

Prayer Note 2

Praying God's Will

We need to pray according to God's will if we want our prayers to be answered.

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."*

Because the Bible declares to us God's will, one way of praying His will is **to pray His Word**, because God will always keep to His Word.

To know what His will is –

- **Ask Him - Col.1:9** *"For this reason we have always prayed for you...We ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will, with all the wisdom and understanding that His Spirit gives."*
- **Be sensitive to hear His voice – John 10:27** *"My sheep recognize My voice. I know them and they follow Me."*
- **Call on the Holy Spirit – Rom.8:26** *"for the Spirit also helps us in our weaknesses, for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes with groans too deep for words."*

1st Mar. – Family	To trust Him for salvation	
<i>Jn. 1:12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord God, I trust and proclaim that each individual member (name them) will believe in You, will receive You to become a member of Your family and will serve You all their lives.	
2nd Mar. – Eastside: A. Leaders	A. That the Spirit of Truth will guide the leaders	
<i>A. Jn. 16:13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> A. Lord, we proclaim that Your Spirit of truth will guide the leaders in all truth, that they will glorify You as the God of Truth.	
B. The Body	B. That God be glorified in the church	
<i>B. Jn. 17:9,10 I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> B. We proclaim that we, as a body belong to You. We pray that You will be glorified amongst us, in the way we speak and the way we behave towards one another.	
3rd Mar. – Pretoria/ Municipal Area	That residents will turn to God	
<i>2 Chron. 7:14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> We proclaim that Pretoria is called by Your name; that all residents will call on Your name, that we will humble ourselves and pray and turn from our sinful ways. Then, as You've promised, You will hear from heaven, forgive our sins and heal our city.	

<p>4th Mar. – South Africa</p>	<p>For the salvation of the political leaders</p>	
<p><i>1 Tim. 2:1,2 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. (NIV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> We pray for the President and all those in prominent positions, that they will come to know You, as this is Your will for them. We pray that they will lead by example so that our country will be known by the peace and honesty amongst us.</p>	
<p>5th Mar. – The World: Nigeria</p>	<p>Nigeria is often characterized by corruption and related forms of wickedness. Speak out in faith with the many Christian Nigerians, that righteousness will become evident in Nigeria.</p>	
<p>Prov. 14:34 Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin condemns any people.</p> <p>Prov. 10:30 The righteous will never be uprooted, but the wicked will not remain in the land. (NIV)</p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> We proclaim righteousness over the nation of Nigeria, that Nigerians will live in honesty with pure lives that will bring glory to You; for You promise that You'll bless a nation that lives in right standing with You. We trust in You that You'll expose and remove all forms of sin and that You'll protect those who are in right standing with You.</p>	
<p>6th Mar. – Missionaries at Eastside</p>	<p>Pray God's blessing and protection on their relationships</p>	
<p>Gen. 28:3,4 May God Almighty bless you and give you many children and may your descendants multiply and become many nations! ⁴May God pass on to you and your descendants the blessings He promised to Abraham.</p> <p>Mal. 4:6(a) He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children. And the hearts of the children to their fathers. (NKJV)</p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, bless and protect these families. Bless and protect their marriages and the relationships between parents and children with love, knowledge, understanding and wisdom.</p>	

7th Mar. – Personal	Trust Him to have faith	
<p>Heb. 11:1 <i>Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. (NIV)</i></p> <p>Rom. 4:17b <i>...the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. (NIV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, I trust in You, that while I'm taking small steps of faith, I'm growing stronger and giving glory to You; that I'm developing the ability to see in my mind's eye that which does not exist as if it already does exist.</p>	
8th Mar. – Family	Trust Him for the working of His Spirit	
<p>2 Tim. 1:7 <i>For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. (NIV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, You have not given us a spirit of timidity and fear, but a spirit of power, of love, affection and of self-discipline. May each member of my family (lift each one to God) be aware of it and live with the overwhelming awareness of this reality.</p>	
9th Mar. – Eastside: A. Leaders		For unity & harmony amongst us
<p>A. John 17:3 <i>Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent... (NIV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> A. Lord, we pray that You will reveal to the leaders the knowledge of Yourself; that they'll have unity in direction, and oneness in applying Your truth in every situation.</p>	
B. The Body	For growth in knowledge and for unity	
<p>B. Jn. 17:11 <i>Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. (NIV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> B. We proclaim that we will grow in the knowledge of the power of Your name. We pray that as we grow in that knowledge, that oneness of spirit will be the fruit of our growth.</p>	
10th Mar. – Pretoria		Proclaim God as King
<p>Ps. 24:7,8 <i>Lift up your heads, you gates; that the King of glory may come in. ⁸Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. (NIV)</i></p>		<p><u>Pray:</u> We proclaim God as King, the Lord strong and mighty, over all areas of influence in our city, every school, police and municipality department.</p>

<p>11th Mar. – South Africa</p>	<p>That leaders will act according to God's will</p>
<p><i>Jer. 7:5-7 If you really change your ways and your actions and deal with each other justly, ⁶if you do not oppress the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow and do not shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not follow other gods to your own harm, ⁷then I will let you live in this place, in the land I gave your ancestors. (NIV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, we pray that the leadership of our country will be honest in all their ways; that they will look after the foreigners, the widows and the orphans; that they will take action against the killing of innocent people and that they will serve the only True God.</p>
<p>12th Mar. – The World: Zimbabwe</p>	<p>Zimbabwe is a country in mourning because of the loss of hope after being in turmoil for many years.</p>
<p><i>Is. 61:1,3,4 ...the Lord has anointed me ...³to comfort all who mourn...—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning... a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendour. ⁴They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated. (NIV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, You care for those who are in despair. Will You give them joy instead of mourning and praise instead of despair. We trust You that Zimbabweans will become a display of Your splendour; that they'll be motivated to rebuild the ancient ruins and to raise new cities out of wreckage.</p>
<p>13th Mar. – Missionaries at Eastside</p>	<p>For provision and the fulfilment of God's plans</p>
<p><i>Jer. 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. (NKJV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, we praise You for the provision for those involved in missions. We trust that You will supply for them in all their needs. Thank You that Your plans for them are plans of health and peace, plans to give them the future that they've trusted You for.</p>

14th Mar. – Personal		Declare faith in Him	
<i>Heb. 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. (NIV)</i>		<u>Pray:</u> Lord, You are my Promise Keeper and I want to please You! So I will trust You with everything in me, that You will reward me as I earnestly seek Your face.	
15th Mar. – Family		That our family will trust in Him	
<i>Is. 26:3 You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. (NIV)</i>		<u>Pray:</u> Please help me and each member of my family to keep our minds steadfastly on You, constantly trusting You and relying on You, for You promise to keep us well and safe, when we put our trust in You.	
16th Mar. – Eastside: A. Leaders		A. To reveal the truth of the Word	
<i>A&B Jn 17:16,17 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. (NIV)</i>		<u>Pray:</u> A. Lord, keep on changing them, making them holy by the revelation of Your Word and Your truth to their hearts.	
B. The Body		B. Bring a hunger for God's word	
		<u>B. Pray:</u> Lord, create in all of us a hunger for Your word; make us holy, that those coming into the body will see that we're different.	
17th Mar. – Pretoria/Municipal Area		That residents will turn to God	
<i>Hos. 12:6 But you must return to your God; maintain love and justice, and wait for your God always. (NIV)</i>		<u>Pray:</u> We pray that the residents of Pretoria will turn to You, will commit to love You and will commit to love others. May municipal leaders turn to You and may departments commit to justice and commit to what is right.	

<p>18th Mar. – South Africa</p>	<p>Declare Him as True God</p>	
<p><i>Ps. 96:7-10 Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.⁸ Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name ...⁹ Worship the Lord in the splendour of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns."</i> (NIV)</p>		<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, I want to stand before You for our nation - that we will bring honour to Your glory and strength; that we will worship You as our holy God; that South Africa will proclaim that You, the only true God, reigns.</p>
<p>19th Mar. – The World: North + South Sudan</p>	<p>Sudan split in two following years of infighting. A Christian state formed in the South and a Muslim state formed in the North. Yet there is no peace in the region. Infighting is still carrying on, causing people to suffer from hunger and a serious lack of resources.</p>	
<p><i>Is. 53:5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.</i> (NIV)</p>		<p><u>Pray:</u> Jesus, You were pierced for their transgressions; You were crushed for their iniquities. Reveal Yourself to them as the true Saviour who can bring real peace.</p>
<p>20th Mar. – Missionaries at Eastside</p>	<p>That God will be honoured through the missionaries and their families</p>	
<p><i>Phil. 1:20 (Paul said): "[It is] my eager expectation and hope... that... Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death."</i> (NKJV)</p>		<p><u>Pray:</u> We pray that everyone whose life has been touched by You Lord Jesus, will glorify and honour Your Name and that they will leave a legacy that will bear fruit for eternity.</p>

21 st Mar. – Personal	Declaration of keeping to His word	
<p>Ps. 119:9-11 <i>How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. ¹⁰I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. ¹¹I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. (NIV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> I will keep Your word in my heart so that when I am tempted, I will not sin. I will meditate on Your Word so that I can receive the right direction when I need it.</p>	
22 nd March. – Family	For a desire to know God	
<p>Ps. 119:2,3 <i>Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart—they do no wrong but follow his ways. (NIV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> I ask that my spouse, children and wider family will act according to Your Word and that they will have that sincere desire to know Your will and do it.</p>	
23 rd Mar. – Eastside: A. Leaders	For purity, patience and kindness	
<p>A. 2 Cor. 6:4,6 <i>as servants of God ... ⁶in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love. (NIV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> A. We pray for Your Holy Spirit’s enabling power over the leaders; that through purity, patience and kindness they will lead as servants of God.</p>	
B. The Body	For righteousness as a weapon	
<p>B. 2 Cor. 6:4,7 <i>as servants of God... ⁷in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left;</i></p> <p>Eph. 6:12 <i>For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against ...spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. (NIV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> B. May we use our righteousness in You, being free from the guilt of sin, as a weapon to attack and to defend when Satan wants to destroy us as Your church. May we realise that our fight is not against flesh and blood, but against the spiritual powers of the enemy.</p>	

24th Mar. – Pretoria/ Municipal Area	That people will know God as Protector	
<i>Ps. 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Reveal to the inhabitants of Pretoria that You are their true Protector in times of trouble; that You are the real Giver of Strength in times of weakness.	
25th Mar. – South Africa	That God be exalted in South Africa	
<i>Ps. 46:8,9 Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. ⁹He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, You can bring on wars or stop wars. It is also in Your power to destroy the weapons of warfare. We declare that we will put our trust in You and that You alone will be exalted among the different nations in South Africa.	
26th Mar. – The World: Tunisia	A country in great need of wise leadership after their corrupt leader fled the country.	
<i>Ez. 36:26,27 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees. (NIV)</i> <i>Is.11:2 The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Restore Tunisia to what You have intended for it to be. Give the inhabitants a hunger for You; give them new hearts; remove their hardness and bring a new love and unity. Pour on those that You have appointed as leaders, Your Spirit of wisdom and knowledge that they will be able to bring the country from chaos to order.	

27th Mar. – Missionaries at Eastside	For strength and courage	
<i>Is. 62:1 “For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent ...until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns.” (NKJV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, show me Your heart for those involved in missions so that I can pray with passion. Let them stand strong in Your strength and not in their own strength. Let their zeal encourage many others and use them to light the path for others to follow.	
28th Mar. – Personal	For confidence in God	
<i>Prov. 3:5,6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. ⁶Remember the LORD in everything you do, and he’ll show you the right way. (GN)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, help me to put my trust in You, even in matters that I have good knowledge and experience of. Remind me, when I’m relying on wisdom and experience of the past, and not on Your wisdom and direction for the moment. Help me to first ask You for direction in matters and to trust that You’ll show me the best and the right way.	
29nd Mar. – Family	For confidence to trust for faith	
<i>Luke 17:5,6 The apostles said to the Lord, “Make our faith greater.” ⁶The Lord answered, “If you had faith as big as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Pull yourself up by the roots and plant yourself in the sea!’ and it would obey you.” (GN)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Please help each one of us to use the “mustard seed” of faith that we have, so that our faith will grow and that our family’s confidence to trust You will grow.	

30th Mar. – A. Eastside: Leaders	For boldness in speaking
<p>2 Tim. 4:2,3,5 <i>to preach the message..., to convince, reproach, and encourage, as you teach with all patience. ³The time will come when people will not listen to sound doctrine, but will follow their own desires and will collect for themselves...teachers who will tell them what they are itching to hear. ⁵But you must be...a preacher of the Good News, and perform your whole duty as a servant of God. (GN)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, we ask for supernatural boldness for the leaders to proclaim Your anointed Word and do those things which You want them to do. We ask for protection of their time so they will have opportunity to hear Your voice clearly.</p>
B. Eastside: Ministries	For boldness in trusting God
<p>Luke 18:1,7 <i>Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to teach them that they should always pray and never become discouraged....⁷Now, will God not judge in favour of his own people who cry to him day and night for help? Will he be slow to help them? (GN)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Forgive us, if we have become discouraged in certain areas of church life. We put our trust in You, asking You, Lord, to pour out Your Spirit, trusting that You are at work to build Your body, having boldness in faith that You have provided in all areas of need.</p>
31st Mar.– Pretoria/ Municipal Area	For God's purpose to be fulfilled
<p>Jer. 33:8-9 <i>I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned and by which they have transgressed against me. ⁹Then it shall be to me a name of joy,...before all the nations of the earth who shall hear all the good that I do to them; they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and all the prosperity that I provide for it. (A Word received years ago when the spiritual fathers prayed together for Pretoria.) (NKJV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> We proclaim that You will cleanse Pretoria from sin and the affects of unrighteousness, that people will become ashamed of their sin, will repent and turn back to You. We proclaim that Pretoria will become a place of joy and peace, instead of crime and fear; that people will stand in awe of what the Lord is doing in our city, in Jesus' Name.</p>