

Prayer Note 6

Praying for our Community

In the first church, after Pentecost (Acts 2), transformed Christians started transforming their communities as **they offered themselves to God as instruments** through which their prayers could be answered.

We need to pray for one another for an awareness of the needs in our community and that our own hearts would be touched and changed as we bring our gifts to the store house. We also need to pray for those who are on the receiving end, that they would experience God's love and care through the acts of the Body of Christ.

Pray for the Holiday Club – that God will bless and protect the leaders and organizers and that the working of God's Spirit will be evident amongst the children and all involved in the Holiday Club.

1st July – South Africa	Thank the Lord that He cares for South Africa	
<i>Deut. 11:12 It is a land the Lord your God cares for; the eyes of the Lord your God are continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Thank You, Lord, that You care for South Africa, that Your eyes are continually on all aspects of our land, our leaders and our government.	
2nd July – The World: Mozambique	That Christians in Mozambique will rebuild the spiritual ruins of the structures once built by missionaries years ago	
<i>Is. 61:4 They will rebuild cities that have long been in ruins. (GN)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> We pray Lord for a country devastated by years of war, that You will inspire and encourage Christians through Your Spirit to rebuild the spiritual ruins in Mozambique.	
3rd July – Missions at Eastside: Trailer Ministry	That all involved will have God's heart for the people	
2 Cor. 11:28,29 <i>Besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: My deep concern for all the churches. ²⁹Who is weak and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble and I do not burn with indignation. (NKJV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, strengthen the churches where Eastside is working this week. May our ministry reflect Your care for those who are vulnerable, those who are weak and those whom the enemy causes to stumble.	
4th July – Personal	To cast our burdens on Him, because He promised to take care of us	
Matt. 6:30-32 <i>It is God who clothes the wild grass--- grass that is here today and gone tomorrow, burnt up in the oven. Won't He be all the more sure to clothe you? What little faith you have! ³¹So do not start worrying: 'Where will my food come from? or my drink? or my clothes?'³²(These are the things the pagans are always concerned about.)Your Father in heaven knows that you need all these things. (GN)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Father, I confess my worries and lack of faith sometimes, despite the fact that You promise to take care of all that I need. Thank You that I can trust You to provide for me.	

5th July – Family	To cast our cares concerning family members upon Him	
<p>1 Pet. 5:7 Casting all your care upon Him for He cares for you. (NIV)</p> <p>Jer. 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. (NKJV)</p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, Your thoughts for each individual in our family are thoughts of peace, of a future and of hope. Therefore, we cast all our cares concerning our family upon You , because You are a Father who cares.</p>	
6th July – Eastside: A. The Leaders	That our leaders will proclaim the release of those in bondage	
<p>Is. 61:1,2 The Sovereign LORD has filled me with his Spirit. He has chosen me and sent me...To announce release to captives and freedom to those in prison. ²He has sent me to proclaim that the time has come when the LORD will save his people and defeat their enemies. (GN)</p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Thank You, Lord, that we can trust You that leaders, being filled with Your Spirit will see the release of those in captivity and will witness those in bondage being set free.</p>	
Eastside: B. The Body	<p><u>Pray:</u> We proclaim, Lord, that the time has come for You to set free those who are in captivity and to free those minds which are in spiritual bondage.</p>	
7th July – Pretoria/ Municipal Area	That the Lord Himself will watch over the city	
<p>Ps. 127:1 Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. (NIV)</p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Oh Lord, our God, be our Protector and Guard in Pretoria so that our security agents' services may not be in vain.</p>	

8th July – South Africa	That God would care for us in SA by providing good rains which make the crops grow	
<i>Ps. 65:9,11: You care for the land and water it, you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it...¹¹You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> You care for the land and give rain so that crops can grow. We proclaim Lord, that You have crowned the year with bounty! May those areas where rain is still needed be blessed with enough for the seed to be sown and the trees to be planted.	
9th July – The World : Lesotho	That God's presence will be established in the mountains of Lesotho	
<i>Is. 2:2 In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills and all nations will stream to it. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, we pray for a country filled with mountains, but also filled with superstition and ancestral worship. May Your presence descend like a cloud over those mountains so that people will be overwhelmed by it and will come to worship You as the only true God.	
10th July – Missions at Eastside: Trailer Ministry	For Holy Spirit inspired zeal	
<i>Acts 20:18-21 ... You know from the first day that I came to Asia , in what manner always lived among you,¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility,....²⁰How I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house,²¹testifying....repentance towards God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. (NKJV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, help all the Trailer Ministry teams to serve together in humility and to hold back nothing, but to proclaim the gospel amongst young and old with zeal that You put in their hearts by the Holy Spirit.	
11th July – Personal	For God's help to accept others	
<i>Rom. 15:7 Accept one another, then, for the glory of God, as Christ has accepted you. (GN)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, help me to accept others freely as You have accepted me, so that in my acceptance, I will bring glory to You.	

12th July – Family	For acceptance and patience between parents and children	
<p>Rom. 15:5,7 Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, ... ⁷Therefore receive one another just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. (NKJV)</p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord of patience and comfort, we pray that the image of Christ will become more evident in us, so that children and parents will accept each other and have patience with one another, so that You will be glorified in us.</p>	
<p>13th July – Eastside: A. The Leaders</p>	That the anointing on our leaders will cause those who mourn to receive comfort	
<p>Is. 61:1,3 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me...³ to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. (NKJV)</p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> We declare, Lord, that because of Your anointing, our leaders will be instruments of comfort and joy to those who mourn.</p>	
<p>Eastside: B. The Body</p>	For the experience of joy in those who are downhearted	
	<p><u>Pray:</u> We proclaim Lord that those who mourn, will find comfort and joy; that the spirit of heaviness be lifted so they can receive Your garment of praise.</p>	
<p>14th July – Pretoria/ Municipal Area</p>	That the Lord Himself will watch over the city	
<p>Is. 52:9 Break forth into joy, sing together, you waste places of Jerusalem! For the Lord has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem. (NKJV)</p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Oh Lord, our God, cause us in Pretoria to break forth into joy and singing as Your comfort and redemption fill our city in Jesus' name.</p>	

15th July – South Africa	As God cares for poor people, pray that the Lord will relieve the poverty of people in all regions of South Africa, especially in areas like the Cape Flats, Pretoria West and Atteridgeville	
1 Sam. 2:7,8: <i>The Lord sends poverty and wealth, he humbles and he exalts. ⁸He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honour. (NIV)</i>	Pray: Lord, You give poverty. You give wealth. You raise the poor from the dust and lift the needy from the ash heap. You seat them with princes and let them inherit a throne of honour. Therefore we bring the poor of South Africa before You, that You will lift them out of their poverty in Jesus' Name.	
16th July – The World: Botswana	That God will open springs in the dry ground of a spiritually barren Botswana	
Is. 41:18 <i>I will make rivers flow among barren hills and springs of water run in the valleys. I will turn the desert into pools of water and the dry land into flowing springs. (GN)</i>	Pray: We pray that in this spiritually barren country, You will make springs of water run in the valleys, and will turn desert places into pools of water for Your name's sake.	
17th July – Missionaries at Eastside	For Holy Spirit guidance in reaching out to those to whom they have been called	
Luke 12:32 <i>Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. (NKJV)</i> Matt. 16:19 <i>And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. (NKJV)</i>	Pray: Lord, show Your servants the reality of Your Word. Strengthen their resolve to care about the eternal spiritual welfare of those who are in bondage. Unlock the hearts that are closed to Your love and show Your servants the right way of reaching out to those who are still in bondage.	

18th July – Personal	Declare that nothing can separate us from the love of God	
<i>Rom. 8:38,39... nothing can separate us from his love: neither death nor life, neither angels nor other heavenly rulers, neither the present nor the future,³⁹ neither the world above nor the world below---there is nothing... that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Christ. (GN)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, I declare that nothing can separate me from the love that You have for me – neither death, nor life, neither angels nor heavenly rulers or powers, also not the present nor the future, neither the world above nor world below. Thank You that because of Christ Jesus, nothing will separate me from Your love!	
19th July – Family	That those responsible for their families will provide for them	
1 Tim. 5:8 <i>But if any do not take care of their relatives, especially the members of their own family, they have denied the faith and are worse than an unbeliever. (GN)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, as You care and provide for us, work through Your Spirit in those who are responsible for their families, to care and provide for their family in their area of responsibility.	
20th July – Eastside: A. The Leaders	That the leaders will take care of God's flock in God's way	
Is. 61:4 <i>They shall rebuild the old ruins, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations. (NKJV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, give the leaders in Eastside discernment in identifying areas of brokenness. Give them wisdom and insight to guide others towards restoration.	
Eastside: B. The Body	Declare that Christ's Body in unity will restore brokenness	
<u>Pray:</u> We declare, Lord, that Your body will work together to repair and rebuild brokenness in people and in relationships with those with whom we are connected.		

<p>21st July – Pretoria</p>	<p>That city leaders will see children through Jesus' eyes</p>	
<p>Matt. 18:5,6 <i>Whoever welcomes a little child like this in My name welcomes me. ⁶But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. (NIV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, may our city leaders see children as You see them – that they'll be an example in conduct and take responsibility for the neglected ones in our city.</p>	
<p>22nd July - South Africa</p>	<p>That those Christians who have, will be willing to share with others, locally as well as throughout our country.</p>	
<p>1 Tim. 6:17&18: <i>Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.(NIV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, our Provider, may all Christians who are rich in the things of this life, be willing to share, to do good and be generous.</p>	
<p>23rd July – The World: Zimbabwe</p>	<p>Proclaim God's restoration of this nation</p>	
<p>Ezek. 34:11-16 <i>"I, the Sovereign LORD tell you that I myself will look for my sheep and take care of them in the same way as shepherds take care of their sheep that were scattered...¹³I will take them out of foreign countries... and bring them back to their own land...¹⁶I will ... bandage those that are hurt, and heal those that are sick. (GN)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Our Sovereign Lord and Shepherd, we proclaim that You will take care of the hurt, the sick and the scattered of Zimbabwe, that You will nurse them and heal them and bring them back to the place where they are destined to be.</p>	

24th July – Missionaries at Eastside	For provision, strategies and discernment	
<p>2 Kin. 3:16-18 <i>And he (Elisha) said, 'Thus says the Lord: Make this valley full of ditches...¹⁷ you shall not see wind, nor shall you see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, so that you, your cattle and your animals may drink.¹⁸ And this is a simple matter in the sight of the Lord; He will also deliver the Moabites into your hand. (NKJV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, may Your provision, strategies and discernment be given to Your servants for their households and their ministries. May it come as water in the desert even though there is no visual sign of wind and rain. Increase their faith and strengthen them to know that nothing is too difficult for You.</p>	
25th July – Personal	For awareness of God's calling & for humility in living it	
<p>Eph. 4:1,2 <i>I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. (NIV)/</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, make me aware of Your calling for me. Lead me to be humble, gentle and unselfish; to be worthy of the calling that I have received from You.</p>	
26th July – Family	That the caretakers in families will take care as a shepherd would for his flock	
<p>1 Pet. 5:1b,2 <i>I appeal to you² to be shepherds of the flock that God gave you and to take care of it willingly, as God wants you to, and not unwillingly. (GN)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> We call on You, Lord our Shepherd, to give shepherds' hearts to the caretakers of our families – that they will be aware of needs and hurts so that they can take care appropriately.</p>	

27th July – Eastside: A. Leaders	For opened ears that leaders will hear God's voice when He wants 'out of the ordinary' things to be done	
<i>Is. 6:8 I heard the voice of the Lord saying: "Whom shall I send and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." (NKJV)</i>		<u>Pray:</u> Lord, grant the leaders ears to hear Your voice clearly, especially when You want them to do things that are 'out of the ordinary'.
Eastside: B. Body	For the members of His Body to hear His voice	
<u>Pray:</u> Lord, <u>open our ears</u> that we <u>will hear Your voice</u> when You speak. Help us to discern when it is Your voice speaking to us.		
28th July – Pretoria	That the people of Pretoria will live to serve Him, our Maker	
<i>Job 36:11 if they obey and serve Him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures. (NKJV)</i>		<u>Pray:</u> Lord, enable us all in this city to live and serve You our Maker, so that we may live our lives in peace, pleasure and prosperity.
29th July – South Africa	For God's comfort for the families of policemen who have died violently in SA & that churches and communities will surround them with care	
<i>2 Cor. 1:3,4: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. (NIV)</i>		<u>Pray:</u> Lord, our God who gives comfort, may those families in grief experience Your comfort in a very real way through the comfort coming from Your children in churches and communities around them.

30th July – The World: Swaziland	Declare the destruction of wickedness and the establishment of righteousness in a country where raping of young girls is the order of the day	
<i>Prov. 12:7 The wicked are overthrown and are no more, but the house of the righteous will stand. (NKJV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, we declare in Swaziland the destruction of wickedness and the overthrow of the wicked who're planning to rape the women and the girls. We declare that righteousness will be established and that God's righteousness will be raised like a mighty pillar in the land.	
31st July – Missionaries at Eastside		For a revelation of God as the One who cares
<i>Ps. 142:5 I cried out to You, O LORD: I said, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living." (NKJV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, we bring Your servants before You. We declare that You are their portion, their all sufficiency, everything they need in ministry, in every step of everyday life. Show Yourself to each one of them personally as the One who cares and Who wants to be all they need.	