

But God...

Praying 24-7 for justice in our communities

And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. (Luke 18:7-8a NIV).



24-7 PRAYER FOR REVIVAL 13-19 February 2023

MONDAY: 13 FEBRUARY 2023

MENTAL HEALTH

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7).

Personal prayer focus

Do not allow fear to rule your thoughts and heart. Position yourself before God daily and look at Him until you see Him. Allow the reality and the truth of who He is to minister to your soul and allow your fears, anxieties and doubts to diminish in the light of who God is.

Statistics

- According to the World Health Organization (WHO), mental health conditions are increasing worldwide. Around 20% of the world's children and adolescents have a mental health condition, with suicide the second leading cause of death among 15-29-year-olds. Approximately one in five people in post-conflict settings have a mental health condition.
- Mental health woes are endemic in South Africa, with adverse childhood experiences, socio-economic status, geographic location, age, marital status and education levels impacting the prevalence of mental illness.

Let us pray

- Ask the Holy Spirit to make you aware of and lead you to those around you who may suffer from loneliness, depression and anxiety, and to stir your heart to reach out to them (Galatians 6:2).
- Pray to our Father of mercies and God of all comfort to hold them up with His mercy and pray for them to find their comfort in Him (Psalm 94:17-19).
- Often people who are downcast feel rejected, unloved or unable to recover from trauma or pain. Pray for friends and family to surround them with love and care. Also, ask the

Lord to reveal His perfect love that drives out *all* fear to them in a way that will cause them to surrender to His truth and not believe any lies from the enemy.

TUESDAY: 14 FEBRUARY 2023

FAMILIES

"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. (Matthew 6:31,33).

Personal prayer focus

Make a conscious decision to believe God's promise more than the circumstances you see around you.

Statistics

- In South Africa, about one-fifth (21,3%) of children aged 17 years and less, do not live with their parents.
- Europe and Central Asia have the highest numbers of children separated from their families worldwide.

Let us pray

- Ask God the Father what it means for you and your family to 'seek first His kingdom'.
 - Pray for families in distress due to war, continuous drought, or violence and abuse in families.
 - Pray for the marriages of your friends and acquaintances and those of Christian leaders.
 - Bring young people who are exposed to different views on family (at school and in the broader society), before God in earnest prayer. Pray for Christians to share with them what the God-ordained institution of the family is according to the Word of God.
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WEDNESDAY: 15 FEBRUARY 2023

GLOBAL ECONOMY

Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. (1 Timothy 6:6-8)

Personal prayer focus

Greed is one of the main causes of the economic situation the world finds itself in currently. We must remain content and thankful for what we have. Fear and selfishness are deep roots of greed.

Statistics

- Inflation is expected to decline globally in 2023, but remains high. Many economists believe a global recession is likely in 2023, barely three years after the downturn caused by the pandemic.

Let us pray

- Open your heart before God and ask Him to show you every form of greed and discontentment you have in your heart. Ask Him to show you anything that you covet that you do not need. Ask Him to show you why you want it and why you are discontented.
- Ask the Lord to reveal His love and care to you. Confess that you are dependent on Him and that you choose not to be self-reliant.
- Pray for a healthy recovery in all sectors of the economy of your country.
- Ask the Lord for a global spiritual awakening in people's hearts, enabling them to turn from greed and selfishness that contributes to so many economic woes worldwide.

THURSDAY: 16 FEBRUARY 2023

FOOD SECURITY

Give us this day our daily bread. (Matthew 6:11).

Personal prayer focus

When we pray and ask God for what we need, He will give it to us. We remain solely dependent on His grace and mercy toward us. He gives us the liberty to ask of Him, to seek Him and to knock until the answer comes (Matthew 7:7-8).

Statistics

- A record 349 million people across 79 countries are facing acute food insecurity. This constitutes a staggering rise of 200 million people compared to pre-COVID-19 pandemic levels.
- More than 900,000 people worldwide are fighting to survive in famine-like conditions. [More information](#)

Let us pray

- As you thank the Lord today for His provision of food, also focus your prayers on those who have little to eat and suffer in poverty.
- Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into the homes of the poor and poverty-stricken. Ask for the revelation of Jesus as the Bread of Life to fill their hearts and for them to accept Jesus as Saviour and Redeemer.
- Pray for Christians living in places of food insecurity concerns to seek the Lord wholeheartedly.

- Declare God's Word over the Central American Dry Corridor and Haiti, the Sahel, the Central African Republic, South Sudan, the Horn of Africa, Turkey, Syria, Yemen and Afghanistan - *The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him will praise the LORD. Let your heart live forever! All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You. For the kingdom is the LORD's, and He rules over the nations.* (Psalm 22:26-28)
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FRIDAY: 17 FEBRUARY 2023

GLOBAL ENERGY SUPPLY

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And 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. (2 Corinthians 9:6-8).

Personal prayer focus

We as Christians are called to be generous, even when we have little. We can give because we are inspired by our Maker who gives to all in need and who gives perfect gifts (Matthew 7:11, James 1:17).

Statistics

- The 2021–2023 global energy crisis began in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021, with much of the globe facing shortages and increased prices in oil, gas and electricity markets. The crisis was caused by a variety of economic factors, including the rapid post-pandemic economic rebound that outpaced the energy supply, and escalated into a widespread global energy crisis following the 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine. (Source: [Wikipedia](#)).
- The South African energy crisis is affecting all aspects of society, with ongoing periods of widespread rolling national blackouts of electricity supply. It began in the later months of 2007 and continues to the present. (Source: [Foreign Policy Magazine](#))

Let us pray

- Make a conscious decision to delight yourself in the Lord and be a cheerful giver, even in times of difficulty or crises.
- Pray for business owners, employees, the poor and the needy who have been hit the hardest by the global energy crisis. Ask the Lord to reveal Himself to them as their Provider, Shepherd and High Priest. Pray that as they call on His name, healing and comfort will flood their innermost being (Song of Songs 1:3).
- Pray for government leaders to consider renewable energy as a solution to the severe energy shortage. Call on the Lord to set engineers and leaders in place that will not give themselves to greed and bribery, but will work toward a feasible solution to benefit all

people. Also pray for people to be good stewards of energy and to run, maintain and manage the resources available.

SATURDAY: 18 FEBRUARY 2023

EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION

Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. (Colossians 3:22-24).

Personal prayer focus

Mismanagement of the employer's resources can contribute to financial loss. Commit your way to the Lord. Live in integrity before God and man, as well as in your private space.

Statistics

- School dropouts in South Africa are of great concern, with almost three out of 10 pupils aged 18 years (29,3%) and 4 out of 9 (46,3%) 19-year-olds having dropped out of school (2021 Statistics). [More information](#)
- Globally, children living in poverty are less likely to have access to school and drop out sooner. In addition, children from poor households are less represented in higher levels of education. (Source: [UNICEF](#))

Let us pray

- Ask the Lord to show you if anything you are doing in your work environment is unpleasing to Him. Confess these things and repent.
 - Pray for people in power in the education system to come to the knowledge of God.
 - Pray for godly principles to be covered in the curriculums being taught at all levels of education.
 - Ask for wisdom in preparing pupils for the current digital age and to provide opportunities for all children to have access to resources for subjects like Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.
 - Ask for the budget and resources that are made available by the government to reach all children in the country. Call on God to work in the hearts of people to sponsor and support children in poorer areas where reading material is often limited.
 - Pray for the Lord's protection over school buildings against vandalism and crime.
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SUNDAY: 19 FEBRUARY 2023

HEADS OF STATE

"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." (Deuteronomy 8:18)

Personal prayer focus

A contributing factor to our economic crisis on a personal level is that we overspend. A few practical tips that we can all benefit from:

Only buy according to your need, live a simple life, cut travelling costs by planning your daily trips and save water and electricity. Pay debts on time and refrain from borrowing money. Contribute to developing a culture where we help one another through sharing tools and knowledge.

Statistics

- Thirty of the world's countries (15%) belong to a unique group of nations that call for their heads of state to have a particular religious affiliation.
- More than half of the countries with religion-related restrictions on their heads of state (17) maintain that the office must be held by a Muslim. (Source: [Pew Research Center](#)).

Let us pray

- Pray for the head of state of your country by name.
 - According to the quoted portion of Scripture below, pray for heads of state to know that their time of influence and earthly rule is destined by God. Pray for them to have a deep sense of the responsibility given to them by God. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God the Father and Jesus Christ whom He has sent, to their hearts. Pray for them to heartily accept Jesus as the Saviour and Lord of their lives. *And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding. He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, And light dwells with Him.* (Daniel 2:21-22).
 - Pray for heads of state who follow belief systems and ideologies that do not acknowledge Our Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ His Son - for opportunities to hear the gospel and the grace to submit their lives to Christ (Romans 10:10-17).
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