

Prayer Note 5

Praying for our Children

'For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope'
(Jer. 29:11 NKJ)

Therefore we need to pray for our children, that the plans of God will come to fulfilment in their lives. This focus of praying for our children is also in preparation for the Holiday Club that will be running in various communities in a few weeks time.

While still young, our children are vulnerable to the constructive and destruction factors in their environment. Therefore, it is our responsibility to not only nurture our children, but also to pray for them – to pray for wisdom in our own handling of children, to pray for God's protection against the enemy's schemes and to pray for the fulfilment of God's plans in their lives.

1st June – Children	That they will come to know Christ and His word early in life
2 Tim. 3:15 <i>And how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, may our children, from the east of Pretoria to the rest of Africa, come to know You and Your word early in life, so that they will become wise enough to put their trust in You.
2nd June – Children	That they will grow in their relationship with Christ
2 Pet. 3:18 <i>But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, may our children grow in knowing Your grace and Your goodness; may they grow in knowing intimacy with You, Lord Jesus.
3rd June – Children	That their parents will teach and model God's truth to them
Deut. 6:6-9 <i>These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. ⁷Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Our Lord God, we pray for parents, that they will come to know You personally; that they will be drawn to Your word; that they will read it and meditate on it until they are changed by it to become Your chosen models for their children. We pray that they will talk about Your word to their children whenever they have the opportunity.
4th June – Children	That they will have a hatred for sin
Ps. 97:10 <i>Let those who love the Lord hate evil, for he guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.(NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Let the children who love You, Lord, hate evil. We declare Your promise, Lord, that You will guard the lives of those children who are faithful to You.

5th June – Children	That they'll submit to God and resist Satan in all circumstances	
<i>Jas. 4:7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, may our children submit to Your will and to Your word. May they resist the devil and his temptations so that he will flee.	
6th June – Children	That they will love God and other people	
<i>Mark 12:30-31 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: „Love your neighbour as yourself." There is no commandment greater than these." (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Our prayer, Lord, for our children is that they will love You with all of their hearts, their souls, their minds and with all of their strength; that they will love and care for others around them as they would for themselves.	
7th June – Children	That they'll surrender to God	
<i>Rom. 12:1-2 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> May our children become sold out to You, Lord Jesus, as pleasing to You. Lord, we pray that they will not conform to the pattern to the world around them, but that they will be transformed by the renewing of their minds, so that they will learn to discern what Your will is.	
8th June – Children	That God will build a hedge of protection around them, keeping them from going the wrong way	
<i>Hos. 2:6 Therefore I will block her path with thorn bushes; I will wall her in so that she cannot find her way. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, as Lover and Protector of children, keep our children from going on the wrong paths that will lead them away from You and away from Your plans and purposes for them. For Your name's sake, wall them in and block those wrong paths.	

9th June – Children	That they will do the will of God	
Col. 4:12 <i>Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. (NIV)</i>		<u>Pray:</u> Lord God, make our children strong to act according to Your will in everything that they do.
10th June – Children	That they will be filled with the fruit of righteousness – good deeds flowing from a relationship with Him	
Phil. 1:9-11 <i>And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more...filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. (NIV)</i>		<u>Pray:</u> Our God, we pray that our children’s love for You and for others will grow; may they also grow in good deeds as a result of their relationship of love with You.
11th June – Children	To be an example in their peers	
1 Tim. 4:12 <i>Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. (NIV)</i>		<u>Pray:</u> Lord, we pray for all our children and young people, that they’ll walk the road with You so that they’ll become examples to others in their speech and in their lives; in love, in faith and in purity.
12th June – Children	For sexual purity	
1 Cor. 6:18-20 <i>Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your body. (NIV)</i>		<u>Pray:</u> Thank You, Lord, that You’ve bought each child at a price. Holy Spirit, create in our children an awareness that their bodies are Your temples. Protect them from those who want to lead them towards sexual immorality; make them strong and desperate to flee from all forms of sexual sin, in Jesus’ name.

13th June – Personal	Thank God for what He has given you	
<i>Phil. 4:19 My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (NKJV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Thank you, Lord, for all Your wonderful gifts. As You've always supplied for me in the past, I trust You that You will also supply what I need at present.	
14th June – Family	Trust God to make our families aware of needs in other families	
<i>Jas. 1:27 ...to take care of orphans and widows in their suffering (GN)</i> <i>Jas. 2:8 ...“Love your neighbor as you love yourself.” (GN)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, help us to honour You by loving others as we love ourselves and by taking care of those in need, like the orphans and the widows. Make our families aware of those in need around us.	
15th June – Eastside: The Body	That we'll be aware of our brother's and sister's needs which are often unseen, and that we will take action in helping one another	
<i>1 Jn. 3:17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? (NKJV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> We confess Lord, that we often neglect to take action to help our brothers and sisters in need. Help us to be sensitive to each other's needs and to show our love by helping each other.	
16th June – Pretoria/ Municipal Area	That those in need who receive goods from ministries and churches throughout the city, will sense God's comfort and care when receiving the goods	
<i>Is. 66:13 As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; and you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. (NKJV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, we pray for an overwhelming sense of Your heart of comfort and care over the city. May each one receiving a parcel be so overwhelmed by Your love, in Jesus' name.	

<p>17th June – South Africa</p>	<p>That laws and systems will be set in place that will dismantle the corruption which causes some people to live in wealth and others to live in poverty</p>	
<p><i>Is. 10:1-3 You make unjust laws that oppress my people. ²That is how you prevent the poor from having their rights and from getting justice...³ What will you do when God punishes you? ...Where will you hide your wealth? (GN)</i></p> <p>Zech. 7:10 <i>Do not oppress widows, orphans, foreigners who live among you, or anyone else in need. (GN)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, Your heart is for the poor, the needy, the widow, the orphan and the foreigner. Therefore we pray that laws and systems will be set in place to dismantle corruption which causes the greedy to get more and the poor to get less.</p>	
<p>18th June – The World: Sierra Leone</p>	<p>The top 9 poorest countries in the world are all in Africa, of which Sierra Leone is the poorest. It is one of the largest diamond manufacturers in the world, yet because of several wars they are amongst the poorest. Many people are starving and the country is heavily dependent on foreign aid. Pray for God's mercy on them. Pray that the government will take up its responsibility to govern the land properly.</p>	
<p>Prov. 21:1 <i>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> We pray for Your mercy on the poor and the needy. We declare that the hearts of governmental leaders are like rivers of water in Your hands. You can turn them wherever You wish. Lord, open their eyes that they will see the truth and take up their responsibility to govern properly. Give them wisdom of where to start and how to strategize to bring an end to poverty.</p>	

19th June – Missionaries at Eastside	That they'll be effective witnesses in their allotted time on earth	
<i>Jn. 4:35 Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! (NKJV)</i>	Pray: Lord God, You are the Source for all that Your servants need spiritually and materially. Let them be effective instruments in Your hands to reap the harvest while there is still time.	
20th June – Personal	For pure motives in showing love	
<p>1 Pet. 1:22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. (NIV)</p> <p>Eph. 4:31,32 Make a clean break with all cutting, backbiting, profane talk. Be gentle with one another, sensitive. Forgive one another... (The Message)</p>	Pray: Lord, make me aware when I am not sincere in the way I show love – when I show love with the wrong motive, to impress others or to silence feelings of guilt. Help me to distance myself from backbiting and profane talk in Jesus' name.	
21st June – Family	For efficiency so that we will have time and resources to help one another	
Eph. 4:28 Those who used to rob must stop robbing and start working, in order to earn an honest living for themselves and to be able to help the poor. (GN)	Pray: Remind those who need it, to take responsibility to work, Lord, and give us wisdom to work efficiently so that we will have more time and more resources to help one another.	
22nd June – Eastside: A. Leaders	Pray that we will be moved with Jesus' compassion	
Matt. 9:36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them... (NKJV)	Pray: A. We pray, Lord, that the leaders will be moved with compassion, as you would have been moved when looking at Eastside and its people. May they see as You'd see and hear as You'd hear.	

Eastside: B. The Body	Pray: B. Lord, as we gather to fellowship together, open our eyes and ears to the needs of those around us. Give us compassion and wisdom to help in the best way possible.	
23rd June – Pretoria/ Municipal Area	That the city's leaders and its inhabitants will be drawn to God's Word to study it and to care for others, for then our ways will be prosperous	
Josh. 1:8 <i>This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous... (NKJV)</i>	Pray: Lord, as we trust in the powerful working of Your Spirit, cause our city's leaders and its inhabitants to read and to meditate on Your Word, so that we will care for others according to Your Word. We trust in Your promise that You will then make our ways to prosper.	
24th June – South Africa	For the Lord's intervention in the affairs of the government	
Ps. 2:1-2 & 10-11 <i>Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? ²The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together ¹⁰...you kings, be wise, be warned, you rulers of the earth. ¹¹Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling. (NIV)</i>	Pray: Lord, we pray that You will open our leaders' eyes to their responsibilities as history makers. Reveal to them WHO is ultimately in control.	

<p>25th June – The World: Congo</p>	<p>Congo is one of the poorest countries in the world. In the Northern Congo, under the destructive activities of the rebels, women are forcefully impregnated by these rebels and left to care for themselves and their babies in extremely remote villages. So many babies grow up in extreme poverty without their fathers. Pray that through the powerful working of God's Spirit these rebels will come to repentance of their sin and turn to God. Pray that reconciliation will take place between fathers and children.</p>
<p><i>Luke 1:16,17 Many of the people of Israel will he bring back to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” (NIV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Father, have mercy on them! We pray that as You raised John the Baptist up to bring people back to You, that You will raise up a leader who will be influential in bringing these rebels to repentance and in reconciling fathers to their children.</p>
<p>26th June – Eastside: Holiday Club</p>	<p>More than a hundred youth, young adult leaders and others are gathering at Eastside to minister to hundreds of Gr. 0 to Gr. 7 kids during the Holiday Club period</p>
<p><i>Matt. 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you. (NKJV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Father, let Your kingdom come this week in the hearts of the kids and the youth and young adult leaders and everyone who is involved in Holiday Club. Let those who serve You through the Holiday Club see the bigger picture of what is on Your heart and what You plan to do this week.</p>

27th June – Personal	Proclaim that we will draw near to God and ask for help to encourage others towards good deeds	
<i>Heb. 10:19-24...¹⁹since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus...²²let us draw near to God with a sincere heart...²⁴let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, as I take confidence in drawing close to You by entering Your presence through the blood of Jesus, help me and guide me to spur others on toward good deeds through my own deeds of love.	
28th June – Family	That we will inspire others in our family by our love and good deeds	
<i>Heb. 10:22,24...let us draw near to God with a sincere heart...²⁴let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Please work through Your Spirit in our family, that we will live lives of love and good works, to such an extent that we will be an inspiration to one another.	
29th June – Eastside: A. The Leaders	That leaders will be instrumental in bringing healing to brokenness	
<i>Is. 61:1 The Sovereign LORD has filled me with his Spirit. He has chosen me and sent me to bring good news to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted. (GN)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> We pray, Lord, that You will fill leaders with Your Spirit. We proclaim that they will then be instrumental in bringing healing to those who are broken-hearted and distressed.	
Eastside: B. The Body	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, our Healer, we pray for those who are broken-hearted and distressed, for whatever reason, that they will experience Your healing power and Your joy in every area of brokenness.	

<p>30th June – Pretoria/ Municipal Area</p>	<p>That we as Christians will be spiritually aware of what we need to pray for concerning Pretoria and its people</p>
<p><i>Ezek. 3:17 Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me. (NKJV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, cause us who are called by Your Name, to be true watchmen in prayer and supplication for Pretoria and its people.</p>