 2019.

Romans 13 teaches that the police force, and armed forces, are a sword in the hands of the government, a tool to be used to guarantee law and order in a country, thereby ensuring peace and safety to all citizens. Sad to say, this is most certainly not the case in our country. Our police force has lost almost all authority, effectivity and credibility. Police member's daily risk their lives, trying to maintain law and order in a country given over to a spirit of violence, lawlessness and death. Please keep these brave folks in your prayers, asking God to intervene and cleanse our country from the evil forces promoting violence and bloodshed.

- 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 servies – **Jesus in the heart of every man and woman tasked to keep us safe.**
- **Pray 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.

*One prayer overrides all other prayers for our youth, school children, students and young adults: **That God would give them a future in this beautiful country of ours!** Pray for those leaving school and university or college that the Lord would give them all a future, filled with hope, in our own country, not forcing them to seek a future in a different country!*

- Ask the Lord to forgive our school and education system for rejecting Hi 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 un 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 – Economy and corruption.

God is busy exposing corruption and bribery on a scale unknown in the past. We pray that the Lord would continue to expose all forms and levels of corruption, bribery and extortion, and replace it with honest and ethical government and business practices.

Millions in our country are without a job. Over and above this, millions more have travelled from other African countries, in search of a living here. Humanly speaking, there is no way our country can provide financing and work for all these people – we need a miraculous intervention from God.

To compound matters, millions, if not billions of rand are being squandered due to mismanagement of funds, corruption, greed and bribery. Money which should be stimulating our economy, and creating employment, is lining the pockets of the greedy and the dishonest, who already have more than their fair share of wealth. If this is grievous to you and me, think how much more this grieves the heart of a righteous and holy God.

We pray for:

- All those suffering the humiliation and hardship of having no employment. We ask the Lord to be merciful to them. We also pray that the hardship will drive them to God himself, for an outcome, and not to despondency or to crime. Pray for them, as if it was you yourself waiting day by day for any kind of work, just to put some bread on the table.
- We pray for the economy of our country, for a God given blessing and revival, that we would have enough to serve the needy and desperate.
- We pray against corruption at all levels, especially the spirit of dishonesty and greed. Pray that the Lord would protect those in government, and those in high positions from the temptations of corruption, kick backs and financial favours in the awarding of tenders and projects.
- We pray for all those brave enough to "come clean" and expose corruption and corporate wrong doing. Ask that the Lord would protect them from harm and danger, and forgive them the sins of the past.
- We pray for a government to be elected which hates crime, bribery and corruption, and endeavours to fight this evil at every level.

Saturdays – Churches around the country.

*We have already mentioned that the church in South Africa, broadly speaking, has lost its voice. There are even those who are saying that the church has lost its relevance! Thank God that is not true – **God WILL build His church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.** (Mathew 16.18) The only question is, are you and I, and our respective churches, going to be part of this or not? I truly hope so!*

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 too 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.

Sunday - Families and children

“As the family goes, so goes the nation.” The family has always been the building block of Christian nations, and children flourish and grow in God fearing and God honouring families. Satan has always hated the family, Gods way of protecting and nurturing children, bringing them up in the fear of the Lord. Pray against all satanically inspired attacks on the family

- 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.