

Prayer Note 8

To PRAY about DOING GOOD to OTHERS

We need to ask God to help us to keep our motives right when we help others – our motive should be to please Him. That will also keep us from becoming discouraged when the need seems too big or when it seems that our help is not appreciated.

‘A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature, will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up!’ (Gal.6:7-9 CEV)

We can remind God of His promise that if we are generous in doing good to others, that we will also reap a generous harvest.

‘Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously’. (2 Cor. 9:6 NIV)

1st Sept. – Pretoria	That the people in our city will walk worthy of His calling	
1 Thess. 2:12 <i>that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own Kingdom and Glory. (NKJV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Our God and heavenly Father, help us to walk worthy of Your love in all righteousness in Pretoria, for Your glory, in Jesus' name.	
2nd Sept. – South Africa	Trust God for a good harvest in agriculture, politics, economics and education	
Ps. 126:5 <i>Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, work in South Africans a sense of responsibility to sow what is good in agriculture, politics, economics and education, even if it costs us something now, so that in future we will have good results.	
3rd Sept. – The World: Somalia	Adults are fleeing the drought stricken country. Many Somalian children are abducted by gangs and forced to become child soldiers. Others end up in camps in neighbouring countries and are raped by the adults there. Pray for them.	
Ps. 72:4 <i>He will bring justice to the poor of the people; he will save the children of the needy, and will break in pieces the oppressor. (NKJV)</i> Mk. 10:16 <i>And He took the children in His arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, we proclaim Your word that You'll do justice to the afflicted, that You'll save the children of the needy and break in pieces the structures of the oppressors. Lord, reveal Your love and Your arms of protection around the children in their dreams and through Christians helping in these refugee camps.	

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4th Sept. – Missionaries at Eastside	For the blessing of a great harvest	
<i>Ecc. 11:4 He who observes the wind will not sow and he who regards the clouds will not reap. (NKJV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, the perfect time to do Your work is when You give guidance by the Holy Spirit. Thank You that You continue to give guidance to Your servants by faith and not only by what can be observed by common sense and circumstances. We pray for an awesome harvest!	
5th Sept. – Personal	For patience and kindness through the working of His Spirit	
1 Cor. 13:4 <i>Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, my God, work in me through Your Spirit to have patience and kindness in challenging circumstances and not to envy or boast when the temptation is there.	
6th Sept. – Family	For your family to receive His love	
Ps. 117:2 <i>For He loves us very dearly. (LB)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, Your love is remarkable. I don't know how You can love us so much when You know our shadow parts so well. But You do! May each of us know that we ARE deeply loved by You and may my family members see that love in me.	
7th Sept. – Eastside: A. Leaders	That leaders will sow seeds of righteousness and will break through spiritual barriers of hardened hearts	
Hos. 10:12 <i>Sow righteousness for yourselves, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, until He comes and showers his righteousness on you. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, guide our leaders in sowing seeds of righteousness. Through the power of Your Spirit in their ministry, let them break through the barriers of hardened hearts.	

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Eastside: B. The Body	Declare that it is time to seek the Lord and ask Him for the fruit of love	
	<u>Pray:</u> We declare that it is time to seek the Lord, our God! Help us, Lord, not to give up until You've showered Your righteousness on us and until we reap the fruit of unending love, in Jesus' name!	
8th Sept. – Pretoria	For healing of rejection and sincere love towards others	
<i>Phil. 2:4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests but also for the interests of others. (NKJV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Heal us, our God, from every trace of selfishness, rejection and indifferent attitudes to the needs of our brethren in this city of Pretoria. Cause us, Lord, to love others as we love ourselves.	
9th Sept. – South Africa	For a harvest of souls in SA	
<i>Prov. 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and the one who is wise, saves lives. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, we declare that the fruit of living righteously is life everlasting. Burden the Christians in South Africa, both men and women, young and old, to share their testimonies of their life with You, so others will turn to You and that all may reap the fruit of having eternal life.	

<p>10th Sept. – The World: Djibouti</p>	<p>Bordering Somalia, this is the smallest country in Africa, and the hottest inhabited country in the world consisting only of desert land. There is freedom of religion although 99% are Muslims. People are either very rich or very poor. The spirit of greed is strong even amongst the small group of Christians. Pray that the Christians will grow in the knowledge of God and will become influencers for God as reflect God's character of love and sharing.</p>	
<p>Is. 58:11 <i>The Lord will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame; You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. (NIV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, we declare over the Christians in Djibouti, that You will guide them and satisfy their needs; that You will make them strong in body and in spirit. Lord, make them like well-watered gardens because of Your living water in them and through them towards others, in Jesus' name.</p>	
<p>11th Sept. – Missionaries at Eastside</p>	<p>For the blessing of reaping what they have sown</p>	
<p>Mk 4:26-29 <i>And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. ²⁸For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come. (NJKV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, we realize that obedience bears fruit, but that it takes time and does not all happen at once. We proclaim Lord, that You will make the seeds that Your servants have sown, grow. We pray for patience to wait for the first shoots, then the head and then the full grain to appear. Lord, let them remain faithful until they can reap the harvest that You have intended for them to have.</p>	

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12th Sept. – Personal	That God's love will be so evident that selfishness will have no place	
1 Cor. 13:5 <i>[Love] is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. (NIV)</i>	Pray: My God, I pray that Your love in me will be so evident that I will not be rude when others are rude to me; that I will not be self-seeking, nor be easily angered, and that I will not even keep record of the wrong that others do to me, in Jesus' name.	
13th Sept. – Family	For a mutual sowing of God's love	
1 Pet. 1:22b <i>Love one another deeply, from the heart. (NIV)</i> Ps. 117: 2 <i>For He loves us very dearly. (LB)</i>	Pray: Help us to love others as You have loved us – deeply and from the heart. May we sow deliberate and random acts of kindness to them.	
14th Sept. – Eastside: A. Leaders	Pray that God will protect the unity amongst the leaders as an overflow of His Godly love	
Eph. 4:1b-3 <i>Walk worthy of the calling with which you were called² with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,³ endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (NKJV)</i>	Pray: Lord, may the leaders walk worthy of their calling before You. Protect the unity amongst them. May they bear with one another in love and endeavour to keep the spiritual unity in the bond of peace.	
Eastside: B. The Body	That we will sow love, as part of the fruit of the Spirit, and reap everlasting life	
Gal. 6:7b,8b <i>... For whatever a man sows, that he will also reap ...⁸he who sows to the Spirit, will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.(NKJV)</i>	Pray: Lord, fill us with Your Spirit of love so that we will sow love as evidence of Your Spirit's working in us, in Jesus' name, to reap everlasting life in heaven.	

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15th Sept. – Pretoria	Declare that the Spirit is at work amongst the people	
<i>Gal. 5:22,23 But the Spirit produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³humility and self control. There is no law against such as these. (GN)</i>		Pray: We confess/declare that the Holy Spirit will begin to produce the fruit of the Spirit amongst the Christians in Pretoria, in Jesus' name.
16th Sept. – South Africa	Seek God for a harvest of limitless love in SA	
<i>Hos. 10:12 Sow righteousness for yourselves, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, until he comes and showers His righteousness on you. (NIV)</i>		Pray: Lord our Love and our Righteousness, we pray that SA will be a country of righteousness, a country with moral backbone and soft and receptive hearts turned to God, so that we can reap the fruits of limitless love.
17th Sept. – The World: Ethiopia	Africa's oldest independent country, yet the least urbanised nation with 85% of the population living in rural areas. The wealthy Queen Sheba came from Ethiopia. Of this wealthy era only the ruins remain. Today it is one of the poorest nations on earth, frequently drought and famine-stricken, about half-Christian and half-Muslim. Currently 6 000 000 Ethiopians need food aid; another 7 000 000 are chronically hungry. Pray for God's mercy, that He will end their spiritual and physical drought	
<i>Is. 44:3 For I will pour water on the thirsty land and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. (NIV)</i>	Pray: We plead before You, Lord, for these millions of hungry people, that You will restore this nation to what You intended them to be. Pour out water on the dry ground and pour out Your Living Water in their hearts. Pour out Your Spirit on them and their offspring. Bless them so that they will become the givers of blessing to the nations around them, in Jesus' name!	

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18th Sept. – Missionaries at Eastside	For an increase of their harvest	
<p>2 Cor. 9:10-12 <i>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹²For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. (ESV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, be the rich and abundant Source for the ministry that flows through the lives of Your servants. Increase their harvest, Father God, so that Your name might be glorified and there might be a flood of thanksgiving to You.</p>	
19th Sept. – Personal	That God's love in you will cause you to rejoice when others live according to His Truth	
<p>1 Cor. 13:6 <i>Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. (NIV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, it is so easy to take note when others do wrong – especially Christians who sin. Guard me against taking delight in gossiping about it. Instead, I declare that Your love in me will cause me to rejoice when others are living according to Your Truth!</p>	
20th Sept. – Family	For family members to sow seeds of goodness and righteousness. Pray for a harvest of love	
<p>Hos. 10:12 <i>Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap the fruit of unfailing love (LB)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, thank You that You love us with unfailing love. May we sow goodness, truth and righteousness – and may we reap love, peace and harmony.</p>	

<p>21st Sept. – Eastside: A. Leaders</p>	<p>For Holy Spirit inspired guidance for leaders</p>	
<p><i>Gal. 6:9,10 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. ¹⁰Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. (NKJV)</i></p> <p><i>Is. 11:2 The Spirit of wisdom and understanding...of counsel and might...of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (NKJV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and knowledge, guide our leaders to know how to lead Your people in doing good, in Jesus' name.</p>	
<p>Eastside: B. The Body</p>	<p>That the Body will not become weary in doing good</p>	
	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord, help us not to become disillusioned in doing good. Make us aware if others around us in the Body are weary because of this, and guide us how to encourage them.</p>	
<p>22nd Sept. – Pretoria</p>	<p>For restoration of love and caring</p>	
<p><i>Deut. 30:4,5 If any of you are driven out... from there the Lord your God will gather you...⁵Then the Lord your God will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed and you shall possess it. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers. (NKJV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> O Lord, gather the people of Pretoria together as a community who loves and cares for one another. Restore those who are far away from You, and make us prosper, in Jesus' name.</p>	
<p>23rd Sept. – South Africa</p>	<p>For generous giving to have a generous harvest in SA</p>	
<p><i>2 Cor. 9:6 Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. (NIV)</i></p>	<p><u>Pray:</u> Lord God of this nation, we pray that Your Spirit will move amongst us, that people of all the different communities, will give generously as You would want us to, so that SA will reap a generous harvest.</p>	

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<p>24th Sept. – The World: Kenya</p>	<p>Many hospitals and psychiatric hospitals are in extremely bad condition and patients are being grossly neglected. Pray for these patients that they will experience a God who cares through supernatural encounters with Him.</p>	
<p>Is. 25:4,8,9 <i>The poor and the helpless have fled to you and have been safe in times of trouble. ... ⁸The Sovereign Lord ... will wipe away the tears from everyone's eyes. ... ⁹When it happens, everyone will say, "He is our God! We have put our trust in him, and he has rescued us. He is the LORD! (GN)</i></p>	<p>Pray: We pray for miraculous encounters with You, Lord. Show these patients how You want to wipe away their tears and minister to them in ways far beyond our imagination. Provide for them in such a way that they will know that it was the God of the universe who provided. We pray that they will then put their trust in You as their Lord!</p>	
<p>25th Sept. – Missionaries at Eastside</p>		<p>For perseverance</p>
<p>Gal. 6:8b,9,10 ... <i>the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. (ESV)</i></p>		<p>Pray: Lord, put Your fervour in the hearts of Your servants so that they might work in the power of the Holy Spirit. Let them take every step of the way prayerfully. Give them perseverance when the task becomes too much for them. Let it be a rich harvest, Lord.</p>
<p>26th Sept. – Personal</p>		<p>That God's love in you will manifest itself in various ways</p>
<p>1 Cor. 13:7 <i>[Love] always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. (NIV)</i></p>	<p>Pray: My God, work Your Godly love in me, so that I will always protect, even those who didn't protect me in the past, that I will trust in You for those who showed distrust towards me in the past, that I will hope when human hope seems to fail, that I will exercise patience towards others, even when there is no hope left.</p>	

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27th Sept. – Family	For help to pay the debt of love	
Rom. 13:8 <i>Pay all your debt except the debt of love for others – never finish paying that. (LB)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, we are indebted to You for the lavishness of Your love for us. Help us to begin to pay this back by generously loving those in our family.	
28th Sept. – Eastside: A. Leaders	For the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit	
Jud. 1:20b-23 <i>Pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, ²¹and keep yourselves in the love of God, as you wait for our Lord Jesus Christ in his mercy to give you eternal life. ²²Show mercy toward those who have doubts; ²³save others by snatching them out of the fire. (GN)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, as Shepherd of our leaders, urge them to always pray in the power of the Holy Spirit and to keep themselves in Your love. Guide them to show mercy to those who doubt and to others, if necessary, to snatch them away from the destructive fire of sin.	
Eastside: B. The Body	For a longing to be filled with the Spirit	
	<u>Pray:</u> Lord, as You command us to pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, we ask, Lord, that You will create in Your Body a thirst and a hunger, a longing to be filled with Your Spirit and to experience what it is to pray in the power of Your Spirit!	
29th Sept. – Pretoria	For an openness to receive the gospel and a longing to be righteous	
Hos. 10:12 <i>Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord, till He comes and rains righteousness on you. (NKJV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> Lord our God, grant us in Pretoria the desire to seek You and to live righteously, so that we will reap in mercy. By Your Spirit, cause people to break up the fallow ground, to open their hardened hearts, so that You can pour on us in Pretoria Your mercy and righteousness.	

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30th Sept. – South Africa	For a harvest of right standing with God in South Africa
<i>Jas. 3:18: Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness. (NIV)</i>	<u>Pray:</u> We ask You, Lord of Peace and Righteousness, that South Africans will have encounters with You, the only real Peacemaker, so that South Africa will be known as a country that wisely and actively makes peace.