Prayer Note 3 Declaring or Proclaiming God's Word

When there is a truth or a promise in the Word concerning a matter, we can declare or proclaim that truth over the matter. God wants us to remind Him of His promises (Is.62:6).

We can proclaim His truth is various ways. One way is to sing God's truth, as during worship time in Church. Another way is to speak it out in prayer - there are many examples in the Book of Psalms.

A declaration can also serve as a confirmation of God's intentions - *Matt.10:27, 31*. "Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak it in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach (proclaim, herald a divine truth) on the housetops....Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows." One way to apply this is to speak His truth and His will aloud out in and around your property.

A declaration is also an utterance in faith and has the function of speaking that which does not exist yet, as if it exists, towards God, who is able to give life to that which is dead. (Heb.11:1 & Rom.4:17).

To proclaim His truth is so important that Jesus told the Pharisees when they quietened the multitude who called out a blessing on Jesus, that if the multitudes wouldn't do it, the stones would shout it out. (Luke 19:38-40). Even the heavens declare His righteousness (Ps.97:6).

Let us then declare who HE is and what HE wants to do!

PRAYER DYNAMICS

1st Apr. - South Africa

For God's purposes to be fulfilled

Ps. 37:7-11 Be patient and wait for the LORD to act; don't be worried about those who prosper or those who succeed in their evil plans. Don't give in to worry or anger; it only leads to trouble. Those who trust in the LORD will possess the land, but the wicked will be driven out. Soon the wicked will disappear; you may look for them, but you won't find them; but the humble will possess the land and enjoy prosperity and peace. (GN)

Pray: We wait in expectation for You to act. We will not give in to anger or worry, even when reading the news. Instead we will actively trust in You that You will drive out the wicked and that You will destroy the plans of evildoers. We trust that You will supply for those who humble themselves before You and that they will live under the cover of Your blessing.

2nd Apr. — The World: Libya

Libya, a country in crisis and destruction on various levels

Jn. 10:9,10 I am the gate. Whoever comes in by me will be saved; they will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only in order to steal, kill, and destroy. I have come in order that you might have life---life in all its fullness. (GN)

<u>Pray:</u> Lord, have mercy on them! Jesus, will You reveal Yourself to them as the only One through whom they can have true peace, true protection, true love, and true life. We pray that all structures set up to destroy the works of Your hands and to destroy Your purposes for them as a nation, will be disrupted and cast down, in Jesus' name.

3rd Apr. – Missionaries at Eastside

For victory in challenging times

Deut. 20:1,4 When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and people more numerous than you, do not be afraid of them; for the LORD your God is with you,... ⁴ for the LORD your God is He who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you'. (NKJV)

<u>Pray:</u> Lord, strengthen those who serve You through Your Spirit, even when circumstances are challenging with many responsibilities (home schooling kids and continuous travels). Make them strong and give them that sense of victory to carry on with the battle cry: "God is with us! He fights for us! He saves us!"

4th Apr. - Personal

For intimacy

Rev.3:20 Look! I am standing at the door and knocking. If anyone listens to my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he will eat with me. (ISV) <u>Pray:</u> Lord, You stand as a lover waiting in expectation, longing for intimacy. Thank You that You never give up on me. Thank You for Your LOVE, in spite of who I am. Here I am - I'll make time to be with You, to enjoy Your presence and listen to what is on Your heart for me.

5th Apr. - Family

For a revelation of God in your family

Eph. 2:10 For we are his masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus for good works that God prepared long ago to be our way of life. (ISV)

A. Eastside: Leaders

<u>Pray:</u> Lord, You have created us as masterpieces! Reveal to each of us, the image that You have of us; reveal the purpose that You have designed us for; and guide us in the good works that we should do.

6th Apr. -

For an outpouring of God's love

Mat. 22:37-39 Jesus answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the greatest and the most important commandment. ³⁹The second most important commandment is like it: 'Love your neighbour as you love yourself.' (GN)

<u>Pray:</u> Lord, drench them in Your LOVE. We pray that they will love You totally and wholeheartedly. We proclaim that they will love Your people with the love that You have for Your people, also in times when loving others is challenging.

B. Eastside: The Body

For God's love through His Spirit

Mat. 22:39 Love your neighbour as yourself. (NIV)

Is. 11:2,3 The Spirit of the Lord shall rest on him... he will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears. (NIV)

<u>Pray:</u> Lord, we proclaim that we will love one another as we love our own family. We trust for the working of Your Spirit, that we will judge others' needs and circumstances not by what we see or hear, but according to Your Spirit's promptings and that we'll hear Your voice in how we should help.

7th Apr. - Pretoria/Municipal Area

For leaders to listen to God

Prov. 1:20,23 Listen! Wisdom is calling out in the streets and marketplaces, calling loudly at the city gates and wherever people come together: ... ²³Listen when I reprimand you; I will give you good advice and share my knowledge with you. (GN)

<u>Pray:</u> We pray for all in decision-making positions – that they will listen to Your promptings. We proclaim that municipalities will listen when You reprimand and will call on You when faced with challenges; that You will give such wisdom that they'll be astounded by the answer to prayer.

8th Apr. - South Africa

Trust Him for wise judges

1 Kings 3:11,12 and so he said to him, "Because you have asked for the wisdom to rule justly, instead of long life for yourself or riches or the death of your enemies, ¹²I will do what you have asked. I will give you more wisdom and understanding than anyone has ever had before or will ever have again. (GN)

<u>Pray:</u> We proclaim that justice will triumph in South Africa. We pray for all judges that they will seek Your wisdom. May Your blessing of supernatural wisdom and understanding rest on them. Please protect them and their families in administering justice in challenging cases.

9th Apr.— The World: Ivory Coast (Cote d'Ivoire)

This is the world's top cocoa and cashew nut exporter. Yet it is a country in great need because of the corruption and control of the previous leader. Pray that God's original purpose will come into fulfilment for this country; that God will reveal Himself to them and that they will respond and turn to Him; so that they will eventually experience God's blessings and abundance.

Rev. 3:20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. (NIV) <u>Pray:</u> Lord, open their ears so that they will hear Your voice calling them to open the spiritual door. May Your promise then be fulfilled, of people enjoying Your presence and feasting on Your blessings, in Jesus' Name.

10th Apr. - Missionaries at To become aware of His Fastside care for them 1 Pet. 5:7 "Leave all your Pray: Lord, thank You for each missionary's worries with Him. because commitment towards serving You. Help them in He cares for you."(GN) challenging times to trust You to take care of them. Provide for them so that they can share in the joy of answered prayers. 11th Apr. - Personal For personal obedience to His Word **Ps. 119:2, 3, 10** Blessed are they who Pray: Thank You, Lord, that I am blessed keep his statutes and seek him with all as I keep to Your word and always seek their heart— 3they do nothing wrong; You in everything I do. I want to follow they walk in his ways. ¹⁰I seek you with You in the path that You have for me. all my heart; do not let me stray from Please keep me from disobeying You. your commands. (NIV) 12th Apr. - Family For pure and holy lives in your family **Ps. 51:10** Create a pure Pray: Create, Lord, in us, new and pure hearts (new heart in me, O God, and put minds and emotions). Build in each of us a new a new and loyal spirit in me. spirit, so that we would live holy lives, loyal and (GN) pleasing to You. 13th Apr. -That the leaders will sense His love A. Eastside: Leaders amongst them Jn. 17:26 I made you known to them, and I Pray: Lord, may the same love that will continue to do so, in order that the love You have for Jesus be evident you have for me may be in them, and so amongst the leaders towards one that I also may be in them. (GN) another. B. Eastside: The Body Declaring God's love through us Pray: Lord, we declare according to Your Word, that the love that You have for Your Son, will be in us and that Jesus will be shining through us as Your body.

14th Apr. - Pretoria/ Municipal Area

Open ears to hear and eyes to see

Prov. 5:1 Pay attention, my son, and listen to my wisdom and insight. (GN)

Is. 32:3 Their eyes and ears will be open to the needs of the people. (GN)

<u>Pray:</u> Lord, we cry out to You, that You will open the ears of people in our area where we live, that they will hear Your voice and respond to Your calling. We trust in You that You will also open the eyes and the ears of the city leaders, to the urgent needs of the people of Pretoria.

15th Apr. – South Africa

For parents, and for children who have become lawless

Prov. 29:15 Correction and discipline are good for children. If they have their own way, they will make their mothers ashamed of them. (GN)

<u>Pray:</u> We pray for parents in South Africa, to take responsibility to exercise discipline wisely. We pray for children who have become lawless because of a lack of discipline, or because of no supervision or because of the abuse of discipline, that they will come into contact with those who can help them and guide them towards the purpose and plan that You have for them.

16th Apr.-The World: Yemen

The Arab world's poorest country. During the recent unrest, many people died as rebels laid siege to some towns. Certain religious militant groups also captured certain towns, weapon factories and government buildings. Pray that the Enemy's plans of manslaughter, suppression and de-valuing of human beings will be derailed and that God's plans will be fulfilled.

Jn. 3:16,17 For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its Saviour. (GN)

<u>Pray:</u> Lord, You love the people of Yemen so much that You sent Your Son so that all Yemenis who believe in Jesus may have eternal life. Reveal Your love through Jesus to them. We pray that You will expose and disrupt the Enemy's plans, in Jesus' name, and that Your plans and purposes will be fulfilled in Yemen.

17th Apr. - Missionaries That they will experience God as at Fastside their helper and protector Ps. 63:7,8 For You have been my Pray: Father, we declare that You are the help and in the shadow of Your helper of missionaries. You are their refuge and wings I will sing for joy. 8 My soul their safe place of shelter. Let them experience clings to You; Your right hand Your protection and support. Fill them with joy upholds me. (NRSV) as they encounter Your presence. 18th Apr. - Personal For an understanding of His word Ps. 119:12,18 Praise be to you, Pray: I praise You Lord! Please teach me Your LORD; teach me your decrees. ways. Open my eyes so that I may see and ¹⁸Open my eyes that I may see understand the wonderful things in Your wonderful things in your law. (NIV) word. 19th Apr. - Family For contentment 1 Thess. 5:18 Give thanks in Pray: Lord, please work through Your Spirit in each all circumstances; for this is of us - when we are discontented, make us aware of God's will for you in Christ it, for it is Your will that we should be thankful in all Jesus. (NIV) circumstances. 20th Apr. - A. Eastside: That the staff will become strong in Fulltime staff the Lord

Eph. 6:10,11,18 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes... ¹⁸And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. (NIV)

Pray: May they become strong in You Lord and in Your mighty power. Remind them to put on Your full armour so that they'll be able to stand against the devil's schemes.

B. Eastside: Youth and young adults

That they will be strong in the Lord and strong in resisting the enemy

<u>Pray:</u> We declare Lord, that in putting on the full amour of God, that our youth and young adults will be strong in You and strong in standing against the devil's schemes. Therefore remind them, Lord, to put on Your armour daily.

21 st Apr. – Pretoria/ Municipal Area		Declare that the Lord is the Light and Salvation of the people of Pretoria
Ps. 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? (NIV)		<u>Pray:</u> Lord, we declare that You are the Light and Salvation for those who live in our street, in our area and in greater Pretoria. Lord, reveal Yourself to them, in Jesus' name.
22 nd Apr. –	For African migrants in S.A. –	

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- 1. That they will be reached with the Gospel effectively.
- 2. For an end to the conflict between them and South Africans who feel that they compete for jobs.
- 3. For adequate laws and systems to be in place to help in their need, but also to manage those who are lawless.

Ps. 67:2 ... so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. (NIV)

Deut. 10:18,19 He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. ¹⁹And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. (NIV)

Pray: Lord, we proclaim that Your salvation is for all the nations in our country. Give us wisdom and guidance in reaching out to them. Help us to love them as You would want us to love. We pray for understanding between different cultures and for effective laws to keep the peace between them.

23rd Apr. – The World: Japan

Japan is a country often in turmoil because of natural disasters like the tsunami. The main native religion in Japan is Shinto (worship of the sun, cosmic system, nature and sea). Shinto has been taken up into Buddhism. Pray that in the midst of disaster, His Spirit will move mightier than the tsunami to take away the spiritual blindness, to reveal Himself as the God who cares and protects. Pray that the true Light will shine into their darkness.

2 Cor. 4:3,4 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (NIV)

<u>Pray:</u> Lord God Almighty, we pray for a mighty move of Your Spirit in this nation. We pray that amidst their circumstances, You will take away the spiritual veil that blinds them to the truth of who You are, the One who really cares and protects. In their darkness, reveal to them Jesus as their true Light.

24th Apr. – Missionaries at Eastside

Declare that their labour will bear fruit

Is. 61:10,11 I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For He has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹ For as the soil makes a young plant come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations. (NIV)

Pray: We worship You Jesus, LORD of Salvation. We declare that this salvation will bring about much fruit in and through the lives of the missionaries who fellowship at Eastside.

25th Apr. - Personal

For guidance to act according to His word

Ps. 119:34, 35 Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart. Direct me in the path of your commands. (NIV)

<u>Pray:</u> Lord, as the shepherd guides his sheep, guide me through Your word and help me to understand it. I will follow and obey You with all my heart.

26th Apr. - Family

That the fruit of the Spirit will be evident

Gal. 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (NIV)

<u>Pray:</u> Lord, we pray for the working of Your Spirit in our family so that love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control will increase and be evident amongst us.

27th Apr. – A. Eastside: Leaders

That they will experience God's glory and be changed into His image

2 Cor. 3:6,16,18 He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant...¹⁶Whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil (of the Old Covenant) is taken away...¹⁸And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. (NIV)

Pray: We pray Lord, that our leaders will experience Your glory in an everincreasing measure and that they will be transformed by Your Spirit into Your image and likeness.

B. Eastside: Children's Church

That the children will love God and serve Him

Josh. 22:5 Love the LORD your God, do his will, obey his commandments, be faithful to him, and serve him with all your heart and soul. (GN)

<u>Pray:</u> We pray for all the children in Eastside, that they will really love You and love Your word. May they do Your will, be faithful to You and serve You wholeheartedly.

28th Apr. - Pretoria/ Municipal Area

Declare in faith that the city will be filled with the knowledge of His glory

Hab. 2:14 For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. (NIV)

<u>Pray:</u> We declare in faith, Lord, that Pretoria will be filled with the knowledge of Your glory, as vast as the waters cover the sea.

29th Apr. – South Africa

For the careful and competent use by the government of the money, crops and natural resources of our country to the benefit of all

Rom. 12:6,8 If a man's gift is... ⁸leadership, let him govern diligently.

Eph. 1:17 ...that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ... may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation. (NIV)

<u>Pray:</u> We pray for our Government, that You will give wisdom in the use of our country's financial and natural resources, and that those who govern, will do it diligently.

30th Apr. – The World: Syria

Syria is characterized by ongoing unrest and turmoil. There are strong divisions between cultural and religious groups, amongst them a strong Christian minority. Pray for those in great fear, as families are turning against one another, especially the families of security forces who find themselves torn by loyalty. Pray that in their fear they will turn to God and that God will reveal Himself to them.

Is. 35:3,4 Give strength to hands that are tired and to knees that tremble with weakness. ⁴Tell everyone who is discouraged, "Be strong and don't be afraid! God is coming to your rescue. (GN)

Is. 17:7 (Prophecy re. Damascus, Syria) In that day a man will look to his Maker, and his eyes will have respect for the Holy One of Israel. (NIV)

Pray: Lord, we pray for the Christians with tired hands and trembling knees, that You will make them strong. We trust You, that You will reveal Yourself to the Syrians as their Maker, that You will cause them to be in awe of the One and Only Holy God.