

“Return to Me!”

Rebuilding a Holy Nation

Hos 6:1-3

¹ **Come, and let us return to the Lord;** for He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. ² After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live in His sight. ³ Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD...

1 Pet 2:6-9

⁶ ... “Behold, I lay in Zion, a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.” ⁷ Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, **“The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone,”** ⁸ and **“A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.”** ... ⁹ But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, **a holy nation**, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Participants Prayer Guide

A Project by IFSA (Intercessors for South Africa)

A. About IFSA

Intercessors for South Africa (IFSA) was birthed out of the Uniting Intercessors for South Africa Conference that was held in Bloemfontein during November 2016. This was a historical conference that took place where intercessors and intercessory leaders of different Prayer Networks from around the nation joined together in unity to hear God for the **future of South Africa**.

IFSA is led by a strategic team of well known leaders in the nation, with a heart to see the Kingdom of God manifest in SA, through the **7 Mountains Principle**.

In a consultative conference that was held by different prayer networks (18 in total – 8 national, 5 Provincial and 5 local) in Bloemfontein, South Africa on the 17-19th November 2016, the following resolution was made:

That a united prayer initiative called **Intercessors for South Africa (IFSA)** be established. **IFSA** would serve as a platform where all prayer networks in the country can come together to pray and strategise for various national issues in pursuit of a transformed nation under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. **IFSA** works to strengthen relational bonds among all existing prayer networks in South Africa whilst continuing to encourage unity in expressing the uniqueness of each of our gifts. The heart of **IFSA** is not to do away with all other intercessory networks but to encourage unity while promoting liberty and freedom of each individual network to do what God has called them to do.

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B. About the “Return to Me!” 2019 Project

Prayer Networks Consultation

Several prayer network leaders came together from 3 to 5 September 2018 in East London to seek the Lord and consult together about God's strategy and direction for intercessors in coming year. As 2019 will also be an election year in South Africa we were keenly aware that intercession for godly changes and interventions in governmental spheres would be an important concern for intercessors in the coming season.

During the consultation we were surprised as we became aware that God was not focussed on the sinful and unrighteous societal issues that we so easily get engrossed in. Rather, the words we received were about God's greater concern, namely the Church that is not aligned to Him nor connected to His heart or His presence. Our Heavenly Father is focussed on the Holy nation (1 Pet 2:9) within the nation that does not stand before God with clean hands or pure hearts (Ps 24:4) and consequently our prayers have been unable to release the blessing and transformative power we so desperately need (Jam 5:16).

The Rock Jesus Christ

Trying to gage God's perspective on what is needed to start changing this problem the following insights were received. In Matthew 16 from verse 18 Jesus speaks to Peter and declares that the revelation of Jesus being the Christ, the Son of the living God is the Rock on which God will build the Church (Matt 16:18). The writing of the apostles clearly would later stipulate that Christ is the chief cornerstone (Luk 20:17, Eph 2:20, 1 Pet 2:6,7), the only foundation on which the kingdom is built. When we as the Church are not aligned to and built on the foundation that is Christ, the stone becomes a stone of stumbling and the rock a rock of offence to the very company of believer that were appointed by God and yet became disobedient to the word they were appointed to (1 Pet 2:8).

Waves of prayer to deal with false rocks

In an impression received it was felt that we, the Church and the nation of South Africa have built on and trusted in other rocks than Jesus Christ. Instead of fully trusting on and relying on the Lord (Ps 18:2), we have moved away from Him and we have trusted in alternative 'rocks' that this world endorses. In the vision received five waves of prayer swept the land, each wave with the purpose of destroying one of five false rocks that we trust in, as individuals, the church and the nation at large. We sensed that our focus must be to establish the kingdom truths that return us to right alignment with Jesus Christ, the immovable eternal rock, as we repent of our sinful and idolatrous hearts that found confidence in counterfeit and defective constructs.

Matthew 16:18 shows us that when the church is built on the rock that is Christ, the gates of Sheol will not prevail against it. We are convinced that one of the reasons that demonic gates are open in our society, inundating our communities with such perversion and death, is directly correlated to the Church not permitting God to establish it on and align it exclusively to the rule and order of Christ Jesus.

Five false rocks

The five false rocks that we identified from Scripture depict the false constructs we lean on and trust in our pursuit of well being. Trust in Scripture refers to what we have confidence in, what we gain security from, the things we hope in, lean and rely on. The 5 counterfeit trusts (rocks) we will be praying about are:

1. **Trusting in flesh / self** i.e. Our own abilities, desires, lusts/pleasures, strength, wisdom, identity, opinion etc. (Prov 3:5, Jer 17:5, 2 Cor 1:9)
2. **Trusting in princes** i.e. Leaders, politicians, influential people (Ps 118:9, Ps 146:3, Is 36:5, Jer 46:25)
3. **Trusting in wealth / riches** i.e. All forms of greed, desire for money (Ps 49:6, Mark 10:24, 1 Tim 6:17)
4. **Trusting in false gods / falsehood**. This includes: false Christianity, changing the truth to suit us, false systems of worship/religion, idolatry, philosophies etc. (Is 42:17, Is 59:4, Jer 7:4)
5. **Trusting in horses and chariots** i.e. worldly systems such as political parties, government, government structures, judicial systems, cultural systems, United Nations etc. (Ps 20:7, Is 31:1)

Each one of the above topics will be unpacked and elaborated as we participate in the corporate prayer initiative that we call "Return to Me!".

C: PRAYER STRATEGY

Our Focus

Every one of the five waves of prayer will focus on dismantling a false trust issue in our lives and it will run for seven days. The weekly prayer subject will be arranged as follows:

- Every prayer theme will start by focussing on and emphasising the truth and godly trust that we should cultivate by aligning to Jesus Christ as the only foundation that we must build on.
- Then we will move into repentance where we will confess our waywardness, acknowledging our trusting in other things instead of God. The repentance will be brought on three levels:
 - Repenting for my personal sin of putting confidence on things outside of God,
 - Repenting for the Church, the holy nation, that has gone astray by trusting in others rather than God,
 - Lastly we will repent of our nation and its people running after other saviours instead of acknowledging Christ as the only trustworthy source

Joel 2:12-13

¹² "Now, therefore," says the LORD, "**Turn to Me with all your heart**, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning."¹³ **So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm.**

Lev 26:40-42

⁴⁰ **But if they confess their iniquity** and the iniquity of their fathers, **with their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me**, and that they also **have walked contrary to Me**, ⁴¹and *that* I also have walked contrary to them and have brought them into the land of their enemies; **if their uncircumcised hearts are humbled, and they accept their guilt—** ⁴²**then I will remember My covenant** with Jacob, and My covenant with Isaac and My covenant with Abraham I will remember; I will remember the land

'Return to Me' Dates: 25 February – 7 April 2019

- **25 February – 3 March 2019: Week of preparation.**
The prayer initiative will start with a week of preparation during which we will invite the Holy Spirit to help us to effectively address these issues in our lives, the church and nation.
- **4-10 March 2019: Prayer Wave 1 – Praying about trusting in flesh / self**

- **11-17 March 2019: Prayer Wave 2** – Praying about trusting in princes
- **18-24 March 2019: Prayer Wave 3** – Praying about trusting in wealth / riches
- **25-31 March 2019: Prayer Wave 4** – Praying about trusting in false gods / falsehood
- **1-7 April 2019: Prayer Wave 5** – Praying about trusting in horses and chariots

How to participate

Individual believers, prayer groups, prayer networks and congregations are encouraged to seek the Lord for deep revelation on how to thoroughly bring these issues before Him in prayer so that power will be released to dismantle and weaken these carnal and demonic constructs that result in destructive consequences pulling our nation away from prosperity and life.

There are **two ways** in which we want to encourage people to participate in this five week prayer initiative:

- **Individuals** or within existing **prayer groups**: Take initiative to pray through the guidelines as provided. Pray in your personal quiet time, or during regular prayer meetings that are already in place. Guidelines are available in a booklet format, and weekly concise reminders can be received via WhatsApp that will be sent out once a week at the beginning of every next prayer subject. From the pray information supplied you can pray in one of two ways:
 - Pray about the false stone once in the week for at least 15 minutes.
 - Pray for one of the seven prayer points each day for between 5 and 15 minutes per day.
- **Corporate prayer** organised specifically for the initiative. When we received the vision of five waves dealing with five false stones, the **waves** moved **from South to North** through the nation of South Africa. In accordance with this impression we want to challenge prayer networks and prayer coordinators to organise special prayer gatherings in their areas to pray about these obstacles to divine alignment. In order to facilitate this south to north wave we request that believers in every province organise prayer assemblies on the following proposed days:
 - Day 1 / Mondays: Western Cape
 - Day 2 / Tuesdays: Eastern Cape
 - Day 3 / Wednesdays: Northern Cape
 - Day 4 / Thursdays: Free State and North West
 - Day 5 / Fridays: Kwazulu Natal
 - Day 6 / Saturdays: Gauteng and Mpumalanga
 - Day 7 / Sundays: Limpopo

1. PREPARATION WEEK: INVITING THE HOLY SPIRIT

(To be updated)

2. WAVE ONE: PRAYING ABOUT TRUSTING IN THE FLESH / SELF

We want to remind you to pray the following prayer points as it relates to three levels. Firstly concerning you **personally**, secondly **for the Church** of the Lord Jesus Christ in South Africa and lastly **for the nation** in general. We have to start with ourselves and the church. We cannot expect change in the greater South African society if we who claim to serve Jesus are not correctly aligned to God ourselves!

We will start by looking at the right alignment to Jesus the true Rock. We will pray about the instructions in Scripture on how to live a life aligned with God's priorities. From there we will bring repentance for the different sinful ways in which we trusted in flesh rather than in God.

Make use of the Scriptures provided to intercede for these issues.

- 2.1. Pray that the fruit of the Spirit will become the standard and measure adopted in our society and lived out in our communities. Declare your willingness to crucify the flesh and to lay down your own passions and desires so that the Holy Spirit may produce His fruit in you, the Church and society at large.**

Gal 5:22-24

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ²⁴And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

- 2.2. Pray that we will allow the Holy Spirit full control in our lives. That we will relinquish walking according to our own understanding and opinions. Pray and commit yourself to become a believer that will walk in the Spirit, be led by the Spirit and no longer act in accordance with the flesh. Confess and repent of every work of the flesh that is evident in your life and community. Repent of the prevalence of seeking fleshly comfort and pleasure instead of being willing to sacrifice these selfish carnal defaults so that God will be honoured and people will be loved and served to the benefit of many. Repent of abusing the liberty that Christ provides as an excuse to sin.**

Rom 8:1-9a

¹*There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. ³For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. ⁶For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. ⁷Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. ⁸So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.

Rom 8:12-15

¹²Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

Rom 12:1-2

¹I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. ²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

1 Cor 15:50

⁵⁰Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

Gal 5:13

¹³For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not *use* liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Gal 5:16

¹⁶I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Gal 5:19-21

¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Gal 5:25

²⁵If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

- 2.3. Ask God for forgiveness for running to man for help, provision and protection instead of trusting in Jesus Christ. When we lean on human ability, intellect, wisdom, strength and assistance, we deny God as our help in time of need. Pray that trust and hope in the Lord will become the norm in South Africa.**

2 Sam 22:3

³ The God of my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge; my Savior, You save me from violence. ⁴ I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies.

2 Chron 32:7,8

⁷"Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid nor dismayed before the king of Assyria, nor before all the multitude that *is* with him; for *there are* more with us than with him. ⁸"With him *is* an arm of flesh; but with us *is* the LORD our God, to help us and to fight our battles." And the people were strengthened by the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

Jer 17:5-8

⁵Thus says the LORD: "Cursed *is* the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart departs from the LORD. ⁶ For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when good comes, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, *in* a salt land *which is* not inhabited. ⁷ "Blessed *is* the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD. ⁸ For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit.

1 Cor 2:4-5

⁴And my speech and my preaching *were* not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Jam 3:14-17

¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. ¹⁵This wisdom does not descend from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, demonic. ¹⁶For where envy and self-seeking *exist*, confusion and every evil thing *are* there. ¹⁷But the wisdom

that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

- 2.4. Immoral lifestyles and behaviour has become normative in our society and even prevalent in the Church. Repent of the fleshly perversion and defilement that were allowed into your life, the Church and your community. Pray for holiness and sanctification to be proclaimed boldly and for men and women to arise that will consistently display the power of a holy life.**

Rom 6:18-23

¹⁸And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. ²⁰For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²²But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Cor 6:14-20

¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make *them* members of a harlot? Certainly not! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body *with her*? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.” ¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit *with Him*. ¹⁸Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

1 Thess 4:1-8

¹Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God; ²for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, ⁵not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord *is* the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. ⁷For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. ⁸Therefore he who rejects *this* does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.

Heb 13:4

⁴Marriage *is* honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

- 2.5. Repent of humanism and the human secular philosophies that we have leaned on and trusted in rather than the truth of God. Man has been elevated to the position of saviour through his own endeavours.**

Rom 12:2

²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

2 Cor 5:7

⁷For we walk by faith, not by sight.

2 Cor 13:4-5

⁴For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God toward you. ⁵Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.

Col 2:6-10

⁶As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, ⁷rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. ⁸Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; ¹⁰and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

- 2.6. Repent of not obeying God, for not walking in faith but walking according to sight and understanding. Repent for being unwilling to contend for the faith and rather pleasing and fearing man instead of testifying of the truth in every situation. Repent of works based religion. Pray for faith filled relationship with God to become the Christian standard.**

Matt 17:20-21

²⁰So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. ²¹“However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”

Rom 1:17

¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

2 Cor 1:9

⁹Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, ¹⁰who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver *us*,

2 Cor 10:3

³For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, ⁶and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

Gal 5:5

⁵For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. ⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

Col 1:23

²³if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Heb 11:6

⁶But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Jam 1:6-8

⁶But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸*he is* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Jud 3:3

³Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

- 2.7. Repent of the fleshly perspectives of racism, pride and hatred. Acknowledge where you have perpetuated unrighteous behaviour by regarding people according to their culture, race and background. In Christ the differences that divided us is overcome and we are called to walk in love and unity. Pray that dignity will be extended to those that are different from us because God created them. Pray for individuals and communities to no longer trust in carnal opinions and stereotypes but for reconciliation in Christ to become the standard. Pray that the strongholds of hatred in society will be demolished. We dare not view people any longer according to the flesh. We must become one in Christ; establish unity in the Body of Christ and harmony in our communities.**

Ps 133:1-3

¹ Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity! ² *It is* like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments. ³ *It is* like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there the LORD commanded the blessing— life forevermore.

Prov 28:25-26

²⁵ He who is of a proud heart stirs up strife, but he who trusts in the LORD will be prospered. ²⁶ He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, but whoever walks wisely will be delivered.

2 Cor 5:14-16

¹⁴For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; ¹⁵and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. ¹⁶Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him thus* no longer.

Gal 2:26-29

²⁶For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Eph 4:1-5

¹I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, ²with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, ³endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴*There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

Gal 6:8

⁸For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. ⁹And 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.

Ps 31:19-10

¹⁹ Oh, how great *is* Your goodness, which You have laid up for those who fear You, *which* You have prepared for those who trust in You in the presence of the sons of men! ²⁰ You shall hide them in the secret place of Your presence from the plots of man; You shall keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

Ps 40:4

⁴ Blessed *is* that man who makes the LORD his trust, and does not respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

Ps 44:6-7

⁶ For I will not trust in my bow, nor shall my sword save me. ⁷ But You have saved us from our enemies, and have put to shame those who hated us.

Ps 56:3-4

³ Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. ⁴ In God (I will praise His word), in God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?

Gal 5:16-25

¹⁶I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ²⁴And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

3. WAVE TWO: PRAYING ABOUT TRUSTING IN PRINCES

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3.1. Declare and acknowledge Jesus as the prince of peace. Confess God as the only and final authority in your life. Intercede that people will return to trusting God, rather than prominent and powerful people.

Ps 31:19

¹⁹ Oh, how great *is* Your goodness, which You have laid up for those who fear You, *which* You have prepared for those who trust in You in the presence of the sons of men!

Ps 62:8-9

⁸ Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your heart before Him; God *is* a refuge for us. Selah ⁹ Surely men of low degree *are* a vapor, men of high degree *are* a lie; if they are weighed on the scales, they *are* altogether *lighter* than vapor.

Ps 118:8, 9

⁸*It is* better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. ⁹*It is* better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

3.2. Repent of worshipping and honouring political hero's and figures as being our idols as if they are god like. We so easily trust men to lead us to prosperity and truth. Pray that these lies will fall. Repent of the continued elevation of national hero's that are long dead. Sinful men that trust in violence, walk in iniquity and shed blood can never redeem us, they can only cause us further destruction no matter how much they are esteemed in society. Let us pray that God alone will be given the elevated position of honour.

Ps 146:3-5

³ Do not put your trust in princes, *nor* in a son of man, in whom *there is* no help. ⁴ His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; in that very day his plans perish. ⁵ Happy *is he* who *has* the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope *is* in the LORD his God,

Is 48:11-12, 17-19

¹¹ For My own sake, for My own sake, I will do *it*; for how should *My name* be profaned? And I will not give My glory to another. ¹² "Listen to Me, O Jacob, and Israel, My called: I *am* He, I *am* the First, I *am* also the Last.

¹⁷ Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I *am* the LORD your God, Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you by the way you should go. ¹⁸ Oh, that you had heeded My commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea. ¹⁹ Your descendants also would have been like the sand, and the offspring of your body like the grains of sand; His name would not have been cut off nor destroyed from before Me."

Ezek 28:1-2

¹The word of the LORD came to me again, saying, ²"Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because your heart *is* lifted up, and you say, 'I *am* a god, I sit *in* the seat of gods, in the midst of the seas,' Yet you *are* a man, and not a god, though you set your heart as the heart of a god.

Mic 1:9-11

⁹ Now hear this, you heads of the house of Jacob and rulers of the house of Israel, who abhor justice and pervert all equity, ¹⁰ Who build up Zion with bloodshed and Jerusalem with iniquity: ¹¹ Her heads judge for a bribe, her priests teach for pay, and her prophets divine for money. Yet they lean on the LORD, and say, "Is not the LORD among us? No harm can come upon us."

Acts 12:20-24

²⁰ Now Herod had been very angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon; but they came to him with one accord, and having made Blastus the king's personal aide their friend, they asked for peace, because their country was supplied with food by the king's *country*. ²¹ So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them. ²² And the people kept shouting, "The voice of a god and not of a man!" ²³ Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died. ²⁴ But the word of God grew and multiplied.

- 3.3. Repent that many believers have run after so called 'men of God'. Confess that we have given false pastors, false prophets, apostles and spiritual leaders honour and homage that was only supposed to be given to Jesus Christ our Saviour. Ask God to cleanse every deception and religious kingdom that has opposed His true kingdom from being established through churches and ministries in our nation.**

Jer 2:26, 27

²⁶ "As the thief is ashamed when he is found out, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they and their kings and their princes, and their priests and their prophets, ²⁷ Saying to a tree, 'You are my father,' and to a stone, 'You gave birth to me.' for they have turned *their* back to Me, and not *their* face. But in the time of their trouble they will say, 'Arise and save us.'

Ezek 22:25-26, 28

²⁵ "The conspiracy of her prophets in her midst is like a roaring lion tearing the prey; they have devoured people; they have taken treasure and precious things; they have made many widows in her midst. ²⁶ "Her priests have violated My law and profaned My holy things; they have not distinguished between the holy and unholy, nor have they made known *the difference* between the unclean and the clean; and they have hidden their eyes from My Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them.

²⁸ "Her prophets plastered them with untempered *mortar*, seeing false visions, and divining lies for them, saying, 'Thus says the Lord GOD,' when the LORD had not spoken.

Acts 14:11-18

¹¹ Now when the people saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian *language*, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" ¹² And Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. ¹³ Then the priest of Zeus, whose temple was in front of their city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, intending to sacrifice with the multitudes. ¹⁴ But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they tore their clothes and ran in among the multitude, crying out ¹⁵ and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them, ¹⁶ "who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways. ¹⁷ "Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness." ¹⁸ And with these sayings they could scarcely restrain the multitudes from sacrificing to them.

2 Pet 2:1-3

¹But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, *and* bring on themselves swift destruction. ²And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. ³By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

2 Pet 2:15-19

¹⁵They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the *son* of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; ¹⁶but he was rebuked for his iniquity: a dumb donkey speaking with a man's voice restrained the madness of the prophet. ¹⁷These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever. ¹⁸For when they speak great swelling *words* of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error. ¹⁹While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage.

1 Pet 5:2-4

²Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; ³nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; ⁴and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

- 3.4. Let us acknowledge our sin of allowing wicked politicians to have power over us by giving our vote and support to such that God opposes. We have desired for men to save us and lead us to prosperity, but only God is able to do that.**

Ps 2:1-5, 10-12

¹ Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? ² The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed, *saying*, ³ "Let us break their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us." ⁴ He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the LORD shall hold them in derision. ⁵ Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure...

¹⁰ Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth. ¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. ¹² Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish *in* the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all those who put their trust in Him.

Is 1:23

²³ Your princes *are* rebellious, and companions of thieves; everyone loves bribes, and follows after rewards. They do not defend the fatherless, nor does the cause of the widow come before them.

Is 19:13, 14

¹³ The princes of Zoan have become fools; the princes of Noph are deceived; they have also deluded Egypt, *those who are* the mainstay of its tribes. ¹⁴ The LORD has mingled a perverse spirit in her midst; and they have caused Egypt to err in all her work, as a drunken man staggers in his vomit.

Jer 1:18, 19

¹⁸ For behold, I have made you this day a fortified city and an iron pillar, and bronze walls against the whole land—against the kings of Judah, against its princes, against its priests, and against the people of the land. ¹⁹ They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you. For I *am* with you,” says the LORD, “to deliver you.”

Ezek 22:6-7, 27

⁶“Look, the princes of Israel: each one has used his power to shed blood in you. ⁷“In you they have made light of father and mother; in your midst they have oppressed the stranger; in you they have mistreated the fatherless and the widow.

²⁷“Her princes in her midst *are* like wolves tearing the prey, to shed blood, to destroy people, and to get dishonest gain.

Dan 4:24-25, 27

²⁴this is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king: ²⁵They shall drive you from men, your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make you eat grass like oxen. They shall wet you with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over you, till you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses.

²⁷Therefore, O king, let my advice be acceptable to you; break off your sins by *being* righteous, and your iniquities by showing mercy to *the* poor. Perhaps there may be a lengthening of your prosperity.”

Dan 9:8-9

⁸“O Lord, to us *belongs* shame of face, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against You. ⁹“To the Lord our God *belong* mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him.

Hos 8:3, 4

³ Israel has rejected the good; the enemy will pursue him. ⁴ “They set up kings, but not by Me; they made princes, but I did not acknowledge *them*. From their silver and gold they made idols for themselves— that they might be cut off.

- 3.5. Repent of the place that is given to influential people and celebrities in our society. How we lean on their influence and opinions rather than standing on the truth of God. How often do we give vile people and wicked men and women the right to influence our communities simply because of their fame or notoriety? Pray that people of character, humility and integrity alone will be allowed to influence our communities.**

1 Sam 2:30

³⁰“Therefore the LORD God of Israel says: ‘I said indeed *that* your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever.’ But now the LORD says: ‘Far be it from Me; for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.

Is 29:15-16

¹⁵ Woe to those who seek deep to hide their counsel far from the LORD, and their works are in the dark; they say, “Who sees us?” and, “Who knows us?” ¹⁶ Surely you have things turned around! Shall the potter be esteemed as the clay; for shall the thing made say of him who made it, “He did not make me”? or shall the thing formed say of him who formed it, “He has no understanding”?

Is 53:3

³ He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; he was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

Dan 8:24-25

²⁴ His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; he shall destroy fearfully, and shall prosper and thrive; he shall destroy the mighty, and *also* the holy people. ²⁵ “Through his cunning he shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule; and he shall exalt *himself* in his heart. He shall destroy many in *their* prosperity. He shall even rise against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without *human* means.

Luk 16:15

¹⁵ And He said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

1 Cor 1:26-30

²⁶ For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*. ²⁷ But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; ²⁸ and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, ²⁹ that no flesh should glory in His presence. ³⁰ But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—³¹ that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.”

1 Cor 6:2-5

² Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? ³ Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life? ⁴ If then you have judgments concerning things pertaining to this life, do you appoint those who are least esteemed by the church to judge? ⁵ I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you, not even one, who will be able to judge between his brethren?

Gal 1:10-11

¹⁰ For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ. ¹¹ But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.

Phil 2:3-9

³ *Let nothing be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. ⁴ Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. ⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death*, even the death of the cross. ⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

1 Thess 5:12

¹² And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, ¹³ and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.

Jam 2:8-9

⁸If you really fulfill *the* royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well; ⁹but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

- 3.6. How easily we pander for the favour of people with money and connections. We will do anything for the rich because of their wealth but we dishonour less fortunate people. We hope to gain the favour of those that can richly reward us instead of trusting God to reward us for serving all equally because it pleases Him.**

1 Sam 2:7-9

⁷ The LORD makes poor and makes rich; He brings low and lifts up. ⁸ He raises the poor from the dust *and* lifts the beggar from the ash heap, to set *them* among princes and make them inherit the throne of glory. “For the pillars of the earth *are* the LORD’s, and He has set the world upon them. ⁹ He will guard the feet of His saints, but the wicked shall be silent in darkness. “For by strength no man shall prevail.

1 Sam 25:2-3, 25

²Now *there was* a man in Maon whose business was in Carmel, and the man was very rich. He had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats. And he was shearing his sheep in Carmel. ³The name of the man was Nabal, and the name of his wife Abigail. And *she was* a woman of good understanding and beautiful appearance; but the man was harsh and evil in *his* doings. And he was of the house of Caleb.

²⁵“Please, let not my lord regard this scoundrel Nabal. For as his name *is*, so *is* he: Nabal *is* his name, and folly *is* with him.

Ps 49:6-8

⁶ Those who trust in their wealth and boast in the multitude of their riches, ⁷ None of *them* can by any means redeem *his* brother, Nor give to God a ransom for him— ⁸ For the redemption of their souls *is* costly, and it shall cease forever—

Ps 49:16-20

¹⁶ Do not be afraid when one becomes rich, when the glory of his house is increased; ¹⁷ For when he dies he shall carry nothing away; his glory shall not descend after him. ¹⁸ Though while he lives he blesses himself (For *men* will praise you when you do well for yourself), ¹⁹ He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light. ²⁰ A man *who is* in honor, yet does not understand, is like the beasts *that* perish.

Prov 22:16-17

¹⁶ He who oppresses the poor to increase his *riches*, and he who gives to the rich, *will* surely *come* to poverty. ¹⁷ Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise, and apply your heart to my knowledge;

Prov 28:10-11

¹⁰Whoever causes the upright to go astray in an evil way, he himself will fall into his own pit; but the blameless will inherit good. ¹¹ The rich man *is* wise in his own eyes, but the poor who has understanding searches him out.

Jam 2:5-6

⁵Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world *to be* rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you and drag you into the courts?

- 3.7. Repent of expecting governmental leaders to be perfect and supply all our needs and desires. Ask God forgiveness for your words that criticised and complained about leaders because we have put our hopes in them instead of God. Intercede for national leaders as an act of trust in God not in them. Only He is able to raise up godly leaders for our nation.**

Is 40:23-25

²³ He brings the princes to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth useless. ²⁴ Scarcely shall they be planted, scarcely shall they be sown, scarcely shall their stock take root in the earth, when He will also blow on them, and they will wither, and the whirlwind will take them away like stubble. ²⁵ "To whom then will you liken Me, or *to whom* shall I be equal?" says the Holy One.

Ezek 45:8-9

⁸"The land shall be his possession in Israel; and My princes shall no more oppress My people, but they shall give *the rest of* the land to the house of Israel, according to their tribes." ⁹Thus says the Lord GOD: "Enough, O princes of Israel! Remove violence and plundering, execute justice and righteousness, and stop dispossessing My people," says the Lord GOD.

1 Cor 10:9-11

⁹nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; ¹⁰nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

4. WAVE THREE: PRAYING ABOUT TRUSTING IN WEALTH / RICHES

We want to remind you to pray the following prayer points as it relates to three levels. Firstly concerning you **personally**, secondly **for the Church** of the Lord Jesus Christ in South Africa and lastly **for the nation** in general. We have to start with ourselves and the church. We cannot expect change in the greater South African society if we who claim to serve Jesus are not correctly aligned to God ourselves!

We will start by looking at the right alignment to Jesus the true Rock. We will pray about the instructions in Scripture on how to live a life aligned with God's priorities. From there we will bring repentance for the different sinful ways in which we trusted in wealth and riches rather than in God. Make use of the Scriptures provided to intercede for these issues.

- 4.1. Declare that Jesus Christ and God as Elshadai is your only source of provision, blessing and life. Repent where He was not God of all in your life and where you trusted in riches and looked to other sources in your life. Intercede for righteousness to become visible in the area of finances.**

Deut 8:17-18

¹⁷"then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.' ¹⁸"And you shall remember the LORD your God, for *it is* He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as *it is* this day.

Ps 37:16

¹⁶ A little that a righteous man has is better than the riches of many wicked.

Ps 49:6-7

⁶ Those who trust in their wealth and boast in the multitude of their riches, ⁷ None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him— ⁸ For the redemption of their souls is costly, and it shall cease forever— ⁹ That he should continue to live eternally, and not see the Pit.

Ps 62:9

¹⁰ Do not trust in oppression, nor vainly hope in robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

Ps 112: 1-

¹Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, Who delights greatly in His commandments. ² His descendants will be mighty on earth; the generation of the upright will be blessed. ³ Wealth and riches will be in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

Prov 23:4-5

⁴ Do not overwork to be rich; because of your own understanding, cease! ⁵ Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away like an eagle toward heaven.

Prov 30:8-9

⁸ Remove falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches— feed me with the food allotted to me; ⁹ Lest I be full and deny You, and say, “Who is the LORD?” or lest I be poor and steal, and profane the name of my God.

Mark 10:23-25 (Luk 18:24-27)

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, “Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵“It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

- 4.2. Acknowledge where you allowed materialism to have sway on your life. Repent of wanting to get rich quickly and being willing to walk in unrighteousness for financial gain. Declare that you will only serve and trust Jesus Christ and not allow mammon to influence decisions and actions in your life.**

Jer 17:11

¹¹ “As a partridge that broods but does not hatch, so is he who gets riches, but not by right; it will leave him in the midst of his days, and at his end he will be a fool.”

Luk 12:15-20

¹⁵And He said to them, “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.” ¹⁶Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. ¹⁷“And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’ ¹⁸“So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. ¹⁹“And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.’ ²⁰“But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’ ²¹“So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

Luk 16:11-13

¹¹“Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true *riches*? ¹²“And if you have not been faithful in what is another man’s, who will give you what is your own? ¹³“No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

1 Tim 6:8-11

⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of evil*, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. ¹¹But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

4.3. Repent of the idolatry of greed and covetousness in your life, the Church and the nation at large. Pray for this vice to be cleansed out of our communities and for people to become willing to live for the benefit of those around them.

Ex 18:21

²¹“Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place *such* over them *to be* rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

Ps 52:6-7

⁶ The righteous also shall see and fear, and shall laugh at him, *saying*, ⁷ “Here is the man *who* did not make God his strength, but trusted in the abundance of his riches, *and* strengthened himself in his wickedness.”

Ps 119:36-38

³⁶ Incline my heart to Your testimonies, and not to covetousness. ³⁷ Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, *and* revive me in Your way. ³⁸ Establish Your word to Your servant, who *is devoted* to fearing You.

Prov 28:16

¹⁶ A ruler who lacks understanding *is* a great oppressor, *but* he who hates covetousness will prolong *his* days.

Prov 28:22

²² A man with an evil eye hastens after riches, and does not consider that poverty will come upon him.

Is 44:9-10

⁹ Those who make an image, all of them *are* useless, and their precious things shall not profit; they *are* their own witnesses; they neither see nor know, that they may be ashamed. ¹⁰ Who would form a god or mold an image *that* profits him nothing?

Is 57:16-17

¹⁶ For I will not contend forever, nor will I always be angry; for the spirit would fail before Me, and the souls *which* I have made. ¹⁷ For the iniquity of his covetousness I was angry and struck him; I hid and was angry, and he went on backsliding in the way of his heart.

Jer 8:10 (Jer 6:13)

¹⁰ Therefore I will give their wives to others, *and* their fields to those who will inherit *them*; because from the least even to the greatest everyone is given to covetousness; from the prophet even to the priest everyone deals falsely.

Jer 22:17

¹⁷ “Yet your eyes and your heart *are* for nothing but your covetousness, for shedding innocent blood, and practicing oppression and violence.”

Heb 13:5

⁵ *Let your* conduct *be* without covetousness; *be* content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Col 3:5

⁵ Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

- 4.4. Repent of spending so much time and effort in the acquiring of possessions and stuff, trusting in such things to satisfy you instead of God. Ask God to forgive you for wasting your life on what does not benefit and in the process opening doors for the enemy to steal the true riches of the kingdom that God intended you to have.**

Eccl 4:8

⁸ There is one alone, without companion: he has neither son nor brother. Yet *there is* no end to all his labors, nor is his eye satisfied with riches. *But he never asks*, “For whom do I toil and deprive myself of good?” This also *is* vanity and a grave misfortune.

Eccl 5:12-15

¹² The sleep of a laboring man *is* sweet, whether he eats little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not permit him to sleep. ¹³ There is a severe evil *which* I have seen under the sun: riches kept for their owner to his hurt. ¹⁴ But those riches perish through misfortune; when he begets a son, *there is* nothing in his hand. ¹⁵ As he came from his mother’s womb, naked shall he return, to go as he came; and he shall take nothing from his labor which he may carry away in his hand.

Matt 13:22 (Mark 4:19, Luk 8:14))

²² “Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

- 4.5. Repent of building a life characterised by self, seeking our own benefit. Investing to obtain advancement for yourself while not caring about others and their needs. Ask God to help you and others in the Church and community to invest their lives to building, uplifting and benefiting others. Repent of not looking after the poor, the widow and the orphan.**

Prov 11:27-28

²⁷ He who earnestly seeks good finds favor, but trouble will come to him who seeks *evil*. ²⁸ He who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like foliage.

Is 55:1-3

¹ “Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend money for *what is* not bread, and your wages for *what* does not satisfy? Listen carefully to

Me, and eat *what is* good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance. ³ Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you—the sure mercies of David.

1 Tim 6:17-19

¹⁷Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. ¹⁸*Let them* do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, ¹⁹storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

Jam 1:27

²⁷Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, *and* to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

Jam 3:16

¹⁶For where envy and self-seeking *exist*, confusion and every evil thing *are* there.

Jam 5:1-5

¹Come now, *you* rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon *you!* ²Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. ³Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days. ⁴Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. ⁵You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury; you have fattened your hearts as in a day of slaughter.

- 4.6. Repent of not investing material things and finances into the work of the kingdom of God. Confess that Christians do not tithe or sacrificially give to build God's kingdom nor to see the gospel brought to unreached peoples in the world, because they would rather spend the money on temporal pleasures. Pray that the sacrificial investment of finances for the benefit of all will become common place.**

Mal 3:7-12

⁷ Yet from the days of your fathers you have gone away from My ordinances and have not kept *them*. Return to Me, and I will return to you," Says the LORD of hosts. "But you said, 'In what way shall we return?' ⁸ "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. ⁹ You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, *even* this whole nation. ¹⁰ Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you *such* blessing that *there will* not be room enough *to receive it*. ¹¹ "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," says the LORD of hosts; ¹² "And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land," Says the LORD of hosts.

Luk 6:38

³⁸"Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

Luk 12:31-34

³¹“But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. ³²“Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³“Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. ³⁴“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Acts 20:35

³⁵“I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

2 Cor 9:6-

⁶But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. ⁹As it is written: “He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.” ¹⁰Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, ¹¹while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. ¹²For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, ¹³while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men, ¹⁴and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you.

Eph 4:26

²⁸Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

Phil 4:14-20

¹⁴Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress. ¹⁵Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. ¹⁶For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities. ¹⁷Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. ¹⁸Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. ²⁰Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Jam 2:14-17

¹⁴What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? ¹⁷Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

- 4.7. Repent of not trusting God when it comes to risks and dangers in your life. So many people trust in insurance, life cover and other policies. Others play the Lotto and run after the goddess of luck in the hope of becoming rich. Thus the enemy obtains legal right in our lives to steal from us. We should entrust our all into the hands of God and not for a moment entrust our lives to the worlds promises of quick rich schemes and defective financial solutions.**

Ps 121:1-8

¹I will lift up my eyes to the hills—from whence comes my help? ²My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. ³He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. ⁴Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. ⁶The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. ⁸The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore.

Ps 91:1-7

¹He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. ²I will say of the LORD, “*He is* my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him I will trust.” ³Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler *and* from the perilous pestilence. ⁴He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth *shall be your* shield and buckler. ⁵You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, *nor* of the arrow *that* flies by day, ⁶*Nor* of the pestilence *that* walks in darkness, *nor* of the destruction *that* lays waste at noonday. ⁷A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; *but* it shall not come near you.

Prov 11:4

⁴ Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.

Prov 28:20, 22

²⁰A faithful man will abound with blessings, but he who hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.

²²A man with an evil eye hastens after riches, and does not consider that poverty will come upon him.

Is 65:11-12

¹¹“But you *are* those who forsake the LORD, who forget My holy mountain, who prepare a table for Gad (god of luck), and who furnish a drink offering for Meni (goddess of fate / fortune). ¹² Therefore I will number you for the sword, and you shall all bow down to the slaughter; because, when I called, you did not answer; when I spoke, you did not hear, but did evil before My eyes, and chose *that* in which I do not delight.”

Matt 6:19-22

¹⁹“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰“but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ²²“The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. ²³“But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great *is* that darkness!

Luk 12:4-7

⁴“And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. ⁵“But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him! ⁶“Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God. ⁷“But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Luk 12:16-20

¹⁶Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. ¹⁷And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' ¹⁸So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, *and* be merry." ' ²⁰But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' ²¹So *is* he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Jam 5:1-

¹Come now, *you* rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon *you*! ²Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. ³Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days.

5. WAVE FOUR: PRAYING ABOUT TRUSTING IN FALSE GODS AND FALSEHOOD

We want to remind you to pray the following prayer points as it relates to three levels. Firstly concerning you **personally**, secondly **for the Church** of the Lord Jesus Christ in South Africa and lastly **for the nation** in general. We have to start with ourselves and the church. We cannot expect change in the greater South African society if we who claim to serve Jesus are not correctly aligned to God ourselves!

We will start by looking at the right alignment to Jesus the true Rock. We will pray about the instructions in Scripture on how to live a life aligned with God's priorities. From there we will bring repentance for the different sinful ways in which we trusted in false gods rather than in God. Make use of the Scriptures provided to intercede for these issues.

5.1. Acknowledge God at the beginning of this week as the only true God. The Creator of heaven and earth, the One that is worthy of our praise, complete service and obedience. Declare that there is no other name in the heavens and on earth that should be acknowledge in our lives, the Church and the whole of South Africa.

Ex 20:3-4

³You shall have no other gods before Me. ⁴You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of *anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth; ⁵you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me, ⁶but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

Deut 8:19

¹⁹Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the LORD your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish. ²⁰As the nations which the LORD destroys before you, so you shall perish, because you would not be obedient to the voice of the LORD your God.

Ps 31:6

⁶ I have hated those who regard useless idols; but I trust in the LORD.

Is 45:21-22

²¹ Tell and bring forth *your case*; yes, let them take counsel together. Who has declared this from ancient time? *Who* has told it from that time? *Have* not I, the LORD? And *there is* no other God besides Me, a just God and a Savior; *there is* none besides Me. ²² “Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I *am* God, and *there is* no other.

Jer 2:11-13

¹¹ Has a nation changed *its* gods, which *are* not gods? But My people have changed their Glory for *what* does not profit. ¹² Be astonished, O heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid; be very desolate,” says the LORD. ¹³ “For My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, *and* hewn themselves cisterns—broken cisterns that can hold no water.

Acts 4:10-12

¹⁰“let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. ¹¹“This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’ ¹²“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

1 Cor 8:4-6

⁴Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol *is* nothing in the world, and that *there is* no other God but one. ⁵For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords), ⁶yet for us *there is* one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom *are* all things, and through whom we *live*.

5.2. Repent of the worship of ancestral spirits, the honouring of the dead and trusting in other spirits to facilitate our relationship with God or the spiritual dimension. Intercede for communities to turn their backs on these traditions and to choose Christ as the only mediator and trustworthy help.

Lev 19:31

³¹“Give no regard to mediums and familiar spirits; do not seek after them, to be defiled by them: I *am* the LORD your God.

Deut 18:10-

¹⁰“There shall not be found among you *anyone* who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, *or one* who practices witchcraft, *or* a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, ¹¹“or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. ¹²“For all who do these things *are* an abomination to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you. ¹³“You shall be blameless before the LORD your God. ¹⁴“For these nations which you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as for you, the LORD your God has not appointed such for you.

Is 57:3-8

³“But come here, you sons of the sorceress, you offspring of the adulterer and the harlot! ⁴Whom do you ridicule? Against whom do you make a wide mouth *and* stick out the tongue? *Are* you not children of transgression, offspring of falsehood, ⁵ Inflaming yourselves with gods under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys, under the clefts of the rocks? ⁶Among the smooth *stones* of the stream is your portion; they, they, *are* your lot! Even to them you have poured a drink offering, you have offered a grain offering. Should I receive

comfort in these? ⁷“On a lofty and high mountain you have set your bed; EVEN there you went up to offer sacrifice. ⁸Also behind the doors and their posts you have set up your remembrance; for you have uncovered yourself *to those other* than Me, and have gone up to them; you have enlarged your bed and made *a covenant* with them; you have loved their bed, where you saw *their* nudity.

Is 65:2-4

² I have stretched out My hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way *that is* not good, according to their own thoughts; ³ A people who provoke Me to anger continually to My face; who sacrifice in gardens, and burn incense on altars of brick; ⁴ Who sit among the graves, and spend the night in the tombs; who eat swine’s flesh, and the broth of abominable things is *in* their vessels.

1 Tim 2:5-6

⁵For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,

- 5.3. Repent of the religious spirit at work in so many churches and the influence of deceiving spirits that cause churches to compromise the truth of God. Acknowledge our wrongful trust in theology and dogma, rituals and traditions of men. Pray that our nation will return to God and call on Him in prayer, having full confidence that He only is able to bring us forward.**

Jer 7:8-11

⁸“Behold, you trust in lying words that cannot profit. ⁹“Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods whom you do not know, ¹⁰“and *then* come and stand before Me in this house which is called by My name, and say, ‘We are delivered to do all these abominations?’ ¹¹“Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of thieves in your eyes? Behold, I, even I, have seen *it*,” says the LORD.

Matt 15:6-9

⁶‘then he need not honor his father or mother.’ Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. ⁷“Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: ⁸ ‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with *their* lips, but their heart is far from Me. ⁹ And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ ”

Mark 7:8-9, 13

⁸“For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men—the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do.” ⁹He said to them, “*All too* well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.

¹³“making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

Col 2:8

⁸Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

1 Pet 1:18-21

¹⁸knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. ²⁰He indeed was foreordained before

the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you ²¹who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

1 Tim 4:1-3

¹Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, ²speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, ³forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

2 Tim 3:13-17

¹³But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, ¹⁵and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- 5.4. Repent of atheism and secular unbelief. Ask God to forgive us for allowing the lie of tolerance, thereby discarding eternal and absolute truth so that we can be comfortable and free to live as we deem fit. Repent of having more trust in science and human reasoning than in the truth and faith in God.**

1 Cor 1:20-31

²⁰Where *is* the wise? Where *is* the scribe? Where *is* the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. ²²For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; ²³but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*. ²⁷But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; ²⁸and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, ²⁹that no flesh should glory in His presence. ³⁰But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption— ³¹that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.”

1 Cor 3:18-21

¹⁸Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. ¹⁹For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their *own* craftiness”; ²⁰and again, “The LORD knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.” ²¹Therefore let no one boast in men.

Col 2:6-9

⁶As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, ⁷rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. ⁸Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

⁹For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; ¹⁰and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

Jam 3:13-17

¹³Who *is* wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct *that* his works *are done* in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. ¹⁵This wisdom does not descend from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, demonic. ¹⁶For where envy and self-seeking *exist*, confusion and every evil thing *are* there. ¹⁷But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

- 5.5. Repent of witchcraft, all forms of idolatry, New Age and alternative belief systems that people build their lives on and pursue in our nation. Ask forgiveness for directing our lives according to gurus, sangomas and false teachers while ignoring the prescripts of God's Word. Pray that God's Word will be elevated to the ultimate standard on which all in our communities must be established.**

Deut 18:10-

¹⁰There shall not be found among you *anyone* who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, *or one* who practices witchcraft, *or* a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, ¹¹*or* one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. ¹²For all who do these things *are* an abomination to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you. ¹³You shall be blameless before the LORD your God. ¹⁴For these nations which you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as for you, the LORD your God has not appointed such for you.

2 Kings 17:16-18

¹⁶So they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, made for themselves a molded image *and* two calves, made a wooden image and worshiped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. ¹⁷And they caused their sons and daughters to pass through the fire, practiced witchcraft and soothsaying, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger. ¹⁸Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them from His sight; there was none left but the tribe of Judah alone.

Is 31:6

⁶Return *to Him* against whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted. ⁷For in that day every man shall throw away his idols of silver and his idols of gold—sin, which your own hands have made for yourselves.

Is 42:17-18

¹⁷ They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, who trust in carved images, who say to the molded images, 'You *are* our gods.' ¹⁸ "Hear, you deaf; and look, you blind, that you may see.

Jer 1:16

¹⁶I will utter My judgments against them concerning all their wickedness, because they have forsaken Me, burned incense to other gods, and worshiped the works of their own hands.

Hab 2:18-19

¹⁸ "What profit is the image, that its maker should carve it, the molded image, a teacher of lies, that the maker of its mold should trust in it, to make mute idols? ¹⁹ Woe to him who says

to wood, 'Awake!' To silent stone, 'Arise! It shall teach!' behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, yet in it there is no breath at all.

1 Cor 10:14, 19-22

¹⁴Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. ¹⁵I speak as to wise men; judge for yourselves what I say.

¹⁹What am I saying then? That an idol is anything, or what is offered to idols is anything?

²⁰Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons. ²¹You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons.

²²Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?

- 5.6. Repent of rebelling against the Lord, being unwilling to obey His commands, rather walking in your own opinion and event justifying things that are totally contrary to God's standards. Everyone does as they please, walking after the dictates of their own hearts. Pray that the lie of relativism will be demolished and that the indestructible principles of truth will again become the standard in which people trust in our communities.**

Num 15:39

³⁹"And you shall have the tassel, that you may look upon it and remember all the commandments of the LORD and do them, and that you *may* not follow the harlotry to which your own heart and your own eyes are inclined, ⁴⁰"and that you may remember and do all My commandments, and be holy for your God.

Deut 1:43

⁴³"So I spoke to you; yet you would not listen, but rebelled against the command of the LORD, and presumptuously went up into the mountain.

Deut 12:8

⁸"You shall not at all do as we are doing here today—every man doing whatever *is* right in his own eyes.

Neh 9:16-17

¹⁶"But they and our fathers acted proudly, hardened their necks, and did not heed Your commandments. ¹⁷They refused to obey, and they were not mindful of Your wonders that You did among them. But they hardened their necks, and in their rebellion they appointed a leader to return to their bondage. But You *are* God, ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abundant in kindness, and did not forsake them.

Neh 9:26

²⁶"Nevertheless they were disobedient and rebelled against You, cast Your law behind their backs and killed Your prophets, who testified against them to turn them to Yourself; and they worked great provocations. ²⁷Therefore You delivered them into the hand of their enemies, who oppressed them; and in the time of their trouble, when they cried to You, You heard from heaven; and according to Your abundant mercies You gave them deliverers who saved them from the hand of their enemies.

1 Sam 5:22

²²Then Samuel said: "Has the LORD *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, *and* to heed than the fat of rams. ²³For rebellion *is* as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness *is* as iniquity and

idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from *being* king.”

Ps 5:10-12

¹⁰Pronounce them guilty, O God! Let them fall by their own counsels; Cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions, for they have rebelled against You. ¹¹But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name be joyful in You. ¹²For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; with favor You will surround him as *with* a shield.

Ps 107:11-13

¹¹Because they rebelled against the words of God, and despised the counsel of the Most High, ¹²Therefore He brought down their heart with labor; they fell down, and *there was* none to help. ¹³Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, *and* He saved them out of their distresses.

Prov 12:15

¹⁵The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes, but he who heeds counsel *is* wise.

Prov 21:2-3

²Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the hearts. ³To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.

Prov 30:12

¹²*There is* a generation *that is* pure in its own eyes, yet is not washed from its filthiness.

Is 1:2-3

²Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth! For the LORD has spoken: “I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against Me; ³The ox knows its owner and the donkey its master’s crib; *but* Israel does not know, My people do not consider.”

Is 5:20-21

²⁰Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! ²¹Woe to *those who are* wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

Dan 9:8-10

⁸“O Lord, to us *belongs* shame of face, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against You. ⁹“To the Lord our God *belong* mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him. ¹⁰“We have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets.

- 5.7. Let us repent of our unwillingness to suffer for Christ. Living to serve our own interest and benefit is also idolatry. We trust in a version of Christianity centred on comfort, prosperity and ease. Yet Scripture clearly calls us to a sacrificial life of righteousness where we are willing to pay a high price in serving God and reaching others for Christ. Repent of luke warmness and compromise! Pray that a deep trust in God and His sovereign involvement in our lives and the nation will cause many to live a faith that cost them much in order to see kingdom breakthroughs made possible in our nation.**

John 15:18-21

¹⁸“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you. ¹⁹“If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. ²⁰“Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. ²¹“But all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.

Acts 5:41-42

⁴¹So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. ⁴²And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

Rom 12:1-2

¹I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. ²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Phil 1:27-29

²⁷Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, ³⁰having the same conflict which you saw in me and now hear *is* in me.

1 Thess 3:3-7

³that no one should be shaken by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that we are appointed to this. ⁴For, in fact, we told you before when we were with you that we would suffer tribulation, just as it happened, and you know. ⁵For this reason, when I could no longer endure it, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor might be in vain. ⁶But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always have good remembrance of us, greatly desiring to see us, as we also *to see you*— ⁷therefore, brethren, in all our affliction and distress we were comforted concerning you by your faith.

Heb 11:24-26

²⁴By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, ²⁶esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

1 Pet 2:19-24

¹⁹For this *is* commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. ²⁰For what credit *is it* if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this *is* commendable before God. ²¹For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: ²²“Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth”;²³who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; ²⁴who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

1 Pet 3:13-17

¹³And who *is* he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, *you are* blessed. "And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled." ¹⁵But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; ¹⁶having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. ¹⁷For *it is* better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

1 Pet 4:12-16, 19

¹²Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; ¹³but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. ¹⁴If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed *are you*, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. ¹⁶Yet if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls *to Him* in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

Rev 3:16-20

¹⁶"So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. ¹⁷"Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'— and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked— ¹⁸"I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. ¹⁹"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. ²⁰"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

6. WAVE FIVE: PRAYING ABOUT TRUSTING IN HORSES AND CHARIOTS

We want to remind you to pray the following prayer points as it relates to three levels. Firstly concerning you **personally**, secondly **for the Church** of the Lord Jesus Christ in South Africa and lastly **for the nation** in general. We have to start with ourselves and the church. We cannot expect change in the greater South African society if we who claim to serve Jesus are not correctly aligned to God ourselves!

We will start by looking at the right alignment to Jesus the true Rock. We will pray about the instructions in Scripture on how to live a life aligned with God's priorities. From there we will bring repentance for the different sinful ways in which we trusted in horses and chariots (systems) rather than in God. Make use of the Scriptures provided to intercede for these issues.

- 6.1. Make a bold declaration this day that you will only trust in God and look to His kingdom as the basis of protection and provision for your life. Repent of looking to human institutions to resource and safeguard you. Pray for this nation to run to God and to look to Him for a safe and prosperous future where wickedness will be overcome and enemies will be defeated that threaten the well being of our communities.**

Ps 17:6-13

⁶I have called upon You, for You will hear me, O God; incline Your ear to me, *and* hear my speech. ⁷Show Your marvelous lovingkindness by Your right hand, O You who save those who trust *in* You from those who rise up *against* them. ⁸Keep me as the apple of Your eye; hide me under the shadow of Your wings, ⁹From the wicked who oppress me, *from* my deadly enemies who surround me. ¹⁰They have closed up their fat *hearts*; with their mouths they speak proudly. ¹¹They have now surrounded us in our steps; they have set their eyes, crouching down to the earth, ¹²As a lion is eager to tear his prey, and like a young lion lurking in secret places. ¹³Arise, O LORD, confront him, cast him down; deliver my life from the wicked with Your sword,

Ps 20:6-8

⁶ Now I know that the LORD saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven with the saving strength of His right hand. ⁷ Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the LORD our God. ⁸ They have bowed down and fallen; but we have risen and stand upright.

Ps 36:6-10

⁶Your righteousness *is* like the great mountains; Your judgments *are* a great deep; O LORD, You preserve man and beast. ⁷How precious *is* Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings. ⁸They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures. ⁹For with You *is* the fountain of life; in Your light we see light. ¹⁰Oh, continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You, and Your righteousness to the upright in heart.

Ps 57:1-2

¹Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me! For my soul trusts in You; and in the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge, until *these* calamities have passed by. ²I will cry out to God Most High, to God who performs *all things* for me.

Ps 61:2-4

²From the end of the earth I will cry to You, when my heart is overwhelmed; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. ³For You have been a shelter for me, a strong tower from the enemy. ⁴I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; I will trust in the shelter of Your wings. Selah

Ps 91:2-6

²I will say of the LORD, "*He is* my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." ³Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler *and* from the perilous pestilence. ⁴He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth *shall be* your shield and buckler. ⁵You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, *nor* of the arrow *that* flies by day, ⁶*Nor* of the pestilence *that* walks in darkness, *nor* of the destruction *that* lays waste at noonday.

Ps 144:1-3

¹Blessed *be* the LORD my Rock, who trains my hands for war, *and* my fingers for battle— ²My lovingkindness and my fortress, my high tower and my deliverer, my shield and *the One* in whom I take refuge, who subdues my people under me.

Mal 4:2-3

²But to you who fear My name the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings; and you shall go out and grow fat like stall-fed calves. ³You shall trample the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day that I do *this*," Says the LORD of hosts.

Matt 23:37

³⁷“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under *her* wings, but you were not willing! ³⁸“See! Your house is left to you desolate; ³⁹“for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, ‘Blessed *is* He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ ”

6.2. God instituted authorities and different institutions to provide strength and wholeness to every society. God had very specific boundaries and purposes for each of these institutions. They were to represent Him, His benevolent rule and intentions. Pray that God’s intent for marriage, families, government, church and community will become the standard by which our society will function and the directives to which we will align. Repent of putting your trust in human perversion of God’s institutions causing damage, division and deception.

Matt 16:18-19

¹⁸“And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹“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.”

Rom 13:1-4

¹Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. ³For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. ⁴For he is God’s minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God’s minister, an avenger to *execute* wrath on him who practices evil.

Rom 16:17-20

¹⁷Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. ¹⁸For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple. ¹⁹For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil. ²⁰And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

1 Cor 1:10-13

¹⁰Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you, but *that* you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe’s *household*, that there are contentions among you. ¹²Now I say this, that each of you says, “I am of Paul,” or “I am of Apollos,” or “I am of Cephas,” or “I am of Christ.” ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

1 Cor 12:27-31

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. ²⁸And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of

healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? ³⁰Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

- 6.3. Repent of looking to government as well as international bodies as the source of our salvation and upliftment. Modern governments have moved into functions that God have not ordained for them. We as individuals, churches and communities have trusted in the systems of government and the world. Intercede that our nation will turn to God, acknowledging that no government or international organisation can lead a nation into prosperity without God's interventions.**

Is 30:1-3

¹ "Woe to the rebellious children," says the LORD, "Who take counsel, but not of Me, and who devise plans, but not of My Spirit, that they may add sin to sin; ² Who walk to go down to Egypt, and have not asked My advice, to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt! ³ Therefore the strength of Pharaoh shall be your shame, and trust in the shadow of Egypt shall be *your* humiliation.

Is 31:1-3

¹ Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, *and* rely on horses, who trust in chariots because *they are* many, and in horsemen because they are very strong, but who do not look to the Holy One of Israel, nor seek the LORD! ² Yet He also *is* wise and will bring disaster, and will not call back His words, but will arise against the house of evildoers, and against the help of those who work iniquity. ³ Now the Egyptians *are* men, and not God; and their horses are flesh, and not spirit. when the LORD stretches out His hand, both he who helps will fall, and he who is helped will fall down; they all will perish together.

Hos 14:1

¹ O Israel, return to the LORD your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity; ² Take words with you, and return to the LORD. Say to Him, "Take away all iniquity; receive *us* graciously, for we will offer the sacrifices of our lips. ³ Assyria shall not save us, we will not ride on horses, nor will we say anymore to the work of our hands, 'You are our gods.' for in You the fatherless finds mercy."

- 6.4. Repent for looking at political parties and machinery as the instrument of liberation and future prosperity. Confess the destructive culture of political correctness and the unwillingness to stand up for the truth even when it is unpopular. We dare not trust in the human political systems of our nation. That reliance should be in God only. Pray that our nation will turn to God and that we will no longer allow human worldly systems to manipulate and control us.**

Ps 75:4-10

⁴ I said to the boastful, 'Do not deal boastfully,' and to the wicked, 'Do not lift up the horn. ⁵ Do not lift up your horn on high; do *not* speak with a stiff neck.' " ⁶ For exaltation *comes* neither from the east nor from the west nor from the south. ⁷ But God *is* the Judge: He puts down one, and exalts another. ⁸ For in the hand of the LORD *there is* a cup, and the wine is red; it is fully mixed, and He pours it out; surely its dregs shall all the wicked of the earth drain *and* drink down. ⁹ But I will declare forever, I will sing praises to the God of Jacob. ¹⁰ All the horns of the wicked I will also cut off, *but* the horns of the righteous shall be exalted."

Is 9:6-7

⁶ For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of *His* government and peace *there will be* no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

6.5. How often do we run to the courts and the judicial systems to save us? We lean on defective worldly structures that dishonour God's standards and pervert the righteousness that God has called us to. Pray that our nation will turn to God and seek His intervention rather than the superficial interventions of an adversarial system that bring people and groups into enmity with one another.

Ps 9:7-10

⁷But the LORD shall endure forever; he has prepared His throne for judgment. ⁸He shall judge the world in righteousness, and He shall administer judgment for the peoples in uprightness. ⁹The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. ¹⁰And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; for You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.

Ps 67:4-6

⁴Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, and govern the nations on earth. Selah ⁵Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You. ⁶*Then* the earth shall yield her increase; God, our own God, shall bless us. ⁷God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

Ps 72:1-4

¹Give the king Your judgments, O God, and Your righteousness to the king's Son. ²He will judge Your people with righteousness, and Your poor with justice. ³The mountains will bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness. ⁴He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the children of the needy, and will break in pieces the oppressor.

Is 10:1-2

¹Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees, who write misfortune, *which* they have prescribed. ²To rob the needy of justice, and to take what is right from the poor of My people, that widows may be their prey, and *that* they may rob the fatherless.

John 5:30-31

³⁰"I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me. ³¹"If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true. ³²"There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true. ³³"You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth.

1 Cor 6:1-6

¹Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints? ²Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? ³Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life? ⁴If then you have judgments concerning things pertaining to this life, do you appoint those who are least esteemed by the church to judge? ⁵I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you, not even one, who will be able to judge between his brethren? ⁶But brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers!

- 6.6. How often in our history have we trusted in our cultural background, our nationality or people group as the source of our identity and stability? Cultural systems and communal norms have often been honoured more than the instructions of Scripture. Repent for leaning disproportionately on the corporate empowerment of your people group. Pray that the kingdom of God will supersede all cultural directives and that our identity and self worth will be rooted in Jesus Christ not in mere communal similarities.**

Luk 10:33-37

³³“But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴“So he went to *him* and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵“On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’ ³⁶“So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?” ³⁷And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

John 4:9-14

⁹Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, “How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. ¹⁰Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.” ¹¹The woman said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? ¹²“Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?” ¹³Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, ¹⁴“but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

Gal 5:26-29

²⁶For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you *are* Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

- 6.7. We live in a country with high levels of crime. Many people are fearful and trust in and turn to security companies, the police and other physical protective measures to be safe. Repent of trusting others instead of God. Pray that heaven will intervene and that our communities will experience peace and safety because of God’s presence, in response to us calling on His name for our communities.**

Neh 4:14

¹⁴And I looked, and arose and said to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the rest of the people, “Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses.”

Prov 3:25-26

²⁵Do not be afraid of sudden terror, nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes; ²⁶For the LORD will be your confidence, and will keep your foot from being caught.

Is 41:10-12

¹⁰Fear not, for I *am* with you; be not dismayed, for I *am* your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.' ¹¹"Behold, all those who were incensed against you shall be ashamed and disgraced; they shall be as nothing, and those who strive with you shall perish. ¹²You shall seek them and not find them— those who contended with you. Those who war against you.

Is 54:17

¹⁷No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue *which* rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* from Me," says the LORD.

Is 59:19-20

¹⁹So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun; when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him. ²⁰"The Redeemer will come to Zion, and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," Says the LORD.

Joel 2:21-23

²¹ Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done marvelous things! ²²Do not be afraid, you beasts of the field; for the open pastures are springing up, and the tree bears its fruit; tThe fig tree and the vine yield their strength. ²³Be glad then, you children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God;

Luk 12:4-7

⁴"And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. ⁵"But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him! ⁶"Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God. ⁷"But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

1 Pet 2:14-15

¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, *you are* blessed. "And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled." ¹⁵But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

Rev 1:17

¹⁷And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸"I *am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.