

Prayer Note 1

The Various Forms of Prayer We Use

- **To Give Thanks – to express gratitude**
 - **Phil.4:6** *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

- **To Pray – to ask**
 - **Jn.17:9** *I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.*

- **To Plead – to make petition**
 - **1 Jn.5:14, 15** *This is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.*

- **To Proclaim/Declare – to herald a divine truth in boldness**
 - **Is.61:1** *The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.*

 - **Jer.11:6** *The LORD said to me, “Proclaim all these words in the towns of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem...*

 - **1Cor.2:1** *And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God.*

1st Feb. – Personal	To think of others more	
Rom. 15:2,3 <i>Let each of us please his neighbour for his good leading to edification, ³for even Christ did not please Himself. (NKJV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, grant me the enabling grace to follow Your example - not to think only of my own gratification, but also to remember my neighbours, to think of how I can help them by doing what is pleasing to them.	
2nd Feb. – Family	To be calm in busy times	
Phil. 4:7 <i>And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, as our family is getting busy, after the start of the new year, please help us to find our peace in You. May Your peace in our minds and hearts guard us against becoming agitated with one another.	
3rd Feb. – Eastside: Young Adults	To become aware of God-given gifts, and use them to please God	
Rom. 12:6 <i>Let's just go ahead and be what we were made to be, without enviously or pridefully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren't. (The Message)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, as the year lies ahead of us, guide our young adults in using their gifts to please You. Guard them against comparing themselves with one another, but rather help them to find security in who You have made them to be.	
4th Feb. – Pretoria/ Municipal Area	For a revelation of His love	
Jn. 15:9,10 <i>As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments you will abide in My love just as I have kept my father's commandments and abide in His Love. (NKJV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> God our Father, pour out a revelation of Your love on the people of Pretoria, so that we will be reconciled with You and abide in Your love. Help us to love one another despite our differences, from the highest to the lowest, even as You love all mankind.	

5th Feb. – South Africa	For a good work ethic, especially among the young people	
<i>Prov. 14:23 All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty. (NIV)</i>	Pray: Dear Lord, open people’s eyes to see the examples in our communities of those who make profit because of hard work. We pray especially for our young people, as the future leaders - let laziness lose its attraction in the face of all the benefits of hard work.	
6th Feb. – The World: Angola	A country in ruins because of years of war. Many people are living in poverty. They know hunger and thirst too well. Pray that they will call out to God, their Creator.	
<i>Is. 55:1,3 Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come buy wine and milk without money and without price. ...³Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you. (NKJV)</i>	Pray: Lord God of heaven and earth, You know the extent of their hunger and thirst, reveal Yourself to them as the One who can satisfy them. Open their ears that they may hear Your calling.	
7th Feb. – Missionaries	To prepare for the coming harvest	
<i>Zech. 8:20-22 Thus says the Lord of hosts: ...²¹The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, ‘Let us continue to go and pray before the LORD, and seek the LORD of hosts ...²²Yes, many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, (NKJV)</i>	Pray: Lord God, prepare Your servants for those who will come from many cities and strong nations – those who are hungry for Your instruction and those who seek to know You. Prepare Your laborers for effective and powerful ministry in the year to come.	

8th Feb. – Personal	Declare that you are an over-comer	
1 Jn. 4:4 <i>You are of God ...and have overcome them because he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. (NKJV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> I declare in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ that I am an over-comer because greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world.	
9th Feb. – Family	To accept people who are different	
Gal. 3:8b <i>All nations will be blessed through you. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, please help me and my family to accept people from all nations. Make our family aware of Your heart for the different nations. Please free us from pride and wrong racial attitudes.	
10th Feb. – Eastside: Leaders	To do warfare God's way	
2 Cor. 10:4,5 <i>For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. (NKJV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, we pray that the leaders will fight the spiritual fight with confidence - by pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments that set themselves against the knowledge of God, and by taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.	
11th Feb. – Pretoria/ Municipal Area	To respect authorities	
Rom. 13: 1 <i>Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. (NKJV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Grant to us the understanding that all governing authorities in our city are ordained by You and in obeying all authorities over us, we are honouring Your name.	
12th Feb. – South Africa	That the President will be a man of integrity, acting in the interests of all	
Prov. 21:1 <i>The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord. He directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Oh Father, Your word says You direct the actions of leaders. Please direct our President's heart to act fairly and constructively for the good of the country.	

13th Feb. – The World: Rwanda	In a land of green pastures and many lakes 800 000 people were killed during the 1994 genocide. Many believe that some church leaders played a part in these killings. Pray that those who still carry the grief of murdered loved ones will be drawn to God's love and restoration.	
Ps. 23:1-3 <i>The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He makes me to lie down in green pastures. ³He restores my soul. (NKJV)</i>	Pray: God, You know the grief that people are still living with. Draw them to You. Reveal Your love and care for them so that they will testify of Your great power in restoring grieving souls.	
14th Feb. – Missionaries		For joy in challenging times
Heb. 10:32 ... Remember how you remained faithful even though it meant terrible suffering. ³³ Sometimes you were exposed to public ridicule and were beaten... ³⁴ You suffered along with those who were thrown into jail and when all you owned was taken from you, you accepted it with joy. You knew there were better things waiting for you that will last forever. (NLT)	Pray: Lord, when Your servants experience opposition and suffering, remind them of their eternal reward. Give them joy despite their circumstances. Thank you that in South Africa there is still relative freedom of religion, which protects your servants from physical beatings and being thrown into jail.	
15th Feb. – Personal		To trust Him for holiness
1 Jn. 5:18 <i>We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself and the wicked one does not touch him. (NKJV)</i>	Pray: Help me, oh God, to keep myself holy because I belong to you.	
16th Feb. – Family		To finish well
Col. 4:17 <i>Tell Archippus: 'See to it that you complete the ministry you have received in the Lord. (NIV)</i>	Pray: Lord, please help each member of the family to complete whatever task You have given each of us to do. Please give us the willingness and ability to work – and may we do it with joy, bringing glory to You.	

17th Feb. – Eastside: Youth		To carry one another's burdens
<i>Gal. 6:2 Help to carry one another's burdens, and in this way you will obey the law of Christ. (GN)</i>		<u>Pray:</u> Lord Jesus, You are the One who carries our burdens. May the same attitude also be amongst the youth, even towards those who are different.
18th Feb. – Pretoria/ Municipal Area		To trust Him for protection
<i>Is. 33:2 O Lord, be gracious to us; we have waited for you. Be their arm every morning; our salvation also in the time of trouble. (NKJV)</i>		<u>Pray:</u> O Lord, be gracious to us as we trust You in the morning to be our strength and our protector. Be our help in time of trouble, in Jesus' name.
19th Feb. – South Africa		That the President of SA will resist the temptation of bribery
<i>Prov. 29:4 By justice a king gives a country stability, but those who are greedy for bribes tear it down. (NIV)</i>		<u>Pray:</u> Oh Lord, You know how difficult it is to lead well. We pray for the President that You will strengthen him when he is tempted to take bribes.
20th Feb. – The World: Cameroon	A country dominated by high levels of corruption, amongst the highest in Africa. Pray that the church will stay pure and not be influenced by the culture around them.	
<i>Rev. 2:17 "If you have ears, then, listen to what the Spirit says to the churches! "To those who win the victory, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give each of them a white stone on which is written a new name that no one knows except the one who receives it. (GN)</i>		<u>Pray:</u> Lord God, be merciful to the Christians in Cameroon. Open their ears to Your Spirit of discernment, of wisdom and of knowledge so that they will hear and keep themselves pure, so that on the day of judgement they will be able to receive that white stone of purity.

21st Feb. – Missionaries	To celebrate restoration	
<p>Is. 35:1-3 <i>Even the wilderness and desert will be glad in those days. The wasteland will rejoice and blossom with spring crocuses.</i> ²<i>Yes, there will be an abundance of flowers and singing and joy! The deserts will become as green as the mountains of Lebanon...</i> <i>There the LORD will display His glory...</i> ³<i>With this news, strengthen those who have tired hands, and encourage those who have weak knees. (NLT)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, in You there is hope for restoration. This is the good news of the gospel – to change a desert into a beautiful garden. Let the missionaries be encouraged and in turn let their message encourage those who feel that their lives have been like a desert. Let Your glory and majesty and excellence be on display, evident for all to see.</p>	
22nd Feb. – Personal	For His power in you	
<p>Ex. 9:16 <i>But indeed, for this purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you and that My name may be declared in all the earth. (NKJV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, cleanse and empower me. May Your hand be upon me to demonstrate Your power to the glory of Your name in this generation.</p>	
23rd Feb. – Family	To express gratitude for grandparents	
<p>2 Tim. 1:5 <i>I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother, Lois. (NIV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Thank You for the older people who have had an input into our lives. May their influence lead us to You and draw us together as a family.</p>	
<p>24th Feb. – Eastside: Leaders</p>	<p>Thank God for the faithfulness of the leadership in sowing and planting. Pray that they will see the fruit of their labour</p>	
<p>Ps. 107:37 <i>They sowed the fields and planted grapevines and reaped an abundant harvest. (GN)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, thank You for leaders who've been sowing and planting into the ministry at Eastside. May they reap the fruit of their labour.</p>	

25th Feb. – Pretoria/ Municipal Area	For people to serve God	
<i>Ex. 9:13b Thus says the Lord God of the Hebrews, "Let My people go that they may serve me." (NKJV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Almighty God, we pray for the people in our city - that Your power would be released on the people to serve the living God in truth and faith.	
26th Feb. – South Africa	That politicians will choose their words carefully	
<i>Prov. 12:18 The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Dear God, we pray against the reckless use of words by politicians. May they consider the impact of their words carefully before speaking in public.	
27th Feb. – The World: Egypt	A country that needs God's restorative power on all levels. Pray God's promise of healing	
<i>Is. 19:22 The LORD will punish the Egyptians, but then he will heal them. They will turn to him, and he will hear their prayers and heal them. (GN)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord God, You are Lord of the Egyptians. We remind You of Your promise that You will hear the Egyptian Christians' prayers and heal their land on all levels.	
28th Feb. – Missionaries	To remind them of eternal life	
<i>Is. 35: 8-10 And a great road will go through that once deserted land. It will be named the Highway of Holiness. Evil-minded people will never travel on it. It will be only for those who walk in God's ways; ... ⁹lions will not lurk along its course ... no other dangers... ¹⁰Those who have been ransomed by the LORD will return. They will enter Jerusalem singing, crowned with everlasting joy. Sorrow and mourning will disappear, and they will be filled with joy and gladness. (NLT)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord God, remind Your servants of the time that is coming when everything will be restored for ever; when there will never again be danger and they will never again be in the company of evil. Worship will be their concern and they will have fullness of joy. Lord, You are coming to destroy our enemies and You are coming to save us! (Is. 35:4)	