

Prayer Note 4

Faith in Prayer

It is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to approach Him, must believe that He exists, and that He cares enough to respond to those who seek Him (**Heb. 11:6**).

To have faith when you pray is to –

Have the assurance of the things we hope for. It is the perceiving of something as a real fact while it is not revealed to our senses – to see it with our mind's eye before we see it with our physical eyes. (**Heb. 11:1**)

Faith will –

- **Help me to wait on God** – Faith is not impatient. It helps me not to lose hope easily. (**Is. 28:16**)
- **Motivate me to keep on asking** – Jesus promised that if we keep on asking, we will receive. (**Matt. 7:7,8**)
- **Motivate me to be more specific when I pray.** The more specific we are in our requests, the more specifically God can answer our prayers. (**Phil. 4:6**)

1st May – Missionaries at Eastside	That missionaries will totally accept how God made them and understand their unique gifts and personalities	
<i>Ps. 139:13,14 For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvellous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.</i>	Pray: We praise You Lord for the way You've put together each individual missionary and how You've endowed them with gifts to serve You in a very special place. Give them a deep understanding of Your marvellous work in and through them.	
2nd May – Personal	That the Spirit of truth will be alive in me	
<i>Jn. 14:15-17 If you love me, you will obey what I command. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever – ¹⁷the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him for he lives with you and will be in you.(NIV)</i>	Pray: Lord, thank You that the Spirit of Truth is my counsellor. I declare in faith that Your Spirit in me will help me discern between truth and error.	
3rd May – Family	For repentance and an expectation to be filled with the Spirit	
<i>Acts 2:38,39 Each one of you must turn away from your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be forgiven; and you will receive God's gift, the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For God's promise was made to you and your children, and to all who are far away."(GN)</i>	Pray: Lord, may our family all experience forgiveness of sin! We remind You of the promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit that we will then receive, and may we have an expectation and longing for it.	
4th May – Eastside: A. Leaders & Elders	That the Spirit will be at work in a powerful way in and through them	
<i>1 Sam. 10:6 The Spirit of the Lord will come upon you in power, and you will prophecy with them; and you will be changed into a different person. (NIV)</i>	Pray: We pray the words that Samuel uttered over Saul, that Your Spirit will come upon the Leaders and Elders that it will be so powerful that they will be changed into Your powerful vessels.	

B. Eastside: Cell Leaders	For wisdom, understanding and knowledge through God's Spirit	
<i>Is. 11:2 The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him - the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, may Your Spirit rest on the cell leaders, that they will have wisdom, understanding and knowledge to lead their cells to a measure beyond human wisdom, understanding and knowledge.	
5th May – Pretoria/ Municipal Area	That Pretoria will be a city of safety and refuge	
<i>Josh. 20:2 Tell the Israelites to designate the cities of refuge... (NIV)</i> <i>Ps. 71:7 ...You are my strong refuge. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> We ask You Lord, our strong Refuge, that Pretoria will become a city of refuge, a city which people can call a safe place.	
6th May – South Africa	That Christians in SA would set an example of true racial reconciliation to counteract the effects of evil speech & conduct	
<i>1 Thess. 1:6,7 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord himself...⁷ So that you became a pattern to all the believers in Macedonia... (AMP)</i> <i>Matt. 22:39 'Love your neighbour as you love yourself.' (GN)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, You have called us to be imitators of Christ. May we as Christians become the leaders in racial reconciliation, that we will love our neighbours as ourselves.	

<p>7th May – The World: Jordan</p>	<p>Jordan – The Arab country which lies next to the Jordan River and is lead by a democratic political system. There is a constant underlying tension between the King who has good relations with the western world and extreme Islamic forces in the country. Pray that the King will get desperate for wisdom and that Jesus will reveal Himself in a supernatural way to the King as the greatest Source of Wisdom.</p>	
<p>1 Cor. 1:30 <i>But of Him you are in Christ Jesus who became for us wisdom from God. (NKJV)</i></p> <p>Is. 11:2 <i>The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him - the Spirit of wisdom and understanding. (NKJV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord God, Creator of the King of Jordan and the Jordan people, let the King become desperate for the right solutions. Jesus reveal Yourself to him in the most evident way as the One who wants to guide him and the One who wants to give wisdom beyond his human abilities.</p>	
<p>8th May – Missionaries at Eastside</p>	<p>That their ministries will be like the fragrance of Christ</p>	
<p>2 Cor. 2:14,15,17 <i>Now thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of Him everywhere. ¹⁵For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing...¹⁷as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak Christ. (ESV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Father thank You that Your servants can taste the joy of victory in Christ and that You will powerfully manifest the fragrance of Christ through their service to You, even when that means sacrifice and in that they might inspire many to have courage to follow Jesus.</p>	

9th May – Personal	That through His Spirit I will influence others towards life, health and hope	
2 Cor. 3:3,6 <i>You show that you are a letter from Christ...⁶[God] has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills but, the Spirit gives life. (ESV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, I acknowledge that as a Christian I am a conveyer of who Christ is; that You have made me competent through Your Holy Spirit. I pray that the fruit and the gifts of the Spirit through me will portray true life, health & hope.	
10th May – Family	That God would pour out His Spirit on our families	
Is. 44:2,3 <i>I am the LORD who created you; from the time you were born, I have helped you....³I will give water to the thirsty land and make streams flow on the dry ground. I will pour out my spirit on your children and my blessing on your descendants. (GN)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> We speak out (proclaim) Your will to pour out Your Spirit on our children. We pray Lord that this will become reality in our lives, as well as in the lives of our children and in all our descendants who are still to be born.	
11th May – A. Eastside: Leaders & Elders	That, in having God's Spirit working through them, they will sense His blessing in whatever they do	
1 Sam. 10:6,7 <i>The Spirit of the Lord will come upon you in power...and you will be changed into a different person.⁷Once these signs are fulfilled, do whatever your hand finds to do, for God is with you. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord we pray, that in being changed by Your Spirit, that they will sense Your blessing in whatever they do, for You have promised to be WITH them in whatever they do.	

B. Eastside : Women's Ministry Leaders	That leaders will experience the Spirit through them as streams of living water	
<p><i>Jn. 7:38,39</i> whoever believes in me should drink. As the scripture says, 'Streams of life-giving water will pour out from his side.' " ³⁹ Jesus said this about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were going to receive. (GN)</p> <p><i>Ps. 32:1,2</i> Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. ²Happy is the one whom the LORD does not accuse of doing wrong and who is free from all deceit. (GN)</p>		<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord let the leaders of the Woman's Ministry experience Your Spirit working in and through them – that it'll be like streams of living water flowing out of them towards others.</p>
12th May – Pretoria/ Municipal Area	That people will experience His arms of protection	
<p><i>Deut. 33:27</i> The eternal God is your refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms. (NKJV)</p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, we pray that people in the various municipal areas of Pretoria will come to know You as their God of refuge, that they will take refuge in Your everlasting arms of protection.</p>	
13th May – South Africa	During Elections - that people consider their vote carefully and vote for men and women with integrity who fear God	
<p><i>Neh. 7:2</i> I gave my brother Hanani, with Hananiah the ruler of the castle, charge over Jerusalem; for Hananiah was a more faithful and God-fearing man than many. (AMP)</p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, give all voters discernment and boldness when there arise opportunities for voting, that they will vote for those who are faithful and God-fearing.</p>	

<p>14th May – The World: Iran</p>	<p>In Iran you'll find the fastest growing church in the Arab world in spite of a government opposing Christianity, yet claiming religious freedom. Converts could face the death sentence. Many church leaders have been murdered. Conversions usually take place through 'divine appointments' – Christians leading people to faith in taxis or as passersby in the street, yet, not without much prayer and fasting.</p>	
<p>Jn. 4:35 ...I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. (NIV)</p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, protect the Christians, especially when talking to others about Christ. While Your harvest is ripe in Iran (making people disciples of Jesus), we pray that You'll intervene and guide people to make the right connections and expose non-Christians to the right opportunities where they can have an encounter with You the Living God.</p>	
<p>15th May – Missionaries at Eastside</p>	<p>That they will live with joy and praise towards HIM</p>	
<p>1 Chron. 16:8-11 Give thanks to the Lord!...⁹Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works!¹⁰Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the Lord!¹¹Seek the Lord and His strength; Seek His face evermore! (Psalm 105) (NKJV)</p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, fill Your servants' hearts with songs of worship. Let them continuously find reason to praise Your name. Be their Strength as they seek You.</p>	
<p>16th May – Personal</p>	<p>To daily reckon ourselves dead to sin, to serve Him in obedience to the promptings of the Spirit</p>	
<p>Rom. 7:6 But now we are discharged from the law and have terminated all intercourse with it, having died to what once restrained and held us captive. So now we serve not under obedience to the old code of written regulations, but under obedience to the promptings of the Spirit in newness of life. (AMP)</p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> I reckon myself dead to the sin – the sin which often would hold me captive Lord. I want to serve You in obedience to the promptings of Your Spirit in me, in Jesus' name!</p>	

17th May – Family	That God will through His Spirit awaken love in us.
<i>Col. 1:8 He has told us of the love that the Spirit has given you. (GN)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, please awaken Your Godly love amongst us, through the powerful working of Your Spirit in our family, in Jesus’ name.
18th May– A. Eastside: Leaders & Elders	That the leaders will build God's church not relying on natural strengths but relying on the working of God's Spirit through them
<i>Zech. 4:6 You will succeed, not by military might or by your own strength, but by my spirit. (GN)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord make the leaders sensitive to the working of Your Spirit, that they will discern when they’re doing or leading based on natural abilities. We declare that they will succeed when they totally rely on Your Spirit.
B. Eastside: The Body	That we as the church will know the truth and that the truth will set us free
<i>Jn. 8:32,34 You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free...³⁴Jesus said to them, "I am telling you the truth: everyone who sins is a slave of sin. (GN)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> We pray Lord, that by Your Spirit You will reveal to each of us as Your body the truth about God the Father, about Jesus and about the Holy Spirit; that Your Body will be set free from any bondages of the mind, body or soul.
19th May – Pretoria/ Municipal Area	For God's working through His Spirit to be like a stream into every home; to proclaim His protection there where His Spirit dwells
<i>Ps. 46:4,5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. ⁵God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, let Your Spirit flow like a river in Pretoria, dividing into streams flowing into every part of the city. As the streams flow into every home, may our homes become dwelling places of the Most High. We proclaim that where You dwell, there Your protection and help will be.

<p>20th May – South Africa</p>	<p>For the SA government as they negotiate contracts in various countries</p>	
<p><i>Deut. 1:15 So I took the heads of your tribes, wise, experienced and respected men and made them heads over you (AMP)</i></p> <p><i>Prov. 21:1 The king’s heart is in the hand of the Lord, like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes. (NKJV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, You have the hearts of kings in Your hands. Therefore we trust You to work in the hearts of those responsible for choosing delegates to other countries, that they will chose wise and respected men and women.</p>	
<p>21st May – The World: Oman</p>	<p>One of the most stable Arab countries. A very strict form of Islamic religion is practiced by most of the population. In a very judgmental society, pray that Jesus will reveal Himself to them as the One who forgives sin.</p>	
<p><i>1 Jn. 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (NKJV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord God, who created Omanis for Your pleasure, reveal Yourself to them as the One who will forgive their sins and cleanses them from all unrighteousness. May they experience the freedom of true forgiveness.</p>	
<p>22nd May – Missionaries at Eastside</p>	<p>For great impact where they minister</p>	
<p><i>Ezek. 36:34,35 The desolate land shall be tilled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by. ³⁵So they will say, “This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.”(NKJV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> May the proclamation of the new life in Christ be heard as You are building Your kingdom through the obedience of Your servants. Lord, we declare that the impact will increase among the people groups who have not yet heard the gospel in the areas where the missinaries are working – that the desolate lands will be tilled and the cities become fortified and inhabited.</p>	

23rd May – Personal	Thank Him for the anointing	
2 Cor. 1:21,22 <i>Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, ²²set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Thank You Lord that I can speak out and proclaim the truth that it is You who make me stand firm in Christ; that You have anointed me, put Your seal of ownership on me, and has put Your Spirit in me as a deposit of the promises I have in You.	
24th May – Family	That our family will be complete in the will of God	
Col. 4:12 <i>...always labouring fervently for you in prayers that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. (NKJV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, we pray for our family, that each one will come in line with Your perfect and complete will for them, in Jesus' name.	
25th May – A. Eastside : The Body	That we will be filled with the Holy Spirit and His power, and be witnesses to those around us	
Acts 1:8 <i>But when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power, and you will be witnesses for me in Jerusalem, in all of Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (GN)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, we pray that we as Your body will be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. Make us powerful witnesses in our spheres of influence.	
B. Eastside: Marriages	That couples will put their hope in Him and experience the outpouring of His love towards their partners	
Rom. 5:3-5 <i>We also boast of our troubles, because we know that trouble produces endurance, ⁴endurance brings God's approval, and his approval creates hope. ⁵This hope does not disappoint us, for God has poured out his love into our hearts by means of the Holy Spirit, who is God's gift to us. (GN)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord pour out Your love through You Spirit into the hearts of all marriage partners, to such an extent that it will overflow and influence their love for one another.	

<p>26th May – Pretoria/ Municipal Area</p>	<p>That God's glory will dwell in our city, a place where the municipality will exercise mercy and truth, righteousness and peace</p>	
<p><i>Ps. 85:9-11...that glory may dwell in our land. ¹⁰Mercy and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed, ¹¹truth shall spring out of the earth and righteousness shall look down from heaven. (NKJV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, may our city be a place where Your glory dwell. We pray that our municipality will show mercy when needed, yet be truthful in everything they do, that they will be righteous in judgment, and that peace will be the outcome of their labour.</p>	
<p>27th May – South Africa</p>	<p>That those who reside in SA will love the Lord with all their mind, heart and being, and that parents will realize the responsibility to teach it to their children</p>	
<p><i>Deut. 6:5-7 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your mind and heart and with your entire being, and with all your might. ⁶And these words which I am commanding you this day shall be first in your own mind and hearts; then ⁷you shall ...impress them diligently on the minds and hearts of your children. (AMP)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord God our Creator, we pray that all who live within the boundaries of SA will love You with all their hearts, their minds and their entire beings. We pray that parents will realize the responsibility to teach this to their children.</p>	
<p>28th May – The World: Saudi Arabia</p>	<p>The second largest Arab country, containing the two most holy mosques in the world. The practice of any form of religion except for the Islamic religion is forbidden. Pray for the opening of their spiritual eyes to the truth about God.</p>	
<p><i>Acts 26:18 You are to open their eyes and turn them from the darkness to the light and from the power of Satan to God, so that through their faith in me they will have their sins forgiven and receive their place among God's chosen people. (GN)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, open their eyes and ears to the truth, so that they'll turn away from darkness to the true Light, Jesus, the only One through whom they can receive forgiveness of sin and acceptance into Your family. Lord reveal to them the truth that only through Jesus can they live pure lives whereby You can write Your laws on their hearts and minds.</p>	

PRAYER DYNAMICS

29th May – Missionaries at Eastside	For clarity regarding God's guidance
<p><i>Is. 7:11 Ask a sign for yourself from the LORD your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above. (NKJV)</i></p> <p><i>Lam. 3:56,57 You have heard my voice: "Do not hide Your ear from my sighing, from my cry for help."⁵⁷ "You drew near on the day I called on You..." (NKJV)</i></p> <p><i>Jas. 4:8(a) Draw near to God and He will draw near to you... (NKJV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, lead Your servants with clear guidance and direction. Give them understanding and wisdom to know where and how You want to use them. You know everything, whether big or small, high or deep. We declare that they will hear Your voice when they draw near to You.</p>
30th May – Personal	Declaring that I have been crucified with Christ
<p><i>Gal. 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. (NKJV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Thank You Lord that I can declare that it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me! I declare that the life that I live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me!</p>
31st May – Family	That we will be gracious in the way we speak to one another
<p><i>Col. 4:6 Be gracious in your speech. The goal is to bring out the best in others in a conversation, not put them down, not cut them out. (The Message)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Help us Lord to honour You in conversation – to be gracious towards one another, to bring out the best in the other and not to put them down, even when we're angry or frustrated.</p>