



# 7 DAYS OF PRAYER

AUGUST 07-13, 2023



**Join us as we intentionally seek God in prayer  
and believe for Him to move in powerful ways in 2023.**

(if you decide to fast as well as pray, see Fasting Guide in our prayer resources on the website)

**Video devotional will be on Facebook and Instagram every morning at 6am,  
from Mon 7 to Sun 13 Aug. Wed 9 Aug, there will be a devotional at 6am,  
followed by Facebook Prayer Live at 8am.**







**MONDAY 07 AUGUST  
DAY 1**



**7 DAYS  
OF PRAYER**

## **YOUR KINGDOM COME**

**Matthew 6:9-13:** Pray, then, in this way: Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer remains one of the most widely known prayers within the Christian faith. When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, He laid out a clear map for how to approach God through prayer. As we journey together through these 7 Days of Prayer, we can even dig deeper into this prayer model that Jesus gave His disciples. This model prayer powerfully expresses our needs and the needs of the world around us. We belong to a Heavenly Father who loves us, who is all powerful, and able to provide everything we need in this life and the one to come. He forgives our sins, delivers us from the darkness in the world, gives us our daily bread and we can join with him in prayer today and say, "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done!"

## **PRAYER**

Thank you, Heavenly Father that we can glorify your Name as we set ourselves to seek you corporately in this week of prayer. We declare that your Kingdom will be established through our prayers as your church prays in agreement. We pray with great expectation of the transformation that will come about because of our prayers this week. Guide us, Holy Spirit and inspire each one of us as we pray. In Jesus Name, Amen.



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**TUESDAY 08 AUGUST  
DAY 2**

### LOVE IN ACTION IS FAITH EXPRESSED.

**Colossians 1:4-5** ...because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints, the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel.

We have a relational God who loves the friendships and the loving communities that are established in His church. When outsiders see us exercising love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (fruits of the Spirit Galatians 5:22-23) toward one another, they see that the relationship we profess to have with Jesus, has made a profound difference in our lives. Love in action is faith expressed. In other words, your love for one another demonstrates the love of Christ to a world desperately in need of his love. We are a family in Christ, with spiritual bonds that go beyond normal family bonds. By showing his love to those of the household of God and to outsiders, we demonstrate His presence in our lives.

### PRAYER

Holy Spirit help us to build healthy, strong friendships with other Christ followers. We pray that we can grow in love and faith to express the heart of Jesus through our lives. We also pray that those whom we meet in our daily lives who don't know you, will see that we are his followers by the love we share and the respectful way we treat each other. We ask this in Jesus Name, Amen.





**WEDNESDAY 09 AUGUST**  
**DAY 3**



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### **NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD**

**Jeremiah 32:17** Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.

**Matthew 19:26** Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

You have probably read or heard these scriptures before. When we think of these verses and the truth revealed through them, the level of excitement and expectation in our hearts is indescribable. These verses promise that we have the privilege of serving a God who can literally do anything, and there is nothing that is impossible for Him. This is a credible fact. He opened the Red Sea; He delivered the Israelites from the slavery of the Egyptians. Over and over, he delivered the prophets of old. Through the death and resurrection of his son, he has provided the way of salvation and through the power of the shed blood of Jesus, we too have been delivered from slavery. Like Jeremiah we can say, nothing is too difficult for our God!

### **PRAYER**

Today, Jesus, we put every impossible situation in our lives before you, knowing that you are the God who moves mountains and raises valleys to make our way straight. You know the trials we face, and you will provide us with the strength and faith we need to see every impossible thing turn around to our good. Thank you for being a God who is bigger than all our problems and who is leading us through to victory. Amen.



**THURSDAY 10 AUGUST  
DAY 4**



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## **OUR NATION BELONGS TO GOD**

**Psalms 50:15-16** Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High, and call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honour me.

**Jeremiah 33:3** Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.'

We are so grateful that as a church, we can call on the Living God who is leaning in and listening to our prayer. He is more than able to do great things in our nation. The Lord loves South Africa and all her people, and His plan has always been to do her good. As we, His people, humble ourselves in prayer, He has promised that He will hear from heaven and heal our land (2 Chronicles 7:14). As Christians we are privileged to pray the will of our Father for this nation. Even in the midst of the trouble and pressure experienced in the world today, we trust Almighty God to lead us to fresh springs of joy and comfort through the power of His gospel. The good news is the power of God to bring true transformation, and as South Africans, together we trust the Word of God to bring eternal change in the hearts of all who hear and receive it.

## **PRAYER**

Father, your unfailing Word says that we can call upon you in the day of trouble; that you will answer and deliver us, and we will glorify you. We pray for revival, for the good news of Jesus to bring lasting transformation in our land. We now call on you to move mightily through your Church in the nation of South Africa. We pray for unity and the bond of peace and that you will guide those entrusted to govern South Africa and grant them the wisdom and strength to do the task well. We ask this in the Mighty Name of Jesus. Amen.





**FRIDAY 11 AUGUST**  
**DAY 5**



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## **ASK, SEEK, KNOCK....**

**Matthew 7:7** Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Wow, what an invitation to us! Ask, seek, knock. This is an open invitation to come to our Heavenly Father and ask and to keep on asking! We don't know what you are desiring from God at this time in your life but whatever it is, don't give up! Matthew 7 tells us that God is a kind and gracious Father who desires to give good gifts to His children. We all have personal needs, whether financial, relational, or spiritual. Have a look at the suggested list below. What is your personal ask of God? It may be on the list; it may be something that isn't. Whatever it is, trust that as you pray for others during these seven days, God is working on your behalf. When Job prayed for his friends after his long ordeal, the Lord gave him double what he had before.

Here are some suggestions to put on your Ask List:

- A home/car
- A job or new job
- Healing in my body
- Healing in my mind and emotions
- Freedom from addictive behaviour
- I pray for my spouse (or for a spouse if you are single)
- A child/children
- Salvation for a loved one
- Financial breakthrough

And whatever else the Holy Spirit prompts you to put on your list.



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## **PRAYER**

Lord, I commit my list to you. I know that you love me, and I fully trust and believe you are always at work in my life. I am excited about what you are going to do in me during this time of prayer. I also pray for all my friends, and for all their desires on their lists to be met. In Jesus Name, Amen.





**SATURDAY 12 AUGUST  
DAY 6**

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## **PRAYING FOR OUR CHILDREN, STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS**

**Matthew 19:14** But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children."

**Psalms 71:5** For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth.

**1 Timothy 4:12** Do not let anyone look down on you because you're young but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

Our children are our treasures, our inheritance from the Lord and future leaders of this world. As we pray for the children, students and young adults, we can know that our God cares for them and about their godly destinies even more than we do. These are the next generations that Christ is entrusting to us as parents and role models. His heart is to see children, big and small, flourishing in His Kingdom as they grow in the knowledge of God. We pray for resourcefulness and wisdom for our children, for the protection of their bodies, souls, and spirits as we give them into the hands of their Almighty Father. For those who are writing matric soon, Holy Spirit we stand in agreement as a church that you will guard their hearts and minds and give them the ability to answer every question wisely. We pray for our young adults to find their way in the world, especially for good employment and flourishing careers for them.






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Father, we place the children, students, young adults, and all our children and the children of this nation, firmly into your loving hands. Thank you that they have a bright future and a hope in you. We pray for all the children, students and young adults who don't know you or your saving love, to come to know you. We pray for all parents, guardians, educators, and role models to be able to invest godly truths into these young people. We pray this in Jesus Name. Amen.



**SUNDAY 13 AUGUST**  
**DAY 7**



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## **THANKS AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD!**

**Psalms 27:4** One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

**3 John 1:2** Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.

Well done, we've accomplished much in the spirit as we have prayed together this week. This is just the start of trusting God for greater momentum in our personal prayer times. As we have prayed into different aspects of the nation, church life, and church family, today we bring our Senior Pastors, leaders, volunteers, staff, and the different departments of New Life Church before Him. We know that it is God's desire for us to build his Church in our corner of Johannesburg. Take time today to pray that we will take new ground and territory as a church. Jesus is building his Church and the gates of Hades will not prevail against her. We are blessed to have such amazing volunteers and leaders and we continue to pray 3 John 1:2 for each one of them as well as for all our members far and wide, online and those who attend in person.

## **PRAYER**

Thank You Jesus for the Body of Christ, that as we have prayed and trusted you during this week of prayer, we will see the fruit of the prayer in the nation, our families, friends and in our local church, New Life Church. We pray for the "immeasurably more" even as the Apostle Paul prayed in Ephesians 3:20 "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us." Thank you for your power, Lord to carry us forward in an even greater wave of momentum as we continue to seek you in prayer.

God bless you and thank you for praying with us this week.