

# THRIVING YOUTH

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Lamentation 2:19



## 24-7 PRAYER FOR REVIVAL 29 May – 4 June 2023

Our focus for this week:

- **Thriving Youth**

Praying for children to know God

- **Children of unreached Cities**

Praying for the children of unreached cities in Africa

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Many young people (children & youth) today struggle with confusion when it comes to gender, fatherhood, who Christ is in them, etc. Many try to find their worth in drug abuse (self-worth), sexual immorality (misplaced affection) and idolatry (worship of false gods). This month we are focusing on issues of identity in the life of our children, youth and fatherhood.

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**MONDAY: 29 MAY 2023**

**GOD FORMED EVERY CHILD**

*You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. (Psalm 139:13).*

### Let us pray

Pray for expecting parents to acknowledge that children are a gift from the Living God. Ask the Holy Spirit to inspire them to speak words of life, acceptance, and love over their unborn child.

Mention the names of orphans and adopted children before the Lord. Read Psalm 139:13-18 out loud as a declaration over these young children to know they are not desolate, forsaken or forgotten, but that God thinks about them. They are on His mind! *How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!* (Psalm 139:17)

## Salvation of cities

### BAMAKO – MALI

*And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19).*

Bamako has an estimated population of 2.81 million, of which 870,944 are children, and is located on the Niger River, near the rapids that divide the upper and middle Niger valleys in the southwestern part of the country. As families struggle to find food and a safe place to live, the education of their children suffers. In addition, children are often not protected from violence and the risk of human trafficking. Pray for salvation to spring up within Bamako's children so that they may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. Pray for every child in Bamako to know that God passionately pursues them in every season of their lives. May these children know the words of Ephesians 2:8, *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.* Pray for God's Kingdom to advance among the children of Bamako and into every corner of Mali.

### Pray a blessing

Children of Bamako, every gift God freely gives us is good and perfect, streaming down from the Father of lights, who shines from the heavens with no hidden shadow or darkness and is never subject to change (James 1:17).

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**TUESDAY: 30 MAY 2023**

**TAUGHT BY THE LORD**

*All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children. (Isaiah 54:13).*

### Let us pray

Pray for children who face hardships like chronic sicknesses, disabilities and malfunctioning households from a young age. Ask the Prince of Peace to reveal Himself to them so that they will wholeheartedly trust Him with *all* their challenges. Speak God's promise over their lives; *"The Lord is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed."* (Deuteronomy 31:8).

## Salvation of cities

### LAGOS – NIGERIA

*He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. (1 John 4:8).*

Lagos state has an estimated population of 30 million, of which 6,493,403 are children, for the Lagos metropolitan area, including the suburban area reaching far into the neighbouring Ogun State. Lagos is in southwestern Nigeria. The decision to use children in Lagos to earn income for the family has negative consequences for children's education and exposes them to undesirable street life. Children who engage in street activities have several negative developmental consequences which often manifest in their education and social life. Ask the Lord to release dreams and visions concerning the plans He has for these children. Pray for His Spirit to be poured out so that sons and daughters will prophesy, and young men will see visions. Pray for them to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Pray for God's Kingdom to advance among the children of Lagos and into every corner of Nigeria.

### Pray a blessing

Children of Lagos the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace (Numbers 6:24-26).

**WEDNESDAY: 31 MAY 2023**

**JESUS BLESSES THE CHILDREN**

*"Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them. (Mark 10:14b-16).*

**Let us pray**

Pray for children in your neighbourhood to have access to the Gospel. Also, pray for adults to be aware when they are withholding children from knowing Jesus and that they will be quick to repent of it.

Lift the children in your family before the Lord in prayer. Ask for encounters with Jesus, while they are playing, alone in their rooms or in their dreams. Pray for these encounters to be deeply imprinted in their hearts and that they will have the desire to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

**Salvation of cities**

**CONAKRY – GUINEA**

*I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. (John 10:10b).*

Conakry has an estimated population of two million. It is located on Tombo (Tumbo) Island and the Camayenne (Kaloum) Peninsula. Access to school for children with disabilities in Conakry is a concerning issue, considering the inadequacy of infrastructure to support their needs. The number of girls affected by female genital mutilation (FGM) is still high and on the rise, but there is an awareness-raising strategy relating to this practice, especially among religious leaders. Good Shepherd, you know the children of Conakry by their name and their identity is not hidden from You. Gather the children of Conakry to Yourself as a shepherd gathers the sheep, that they may know Your name. Pray for God's Kingdom to advance among the children of Conakry and into every corner of Guinea.

**Pray a blessing**

Children of Conakry be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go (Joshua 1:9).

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**THURSDAY: 1 JUNE 2023**

**CONSECRATE CHILDREN UNTO GOD**

*"Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and beast; it is Mine." (Exodus 13:2).*

**Let us pray**

Pray for young, expecting moms who fell pregnant for the first time under undesirable circumstances, to come to the knowledge of God's love and purpose for *all* children. Ask that they will know that children are a heritage from God (Psalm 127:3), they belong to Him (Exodus 13:2), and that He has formed them for His purpose (Jeremiah 1:5).

Ask that all fear, anxiety and uncertainty regarding the future that these moms-to-be are facing, will be consumed by the Truth of God's Word and the passion He has for children. Pray for the moms-to-be to live in the freedom God's Word provides.

## Salvation of cities

### N'DJAMENA – CHAD

*But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31).*

N'Djamena has an estimated population of 1.592,000 million. It is a port city at the confluence of the Logone River with the Chari River, forming a transborder agglomeration with the city of Koursséri (in Cameroon). An estimated 53% of children between the ages of 5 and 14 are working in the country, and only around 40% attend school. The situation is particularly bad for children in the refugee camps as they are exposed to many threats, including abuse, violence and sexual exploitation. Pray that the Lord will guard the children of N'Djamena's minds against harmful instruction and grant them discernment to recognise the Truth. Pray for these children not to focus their attention on what is seen (the temporary) but on what is unseen (eternal) (2 Corinthians 4:17-18). Pray for God's Kingdom to advance among the children of N'Djamena and into every corner of Chad.

### Pray a blessing

Children of N'Djamena live content with what you have, for you always have God's presence, for He has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you (Hebrews 13:5).

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## FRIDAY: 2 JUNE 2023

### CHILDREN WILL PRAISE THE LORD

*But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, 'OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES AND NURSING INFANTS YOU HAVE PERFECTED PRAISE?'" (Matthew 21:15-16).*

### Let us pray

Pray for children to be introduced to Jesus and be exposed to His transforming power daily. Pray for children to freely exclaim and proclaim the works of God. Also pray for children's workers, carers, teachers, parents, and guardians to encourage children to pray for the sick, to read Scripture out loud and to spontaneously sing songs to and about Jesus!

## Salvation of cities

### DAKAR – SENEGAL

*The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you. (Jeremiah 31:3).*

Dakar metropolitan has an estimated population of 3.94 million, of which 359,816 are children, and it is located midway between the mouths of the Gambia and Senegal rivers on the southeastern side of the Cape Verde Peninsula, close to Africa's most westerly point. Families live in extreme poverty and children as young as two years old may be sent to live at 'daaras' (schools where the Qur'an is taught to give the children a decent education, and a better chance in life) but many 'daaras' send the children out to beg on the streets to pay for their room and board and education. Begging on the streets exposes them to risks of violence, sexual abuse, disease etc. Pray for the 7,600 street children of Dakar to hear the Gospel in a simple way that turns their hearts wholeheartedly toward Jesus their Saviour. Pray for these children to grow in faith each day and that they will find their confidence in the security of His love for them. Pray for God's Kingdom to advance among the children of Dakar and into every corner of Senegal.

### **Pray a blessing**

Children of Dakar you shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him and keep His commandments and obey His voice; you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him (Deuteronomy 13:4).

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### **SATURDAY: 3 JUNE 2023**

#### **HEARING GOD'S VOICE**

*Now the boy Samuel ministered to the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation. (1 Samuel 3:1). (Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, nor was the word of the LORD yet revealed to him.) And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. So he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you did call me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD had called the boy. (1 Samuel 3:7-8).*

#### **Let us pray**

Pray for children who are curious about Jesus, speak about Him and have access to the Bible, but do not know the Lord personally yet. Ask the Holy Spirit to make adults aware of His work in the lives of children and that they will avail themselves to introduce children to Jesus; teach them how to love as defined by God's Word, in word and deed and to worship so they learn how to connect with God.

### **Salvation of cities**

#### **NIAMEY – NIGER**

*"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8-9).*

Niamey has an estimated population of 1,384,000 million and is located on the Niger River, primarily situated on the east bank. Girls are less likely to go to school than boys. About 76% of girls are married before 18; 36% of adolescent girls aged 15 to 19 have already given birth or are pregnant. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into Niamey. Pray for the children to be touched by the Gospel and for them to be drawn to Him and that they will have a desire to walk closely with God. Pray that these children will have a love and desire for God's Word and that they will have an unquenchable thirst for Truth. Pray for God's Kingdom to advance among the children of Niamey and into every corner of Niger.

### **Pray a blessing**

Children of Niamey, only fear the Lord and serve Him faithfully with all your heart. Consider what great things He has done for you (1 Samuel 12:24).

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### **SUNDAY: 4 JUNE 2023**

#### **GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

*... the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. (1 Corinthians 2:10b-12).*

#### **Let us pray**

Ask the Holy Spirit to be revealed to young children and that their ears will be inclined to His voice in their innocence. Pray for the spirit of this world not to contaminate and influence their thoughts, but that the Spirit of God will teach them the deep thoughts God thinks toward them. Pray for young children to have access to the written Word of God. Pray for parents, community workers, and carers to read Scripture to them.

## **Salvation of cities**

### **OUAGADOUGOU – BURKINA FASO**

*Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for You. (Psalm 25:21).*

Ouagadougou has an estimated population of 3,203,923 and is in the Centre Region and Kadiogo Province of Burkina Faso. Due to battles against multiple armed groups, classrooms remained empty in Ouagadougou. Many girls do not attend school because they may find themselves in early childhood marriage and the boys do not attend school because they are persuaded to join armed groups against their will. Pray for the children of Ouagadougou to see every challenge through God's eyes, eager and not afraid to share with others the good news of Jesus wherever they go. Ask Holy Spirit to comfort these children in their weaknesses and strengthen them when they cannot take another step. Pray for God's Kingdom to advance among the Ouagadougou children and into every corner of Burkina Faso.

### **Pray a blessing**

Children of Ouagadougou the Lord bless the righteous, He covers them with favour as with a shield (Psalm 5:12).

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