

# PRAYER MEETING – 2 JULY 2021

## THANKSGIVING

Psalm 136

1

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. *His love endures forever.*

2

Give thanks to the God of gods. *His love endures forever.*

3

Give thanks to the Lord of lords: *His love endures forever.*

4

To him who alone does great wonders, *His love endures forever.*

5

Who by his understanding made the heavens, *His love endures forever.*

6

who spread out the earth upon the waters, *His love endures forever.*

7

who made the great lights— *His love endures forever.*

8

the sun to govern the day, *His love endures forever.*

9

the moon and stars to govern the night; *His love endures forever.*

10

to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt *His love endures forever.*

11

and brought Israel out from among them *His love endures forever.*

12

with a mighty hand and outstretched arm; *His love endures forever.*

13

to him who divided the Red Sea[a] asunder *His love endures forever.*

14

and brought Israel through the midst of it, *His love endures forever.*

15

but swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea; *His love endures forever.*

16

to him who led his people through the wilderness; *His love endures forever.*

17

to him who struck down great kings, *His love endures forever.*

**18**

and killed mighty kings— *His love endures forever.*

**19**

Sihon king of the Amorites *His love endures forever.*

**20**

and Og king of Bashan— *His love endures forever.*

**21**

and gave their land as an inheritance, *His love endures forever.*

**22**

an inheritance to his servant Israel. *His love endures forever.*

**23**

He remembered us in our low estate *His love endures forever.*

**24**

and freed us from our enemies. *His love endures forever.*

**25**

He gives food to every creature. *His love endures forever.*

**26**

Give thanks to the God of heaven. *His love endures forever.*

## **CONFESSION**

1

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

2

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

3

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

4

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

5

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

6

Surely you desire truth in the inner parts [1] ; you teach [2] me wisdom in the inmost place.

7

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

8

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

9

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

10

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

11

Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

12

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

13

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.

14

Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

15

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

16

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

17

The sacrifices of God are [3] a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

18

In your good pleasure make Zion prosper; build up the walls of Jerusalem.

19

Then there will be righteous sacrifices, whole burnt offerings to delight you; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

## THE CHURCH

Ephesians 2:22

- Pray for the church to stand and Christians to be faithful and loving witnesses of their Lord and Saviour
- Matthew 19:14. Pray for the children. "Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.". Pray for God's blessings on them and other initiatives to reach out to them.
- Pray that God would provide many opportunities for children to hear whether it is through a Christian showing them Jesus love or literature or any other way.
- Pray for protection of those who courageously share God's love inspite of opposition.
- Pray for Christians who follow Jesus that they grow strong in their faith and be world chargers and changers wherever they are.
- Pray for the young people to be taught and disciplined in the truth so that they are not led astray by temptations of other offerings be it scholarships and other attractions that may lead them into other religions.
- Pray for the church to continue to stand in the gap around the world that the earth may be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea
- Pray for the multiplication of dedicated followers of Christ.
- Pray for the calling of more intercessors, advocates, missionaries to God's work.
- Our Father help us to bring your kingdom into our lives and work stations and situations today. Help us to do your will as it is done in heaven with enthusiasm, speed, excellence and youthfulness of heart. We ask this for the glory of your name.

## COVID 19 PRAYER

Almighty Father, the giver of life and health, look mercifully on those who are suffering from covid-19 and other ailments. Stretch out your hand to touch and heal them as you did. Grant wisdom and insight to those who are seeking the prevention and cure of the disease. Give skill and sympathy to those who minister to the patients, reunite the separated with their families and friends and inspire your people with the task set before covid-19, that it may never lack either the staff or the means to carry on its healing work in accordance with your will and to the glory of your Name. we ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

- ❖ Praise God for the places set for quarantine / isolation. Pray for all staff helping. Pray for practical needs of the centres, staff workers and for improved water supply, adequate funds, vehicles for transportation and improved medical facilities.
- ❖ Pray for families of the health workers
- ❖ Pray for sincerity and encouragement as they work that they will be patient with the patients
- ❖ Pray for wisdom and understanding of patients and their needs. Also people under lock down. May God's light shine through our lives in all we do. jude 1:24-25

## CHURCH FAMILY

- Pray for church members for strength in the midst of COVID 19 to their faith.
- Pray for God's favour
- Pray for music ministry, website, preachers etc as they share his love for the church and that the Holy Spirit will anoint the gospel as it goes forth
- Pray for those who have accepted Jesus Christ as their saviour to be examples and bold witnesses in their communities
- Pray for families to have a deep sense of unity and fellowship during lock down. Pray for Godly wisdom and patience in dealing with each other.
- Pray for safety for those who have to travel during lockdown
- Pray for the breakdown of stigma and fear of covid-19
- Thanksgiving for guidance. Pray that we please God in all that we do.
- Praise God for elders and deacons and pray for God's continued blessing on them.
- Pray that the Lord will bless the staff with a real sense of His power and grace and encourage them in their daily walk.
- Pray for Berachah Fellowship and their plans to build structures at the church's stand.

## ZIMBABWE

- ⇒ Pray that the practice of child marriages will end. Pray for the protection and health of those who are already forced into marriage as a child.
- ⇒ Pray for effective use of Christian media such as radio and television to reach out
- ⇒ Pray for the young people within and abroad that they will be used to take the gospel to the world.

- ⇒ Pray for the young generations to find their place and role in employment opportunities are difficult to attain. Pray for opportunities for them and for them to have hope in the future
- ⇒ Pray for Muslims to hear the truth of Jesus Christ and pray for opportunities for new ministries to begin to Muslims
- ⇒ Pray for mature God fearing leaders.

## **WORLD**

- ✓ Pray for Christians and that God uses COVID-19 to open doors to the gospel
- ✓ Pray for health workers
- ✓ Pray for Christians that God would protect them
- ✓ Pray for Christians as they share the gospel in this situation for God's guidance
- ✓ Pray for strength and patience for the church during lock down
- ✓ Pray for the disabled people so that they can encounter God's love more and more.
- ✓ Pray for God to use the uncertainty to draw people to seek the truth more urgently and find peace in Jesus
- ✓ Pray for Covid-19 victims to experience God's healing of families and come to know true fatherhood and the father in heaven.
- ✓ Pray for the many who have been affected by Covid 19 that God would meet them and heal their hearts of the all their brokenness.
- ✓ Pray for a powerful proclamation of the gospel by social media and other available means.
- ✓ Pray that multitudes might be released from fear, prejudice of covid 19.
- ✓ Pray for courage for believers to persist in following Jesus Christ our saviour whatever the cost
- ✓ Pray that the people will see that Jesus Christ is really the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world John 1:29. John 3:16 talks about God's love for the world and giving us his son.
- ✓ Pray for revival in the nations.
- ✓ Pray for salvation of unreached and unsaved.
- ✓ Pray for the less evangelised for God to raise people with a heart for people. Ephesians 2:8-9. It is by grace we are saved
- ✓ Pray for each and every patient waiting to be cured. Bless the doctors, nurses and other staff who are working in these institutions. Pray that when cured the patients leave the isolation / quarantine place they will not only be cured but put their trust in God.
- ✓ Give thanks for the Christian staff who work in these institutions and for all activities which are organised to share the gospel with the patients.

## **PERSECUTED**

- ❖ Pray for the persecuted to come to faith in Jesus Christ
- ❖ Pray for Christians to remain strong in the face of opposition
- ❖ Pray for people who are more like Joshua who will live and teach about Jesus and who will impact communities and their leaders. Matthew 28 – Go ye therefore ...
- ❖ Pray for Christians who are being persecuted, arrested, imprisoned and even sentenced to death for their faith and strength to face it
- ❖ Pray that those who may find themselves persecuted will stand in faith and witness for Christ to their tormentors