

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
FAMILY PRAYER FELLOWSHIP
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THANKSGIVING

Praise and Adoration

The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (*Psalms 27:1*)

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name. My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

(Psalm 63.1-5)

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. I declare that your steadfast love is established for ever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

(Psalm 89.1f)

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. *Psalm 95:1f, 7*

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. *(Psalm 100.4f)*

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power.
Psalm 145:8-11

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.

Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.

(Isaiah 6.3; Revelation 4.8)

CONFESSION

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

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

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

(Psalm 51.10–13, 15)

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

(1 John 1.5–7)

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbor in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.

Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

(Isaiah 1.17f)

CHURCH MINISTRIES

LADIES

To be protected and strengthened as they carry out family and other duties, Find time and opportunity to meet and share God's word through the various platforms, to continue to strive to have faith in action in this challenging Covid 19 period

MUSIC

- Pray for the commitment and strength within the team.
- We thank God for the families who have taken up the opportunity to use their gifts in music to encourage the church.
- Pray for the team to find more ways during these challenging times to be able to encourage the church in song.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Thanksgiving to God for provisions and for His protection and asking Him for more grace in giving and reaching out to others in need.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- We thank the Lord for His faithfulness in enabling the Sunday School team to faithfully prepare children's lessons throughout this pandemic period.
- We thank God for continued provision of resources and for protection of the children from the Covid 19 virus.
- Pray that God equips the teachers with appropriate skills and creativity as they prepare and present the lessons across various age groups.
- Pray for good time management and activity as teachers present the lessons.
- Pray that the parents and children will make time to listen to the lessons and apply what they are learning in their lives.
- Pray for more teachers to join the ministry.
- Pray that all the children will come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour and commit to be ambassadors for him among their peers.

WEBSITE MINISTRY

Pray for members to volunteer.

Pray for strength and wisdom.

BAPTIST UNION OF ZIMBABWE

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Please pray for

- People's faithfulness and God's provision to be able to continue meeting ministry obligations.
- People to remain encouraged and steadfast in the face of losing so many loved ones.
- God's guidance and wisdom to navigate the uncharted territory of lockdown.
- Greater commitment and participation in online ministry platforms.

HONDE VALLEY

Are thankful to God and Central Baptist for providing money to buy timber for the church roof.

CHIKANGA BAPTIST

Are in the process of raising money to pay the Zimra and mai Manje (formerly mai mufundisi Mapfumo) so that they can change the name in which the manse was registered.

MUTARE BAPTIST

Is in the process of rebuilding. Dr Musasiwa; Mr Dube and pastor Mutya are helping.

CHIMBUDZI PREACHING POINTS

under Buhera Baptist is struggling in growth.

Pastor Mutyal need your prayers for financial resources for his son who is doing medicine at Eden university in Zambia.

For all the ministry please pray for protection from covid19.
Thank you. May God continue to protect you especially from covid19.

**CHASIYATENDE BAPTIST MASVINGO
PASTOR ELIAS CHIMBI**

Please pray for our fellowship as well below:
Shongamiti, Ngundu, Mwenezi, Chihaya.

Pray for God's protection from Corona virus.
Pray for food provision on the church families.
Pray for good rains this coming season.

COVID 19

Thanksgiving for God's presence during this difficult challenging times

Pray for all service providers, such as police, drivers and public transportation workers, shop attendants and all who interact with the public.

Pray for teachers and care providers for children. Pray for all children, youth, and adults who have struggled through this period, facing physical, spiritual, and mental crises.

Pray for the sick and provision of medicines

Pray for frontline healthcare workers to be supported, protected and equipped. Pray for God's continued provision of protective clothing

Pray for children who have been left to look after their families because of sickness or death due to COVID-19 must be prioritised and supported, especially in the areas of education, nutrition.

ZIMBABWE

Pray for our leaders that they would submit to God's leadership for the sake of His will being done and for the advancement of His kingdom.

Murder cases on the increase please pray for people to value life.

Pray for the preparation of reopening of schools.

Pray for the rebuilding of the economy after Covid 19

Thanksgiving for good harvest.

Pray for a good rain season. For provisions of farming inputs to farmers.

Pray for the youth in the business world that God will prosper and encourage other youth.

Pray for the Mining industry.

Pray for the creation of more jobs.

Pray for faithful use of resources.

PERSECUTED CHURCH

- Please pray persecuted believers would know the hope God gives (Ephesians 1:18).
- Pray the Holy Spirit would strengthen them (Ephesians 3:16).
- Please pray persecuted believers would know how much God loves them (Ephesians 3:17)
- Pray they would know how to share the gospel (Ephesians 6:19).
- Please pray persecuted believers would fearlessly tell others about Jesus (Ephesians 6:20).
- Please pray persecuted believers would have access to a Bible.
- Pray they have the courage to remain in their homeland.
- Please pray for believers who have been rejected by family and friends. Pray that God would surround them with a new Christian "family" who loves them and supports them emotionally and physically.
- Pray for God to be an advocate for women who are socially vulnerable or have lost the custody of their children because of their faith.
- Please pray that God would provide persecuted believers with jobs and safe places to live.

BURUNDI

Please pray that Burundian Christians will be active, wise and loving to ensure that the Christian faith continues to be freely proclaimed in their country.

CHINA

Pray for greater freedom for churches in China, for protection for underground ministries in the nation and for them to effectively share the Gospel in their communities.

MOZAMBIQUE

Pray for protection for those vulnerable to al-Shabaab violence , for provision for

those who have been displaced and for an end to extremism in this region.

RUSSIA

Chechnya, a strongly Islamic Russian republic with a reputation for Islamist violence. Pray that many Chechen Muslims will find the fulfilment of their desires in Jesus Christ.

Pray that they will know Your presence in whatever difficulties they face, particularly those ostracised or even banished from their families as a result of trusting You. (Matthew 19:29)

SOMALIA

Pray for Somali Christians detainees to know God's presence and His strength and that they will be released soon.

TANZANIA

Pray that the Tanzanian church will support evangelistic efforts among the unreached.

Pray that Christian converts from Islam will be bold in sharing their faith.

Pray that Christian families living in predominantly Muslim areas will maintain a courageous witness.

Pray for pastors in Zanzibar who are targeted by Muslim clerics trying to eliminate Christianity.

Pray that more Tanzanian Christians will become missionaries.

UGANDA

Pray that more Ugandan churches will be willing to risk their own safety to help their persecuted brothers and sisters. Ugandan Muslims occupy many strategic positions in security, politics, law and media, despite the country having a large Christian majority. Some Ugandan Christians fear that Christian values are being systematically undermined by some of the Muslims in senior positions. Christian converts from Islam often find themselves facing difficulties because of Muslim officials. • They ask prayer that Church leaders will respond with a wise and unified strategy to counteract the Islamists' agenda.

NORTH KOREA

- Pray that the sin of idolatry will cease so that all North Koreans can serve the true God. Pray that the sins of violating and repressing human rights will be stopped so that North Koreans can enjoy and worship the God who created all of us in his image.

PAKISTAN

- Pray for current seminary and Bible college students to become faithful pastors and evangelists in the future.

NIGERIA

Pray for northern Nigeria to be rebuilt. Many places of worship are lying in ruins, pray for God's divine and miraculous restoration.

- that the Lord will arrest and convert those who are unleashing terror and spearheading the persecutions of Christians.

INDIA

- Pray for the church in India to be voice for peace, justice, equality, and harmony in the nation. Pray that the church would keep on not only speaking but also intervening on behalf of the marginalized and the oppressed. Pray that the church in India would live the values of the kingdom of God and bless and transform the nation.

Pray that the church would stand steadfast and in faith, continuing to reach out in love even to those that oppose and persecute.

- Pray for the church in India to be able to effectively train leaders to meet the need of a growing church so that both the church and the nation would be blessed. Pray for discipleship and leadership movements in different parts of India that the Lord continues to work through them to produce commendable people who engage in society with compassion and love to bring about transformation.

IRAQ

- Pray for political and security stability in the country. That Christians can feel safe returning to their villages and cities from which they were displaced since 2014. Many of them are still in Baghdad and other areas of Kurdistan. for the official registration of evangelical churches.

SAUDI ARABIA

- Pray for more caretakers for the Muslim-background believers who want to show God's love practically. Pray that they will continue to grow in God as they witness.
- Pray for church unity.

EGYPT

- Pray for God to put an end to the coronavirus pandemic that has caused the death of some leaders and pastors in churches.
- for peace to prevail in the Middle East.
- Pray for peace and protection.
- Pray for Christian students facing more surveillance and inspections than ever. Campus evangelism has become almost impossible under digital totalitarianism. Pray for perseverance and growth of Christian students.

VIETNAM

- Pray for policies and laws on religion to be implemented with a greater emphasis on religious freedom (as opposed to control), especially in rural and mountainous areas of the country. Pray for greater unity and cooperation between churches so that they have a stronger presence in public life.
- Pray for more resources for church leadership training, which was negatively impacted by the pandemic, and that they would attract greater numbers of younger Christians.

UZBEKISTAN

- Pray for more Christian to have access to theological education.
- for the many people, especially women, who are experiencing enormous psychological pressure due to the COVID-19 lockdown. A lot of people lost their jobs, and families struggle financially. Pray that God will provide the opportunities for the families to make ends meet.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

WESTERN EUROPE

Devastating floods have hit parts of western Europe after record rainfall caused swollen rivers to burst their banks. Please pray

CALIFORNIA AND GREECE

Affected heat wave causing wild fires. Please pray for affected people who have lost homes and life savings.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Pray for God's protection on the people from the negative effects brought about the changes.

CHURCH FAMILY

- Thanksgiving for the Makan'a' family please pray for their settling down.
- Pray for amai Zvobgo and her family during this difficult time of grieving.
- Pray for who are not well. Pray for others who have lost family members.
- Pray for CBC family in the diaspora.
- Pray for God's protection on marriages.
- Pray for preparation of reopening of schools.
- Pray for food provision on families who have lost their source of income
- Pray for youth and children for God's protection.