

# Jericho Walls Prayer Guide - June 2009

## But God

### Dear Intercessors

We are halfway through 2009. We have experienced something of **Psalm 46:2-7**: *...though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging ...The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.* God wants to say to us: I am there. There where you are, I am. And God is still on the throne. He still answers prayer. Yes, there are many questions. There are many things we don't understand. There are answers to prayer that we are still waiting for; for some answers we have been waiting for years. And yet, God is not deaf. May I say just this: God is not deaf. *God is not unwilling. 2009 did not catch God unawares.*

### The time in between

These past months I thought again about the life of Abraham and Jacob. How many times do we read in the Bible that God talked to them? With each of them individually, not more than ten times. God talked to Abraham about a child, but it was only 10 years later that He spoke to him again. God talked to Jacob at Bethel and we read in the Bible that only 20 years later God spoke to him again. Abraham reached the age of 175 and Jacob lived up to the age of approximately 130 years, and we read in the Bible of only a few times that God talked to them. Think of Abraham in the desert. He sat in his tent for 10 years. In the dust, in the fierce heat, wind, cold nights, with a wife who did not become pregnant. Nothing happened. And yet he didn't stop believing: *Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead – since he was about a hundred years old – and that Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promises of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what He had promised (Rom.4:19-21).* And it was the same with Jacob. God promised to bless him and that he would have many descendants. Many of the things God promised, Jacob didn't see in his lifetime. In fact there was much suffering and strife.

There are always in-between-times in our lives. The in-between-times are much longer than the times of miracles, great victories and the revelations of God. It is the same with prayer. God makes promises, but the occasions where the answer follows the promise on the same day, or even the following day, are in the minority. It is in the in-between-times that we, like Abraham, need to hold on to the promises. It is during these times that we must read the Bible, be faithful in prayer and believe God more than the circumstances.

Read **Psalm 2** again. It is a conversation between the Father and the Son, most probably even before creation. This promise is already fulfilled in part. It is however not completely fulfilled. There is an in-between-time. What does Jesus do in the in-between-time? He intercedes for us in heaven. He calls on us to pray with Him for the nations. He sends us out to go and work among the nations. The fact that Jesus has already been waiting for thousands, of years for the fulfilment of this promise does not mean that God will not give Him what He promised Him. It will come. But in God the Father's own time.

May these words give you hope. Let us do what we have to do and that is to pray (among other things) and God will do what He promised. He knows best what and how to do it.

### **The next three months**

In June we focus on the need of young people and children, in July on the need and breakthroughs in our country's prisons. In August and September we pray that God will reveal Himself to Muslims and we ask Him to reveal himself to us as Christians: His character, His being, His work. We know so little about God. We know so much about the world but we do not make a study of God Himself.

We pray, because we know God hears us.

### **Bennie Mostert**

Managing Director: *Jericho Walls International Prayer Network*  
Eph.3:20

### **What, where and when**

#### **International**

#### **31 May - 5 June 2009: *Call2All Global Congress***

*Call2All* is a partnership of mission agencies, denominations, and organisations including Christian leaders, all working together and focusing especially on the 639 people groups with a population of over 100,000 who, as far as it is known, have not been reached with the gospel. Leaders from around the world will plan and strategise, considering new methods of reaching and discipling people in the world today. (*Global Christian Network*. Website: [www.call2all.org/hkcongress](http://www.call2all.org/hkcongress) or [www.gcni.org](http://www.gcni.org) or e-mail: Liz: [asianrd@sr21.com](mailto:asianrd@sr21.com) or Tom: [tadlea@sr21.com](mailto:tadlea@sr21.com)).

#### **6-7 June 2009: *World Weekend of Prayer for Children at Risk***

Last year God enabled over 4 million people in 100 countries to pray for the needs of the *Children at Risk* in the world. Join us during this time to pray for our *Children at Risk*, that God through His Spirit will move along the streets and amongst communities, surrounding the children with His love. Ask that His servants will be strengthened both physically and spiritually and grow in number to care for each child. For more information visit [www.viva.org](http://www.viva.org) or e-mail [pray@viva.org](mailto:pray@viva.org)

### **What, where & when**

#### **National**

#### **June – November 2009: *Shalom Ministries***

Lift up in prayer Angus Buchan as he speaks to men all over the country in 2009: 25 July at Rustenburg, 15 August at Bloemfontein, 12 September at Upington, 10 October at Vredendal, 14 November at Worcester. (*Shalom Ministries*. P.O. Box 373, Greytown, KwaZulu-Natal. Tel.: 033 417 1695, fax: 033 417 1343. Website: [www.shalomtrust.co.za](http://www.shalomtrust.co.za) or e-mail: [shalom@futuregtn.co.za](mailto:shalom@futuregtn.co.za)).

#### **28 September – 2 October 2009: The 8<sup>th</sup> *Watchman's School of Prayer***

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual *Watchman's School of Prayer* is an opportunity for every Believer who has a burden to see their church and community covered with night-and-day prayer & worship. This is a full-time school of five days focusing on:

- Entering into a deeper prayer life
- Experiencing different forms of individual and corporate prayer
- Receiving practical tools on how to establish a 24/7 prayer watch in your local church or community

We are inviting you to be one of the 140 delegates expected to attend this school, which takes place in the unique setting of the Rocklands Conference Centre in Simon's Town, south of Cape Town. Together we will seek the Lord in prayer and worship, learn from one another's experience, and trust Him to establish and strengthen the

foundation of night-and-day prayer in every church and community. Accommodation is available for 120 people only, at **R950 per person**. Last year we were fully booked, so please register as soon as possible with Lizette at tel.: +27 21 919 7988 or e-mail: [cape@jwipn.com](mailto:cape@jwipn.com)

### **Did you know?**

#### **UK: The many shapes of 24/7 prayer**

24/7 is in fact a movement, 'moved' by God Himself. From its accidental start in Chichester, England, in 1999, there has been a wild explosion of prayer, mission and justice that spread to more than a third of the nations on earth. In the mafia-run walled city of Boys Town, Mexico, one lady is praying with women and men caught up in cycles of prostitution, poverty and drugs. She knows that prayer is a dangerous, risky business, but she's modelling Christ's love, mercy and justice and lives are being changed. The same is happening in Spain. In the area surrounding Leipzig, East Germany, atheism and unemployment prevail as the lasting legacy of Communism. A truly radical modern-day, monastic community has moved into the picturesque village of Ramsdorf. They pray five times a day, renovated a derelict school, play football and offer free art-classes for the locals. "Our neighbours just call us 'The Christians' because we're the only ones they've ever known," says Markus Laegel. "It's scary, because the way we live will define Jesus to them." (Source: Joel News, January 2009) .

### **What's online**

#### **The Online Bible**

**Website:** <http://www.online-bible.com/winonlinebible.html>

All new releases of the *Online Bible* programming will give you the ability to copy the *Online Bible for Pocket PC* program as well as the Authorised Version (KJV) Bible, Easton's Dictionary, TSK, Greek and Hebrew Lexicons. This includes all the basic material required to give you a very useable Bible study program on your *Pocket PC* at no cost. For more details: *Windows Pocket PC Online Bible* – website: <http://www.online-bible.com/winpocketpc.html>

#### **Get the chronological Bible Video Free**

##### **Websites:**

<http://theglorystory.com/html/videos.htm>

[http://theglorystory.com/html/free\\_pictures.htm](http://theglorystory.com/html/free_pictures.htm)

<http://www.brigada.org/2008/10/8-chronological-bible-video.html>

*The Chronological Bible in pictures*, free for church groups & missions. The *10 Minute Bible* video is now available at <http://theglorystory.com/html/videos.htm>

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#### **Ellel Ministries**

**Website:** [www.em365.org](http://www.em365.org)

*Ellel 365* could be a unique tool that will enable many more people to be trained in healing and discipleship at a very low cost, in fact as low as the average price of a daily newspaper! In due course it will also be available in many languages so that most people in the world would be able to do the training in their own language!

### **Quotes**

A godly man is a praying man. As soon as grace is poured in, prayer is poured out. Prayer is the soul's traffic with heaven; God comes down to us by His Spirit, and we go up to Him by prayer. -Thomas Watson

I would rather teach one man to pray than ten men to preach. - J. H. Jowett

Groaning which cannot be uttered are often prayers which cannot be refused. - C. H. Spurgeon

If you cannot pray, go and read God's Word until it burns in your heart - then pray. - Jessie Penn-Lewis

I have seen many men work without praying, though I have never seen any good come out of it; but I have never seen a man pray without working. - James Hudson Taylor

The angel fetched Peter out of prison, but it was prayer that fetched the angel. - Thomas Watson

Pray often; for prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge for Satan. - John Bunyan

That which begins not with prayer, seldom winds up with comfort. - John Flavel

The depth of a revival will be determined exactly by the depth of the spirit of repentance. - Frank Bartleman

### **24/7 Prayer watch focus: June-September 2009**

The prayer focuses on this page are to encourage those involved in a 24/7 house of prayer to focus on the same things at the same time in prayer. These are only guidelines and watch coordinators may add their own focuses as the Holy Spirit leads them. Will you not consider **putting up these prayer pointers in your prayer room** in creative ways, or use them in your quiet time? Also inform others and encourage them to pray for these issues during each of the monthly focuses. More information on these issues is available free of charge from our website: [www.jwipn.com](http://www.jwipn.com). Also remember to subscribe to our weekly *Prayer Alert* at [cape@jwipn.com](mailto:cape@jwipn.com) which covers current issues in prayer on a weekly basis.

#### **June-August: 90 Days of Blessing**

Every year after the *Global Day of Prayer* at Pentecost, the Church is encouraged to reach out to communities in practical ways, showing the love of the Lord Jesus in practical ways for 90 days. This year the focus is to reach out to those living in 'noteworthy and neglected places'. Please pray with millions all over the world and find a way how you can become practically involved. The prayer pointers of every day during this period include practical tips to help you reach out to those who are forgotten. As the Church we have two main tasks: The great commandment and the great commission. The great commission is to take the gospel of salvation to those that live in sin and alienation from Christ. The great commandment is to love God and our neighbour as ourselves. In **Lk.4:18-19** and **Isa.61:1-2** we read more about what it means to love our neighbour. Amongst other things it includes putting into practice loving, feeding, caring, housing and bringing emotional and physical healing to them. This is what the *90 Days of Blessing* is about.

#### **June: Focus on Children at Risk**

There is so much violence against children. Neglected children are seen even at rubbish dumps. We see the 7 million street children in Brazil, child soldiers with lifeless eyes, and children living with their parents through the traumas of war. Then there are child prostitution, child slavery and child labour. May we find time this month to sit down and just think about the needs of children. And may it be that God will give us tears to cry for these children. May our hearts be broken by the brokenness of the children. And may God be gracious to us so that we will pray with faith and tears and also do what our hands find to do. Let us pray as if they are our own children. Let us remember that they are made in the image of God and need the love of God. Jesus said: "*Let the children come to Me*". This means that we need to take the children to Him – which also means that we need to bring them to Him in prayer.

### **July: Focus on prisons in SA**

God is certainly doing something in many prisons in South Africa. He is raising up people who pray in prisons, dozens of prayer watches in many prisons in most of the provinces, strong evangelistic outreaches in prisons, new workers that reach out to prisoners with various initiatives to take care of their emotional needs. During July we are focusing on the prisons in this nation. When prisons change, the nation changes. The present feedback from work done in prisons, shows that prisons are not places without hope. Let us pray with faith.

### **August: Proclamations of God's character and works over SA**

We pray about so many things: needs, sins, challenges, demonic attacks, family, pain and many personal things. In the process, though, while we are praying to God, we often lose sight of God Himself. The first 21 days of August we will take time to worship God, focus on Him and pray for ourselves and our nation based on the character and the works of God. Let us ask God, through the mighty working of the Holy Spirit to draw us deeper into Him and to give us a new understanding of His character, so that through prayer we may know He is 'more than enough' in all situations.

### **September: Ramadan**

Ramadan, the holy month of fasting for millions of Muslims runs from 21 August until 20 September 2009. During this time Christians all over the world are praying that God our Father will show Muslims His love and also bring about salvation through Jesus, His Son. We are praying that God will reveal Himself in divine ways to millions of Muslims that are seriously and honestly seeking God and want to live to please Him alone. Pray with love. Do not pray with fear or an attitude of superiority. Let us humble ourselves as the Body of Christ for neglecting to love Muslims as Jesus loves them. Let us join millions of Christians all over the world for this period of focused prayer for Muslims.

## **Daily Prayer Guide**

Monday 1 June 2009

### **Global Day of Prayer: Thanksgiving for God's goodness**

Give thanks to the Lord for drawing together millions of Christians across the world yesterday to pray for their countries, the Church and the unsaved. Honour His name for touching the lives of millions and for having compassion for them. Give thanks for every prayer He has answered. Together with every creature in heaven, on earth, under the earth and in the sea, let us cry out to God saying, "*To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever!*" (**Rev.5:13**).

### **90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 1**

**Pray the Blessing:** *And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good* (**Gen.1:9-12**).

**Declare your faith:** I believe and confess that the Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – is the Creator of Heaven and Earth, and of all created things. I believe that He is upholding all things with the power of His hand (**Acts 17:24; Heb.1:3**).

**Pray on foot:** Pray at the dirtiest place you can find in your community or city, e.g. the garbage dump. Also demonstrate your caring for creation by picking up litter and collecting the garbage in your own street.

**Very Important:** We encourage Believers to go physically to places to pray 'on-site'. It broadens your perspective, in order to pray with insight. But prayer-walking is not 'more spiritual' than praying at home or at your church.

### **Health focus: South African Children at Risk**

A health study has shown that if South African children were graded on their overall health, they would score a dismal C-minus (60 percent – 65 percent). According to the *Healthy Active Kids Report Card*, South Africa's children are at an increased risk of developing chronic illnesses later in life. Four of the major contributing factors are tobacco use, poor diet, lack of physical activity and being overweight – all areas in which they scored "average" to "below-average". (Website: [http://www.iol.co.za/html/frame\\_babynet.php?art\\_id=iol1221203006571S232&newslett=1](http://www.iol.co.za/html/frame_babynet.php?art_id=iol1221203006571S232&newslett=1)). Pray that the tide will begin to turn for children in at least these four areas of concern. Ask that parents will be able to take better care of the basic physical needs of their children.

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Tuesday 2 June 2009

### **90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 2**

**Pray the Blessing:** *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth" (Gen.1:27-28).*

**Declare your faith:** I believe and confess that God made mankind in His image and His likeness to have dominion over all the earth (Gen.1:26).

**Pray on foot:** Pray at the neonatal ward at your local hospital for the new-born babies, even from outside if you are not allowed inside. Pray God's promises from your Bible over their lives.

### **Word focus: Solar audio Bible**

In 2005, *MegaVoice* released the first solar-powered audio Bible, which features a powerful, built-in speaker and earphone jack. This *MegaVoice* audio unit overcomes many cultural, technological and language barriers that cannot be penetrated by the printed Word. By partnering with numerous outreach organisations, *MegaVoice* has already distributed more than 100,000 *Ambassador* audio players to people groups in over 100 nations. *MegaVoice's* distribution partners report that each of these players is shared with at least 500 people in the course of a year. This means that, already, millions of people have heard the Word of God for the first time. (Website: <http://www.megavoice.com/press/PressReleaseJune2008.pdf>). Give thanks to the Lord for answering our prayers over the years! Pray for the necessary funding for the production of these players, which cost about R500 per player.

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Wednesday 3 June 2009

### **90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 3**

**Pray the Blessing:** *And he [Jesus] answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me" (Lk.7:22-23).*

**Declare your faith:** I believe and confess that Jesus Christ shows no partiality to anyone and that He regards all people as equal before Him, irrespective of race, status or caste (Jas.2:1-8).

**Pray on foot:** Pray for the outcasts in your community, e.g. at the squatter camps, for the untouchables, for those in an asylum, and demonstrate the love of God practically to them as the Lord shows you.

### **Health focus: Clinic at Emmanuel Christian Training Centre (ECTC)**

On average, the small clinic at the *ECTC* in Southern Sudan treats 20 people a day. There are many people in the region that are still considered unreached and the staff is excited about every opportunity to share the gospel, which is done regularly in a structured way. Thank the Lord for the fact that the clinic at the *ECTC* can faithfully treat people who battle with regular bouts of malaria. Pray also for adequate funding and personnel. (*Open Doors*. Tel.: 011 888 9341, fax: 011 888 9362. Website: [www.opendoors.org.za](http://www.opendoors.org.za) or e-mail: [southafrica@od.org](mailto:southafrica@od.org)).

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Thursday 4 June 2009

**90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 4**

**Pray the Blessing:** ... *He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our grief and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and by his stripes we are healed (Isa.53:3-5).*

**Declare your faith:** I believe and confess that Jesus Christ heals the sick also today through the power of the Holy Spirit (**Matt.10:8; Jas.5:14**).

**Pray on foot:** Visit a hospital and pray for those who are sick, believing that God can heal them. Even pray for the patients who are asleep, without disturbing them. Make sure about the hospital's policy regarding non-related visitors.

**Poverty focus: Women suffer most in food crisis**

Rising food and fuel prices have resulted in 130 million poor people in these regions falling further into poverty. When children are hungry they normally go to their mother, not their father and when there is less food, women are the first to eat less. Many people in Burkina Faso spend 75% or more of their income on food, and pregnant women and young mothers sacrifice medical care while some are turning to prostitution to pay for food. (Website: [http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/2008/07/20/Report\\_Women\\_suffer\\_most\\_in\\_food\\_crisis/UPI-75681216566414/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/2008/07/20/Report_Women_suffer_most_in_food_crisis/UPI-75681216566414/)).

Pray for the plight of women living in poverty today. Ask that God will supernaturally meet many of their felt needs on a daily basis. Pray that many will turn to God and be converted as He answers their call. Never forget to give thanks to God for the fact that you have food on your table.

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Friday 5 June 2009

**90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 5**

**Pray the Blessing:** *"And if you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the Lord your God. Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out" (Deut.28:1-6).*

**Declare your faith:** I believe and confess that all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus Christ and that there will be no end to His government (**Matt.28:18; Isa.9:7**).

**Pray on foot:** Pray for, and if you live in the area, visit places representing the highest authority in your city or nation, e.g. Parliament, Palace, High Court or Presidential office. Plead God's promises over those working there.

**Famine focus: Food shortages in North Korea**

North Koreans are dying because of food shortages in rural areas, and a massive famine is just a matter of time. The food situation is as bad as during the famine that hit the country in the mid-1990's, which left as many as 2 million people dead. This year's food situation has worsened because last year's harvests were seriously affected by devastating floods. An estimated 6.5 million people are short of food, and the number could rise if shortages are not addressed. (Website: <http://www.cnn.com/2008/WORLD/asiapcf/05/09/nkorea.famine.ap/>). Not only does North Korea suffer physical famine, but even more so spiritually. Cry out for open doors for the gospel, especially the indigenous Church in South Korea. Also pray for God's supernatural intervention to provide for the felt needs as well as the spiritual needs of people in North Korea.

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Saturday 6 June 2009

**90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 6**

**Pray the Blessing:** ... Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father. ... I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." (**John 16:24-33**).

**Declare your faith:** I believe and confess that Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, and that the light will overcome the darkness (**John 1:4-5**).

**Pray on foot:** Pray outside pagan temples, sites dedicated to other gods, mosques or ancient sites of pagan worship, proclaiming the truth of Christ Jesus. Make sure there is no un-confessed sin in your own life, pray humbly and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Ask for His protection for you and your family.

**Child focus: World Weekend of Prayer for Children at Risk 6 -7 June 2009**

Last year over 4 million people in 100 countries prayed for the needs of the children at risk in the world. The focus this year is based on **John 10:10** and the abundant life that Jesus came to bring. With over 1.2 billion children in our world considered to be 'at risk', we pray this weekend that the love of Jesus would touch this generation and impel us to pray and act on behalf of these suffering young ones. (For access to more resources, visit: [www.viva.org/pray](http://www.viva.org/pray)).

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Sunday 7 June 2009

**Memorise**

*The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord raises those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous* (**Ps.146:8**).

**Establish your personal house of prayer: God focus**

**Enter into His house with thanksgiving and praise**

According to **Psalms 100:4-5**, the passport to enter the door of the house of God is thanksgiving and praise. Praise simply means to respond to God for what He has done. Praise and being thankful tells God that we believe He is in control of our lives and it pleases Him well. We are often quick to intercede, even fasting and praying about things important to us. Yet, we do not always take as much time to give Him thanks, nor do it with the same intensity and earnestness.

**Focus on God's perspective:** To make thanksgiving and praise easy, consider starting a prayer request book. Take a moment and make a few notes of requests you remember that God answered. Give thanks and praise Him; in your heart, in words, in writing down such prayers, in singing or whatever way you feel comfortable. But let no excuse hinder you in giving Him thanks and praise.

**90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 7**

**Pray the Blessing:** And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me" (**Mk.9:36-37**).

**Declare your faith:** I believe and confess that God loves children and wants to bless them (**Matt.19:13**).

**Pray on foot:** Visit an orphanage, a children's home or street children and share the love of God with the children by playing with them or helping with their needs, or even consider taking a child home for the weekend.

**Testimony: Eight-year-old Kickstarts House Church**

A father in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, tells this story of his eight-year old son Matt: "Last year he became really friendly with a kid in his school and as they chatted, Matt asked him if he'd given his heart to the Lord. Jamie said no, and that he wanted to do that. Matt's mother felt it wise to consult with Jamie's mom and indicate that Jamie was 'interested in spiritual things'. To our delight she agreed and said she'd invite some friends (to hear more). That was six months ago. Now God has birthed a thriving house church where several people (about 30) have been saved, both kids and adults. Probably the most rewarding thing of all for us is to watch Jamie and his mom, dad, and sister delighting in the life that Jesus has brought into their home as they now all serve Him. Kids have a far greater ability than adults to open up the hearts of unbelieving families. It took so little for this miracle to happen!" (Source: *Joel News International*, JNI 672, January 28, 2009).

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Monday 8 June 2009

**Salvation focus: The rich**

Some rich people often find it hard to believe that God loves them, and others are not interested in God at all, believing that they themselves had to work for what they have, and God had no part in any of that. Give thanks to God for every wealthy person who follows and honours Him as God, fully and with all they have. Pray for others to receive healing and forgiveness from their disappointments and find Jesus Christ as the Hope of glory and lover of their souls.

**90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 8**

**Pray the Blessing:** *Yet even now, declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God?" (Joel 2:12-14).*

**Declare your faith:** I believe and confess that God is merciful and compassionate towards all people (**Ps.103:13**).

**Pray on foot:** Pray at sites of disaster in your community whether it be earthquakes, floods, fires, places where blood was shed, etc. Ask God to be merciful and compassionate towards the victims. Demonstrate God's compassion by helping them in caring ways. Consider becoming involved as God shows you.

**Abortion focus: Danger of abortion**

A 26-year-old woman was arrested after dumping her three-month-old foetus in a dustbin at a hotel. The woman was traced to her apartment where she admitted taking pills acquired from a man who assisted women with abortions. The woman was taken to hospital in a critical condition. (Website: <http://news.iafrica.com/sa/1243259.htm>). Please pray for pregnant women to reconsider having abortions and rather find a way for their baby to be adopted. Cry out to God on behalf of the unborn, to have an opportunity to live full lives.

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Tuesday 9 June 2009

**90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 9**

**Pray the Blessing:** *The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before you. They shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. The Lord will command the blessing on you in your barns and in all that you undertake. And he will bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. The Lord will establish you as a people holy to himself, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in his ways. And all the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the Name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you (Deut.28:7-10).*

**Declare your faith:** I confess and believe that faith in God will help me overcome all fears, because God has not given us a spirit of fear but of love, power and self-control (**Heb.11:6; 2 Tim.1:7**).

**Pray on foot:** Pray at sites or in residential areas that are feared because of, for example, crime, violence, war, poverty, injustice, etc. Also pray at sites of bloodshed, battlefields or accidents.

**HIV focus among children: 2.5 Million children living with HIV**

According to *UNAIDS* estimates, there are now 33.2 million people living with HIV, including 2.5 million children. (Website: <http://www.avert.org/worldaid.htm>). God of Justice and power, raise up anointed ones that will lead the way for justice. Raise up evangelists filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, doing miracles and healing the sick (**Lk.4:18-19; Isa.61:1-2**).

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Wednesday 10 June 2009

**90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 10**

**Pray the Blessing:** *Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore (Ps.133:1-3).*

**Declare your faith:** I believe and confess that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church, that He will build the Church and that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (**Col.1:18; Matt.16:18**).

**Pray on foot:** Prayer-walk (walk whilst praying) your neighbourhood and pray at all the churches for unity, perseverance, growth and for the power of the Holy Spirit to manifest through their members. Make an appointment with the spiritual leader of a congregation and pray for those leading the flock.

**Community upliftment: Valcare Trust**

*Valcare Trust* is a Christian non-profitable organisation with the aim to reduce poverty in the Paarl Valley. Their function is to act as information and network organisation, providing their services to churches, projects or organisations, businesses and other service providers. Give thanks to the Lord for those who are willing to reach out in projects to better the physical circumstances of those in this area. Ask for more to become involved in this project and that much fruit will come of it. (*Valcare Trust*, 2 Louie Street, Paarl, 7646. Tel.: 021 872 2365, fax: 021 872 2376. Website: [www.valcare.org.za](http://www.valcare.org.za) or e-mail: [admin@valcare.org.za](mailto:admin@valcare.org.za)).

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Thursday 11 June 2009

**90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 11**

**Pray the Blessing:** *By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted, but by the mouth of the wicked it is overthrown (Prov.11:11).*

**Declare your faith:** I believe and confess that Jesus Christ is the Word of God and that the implanted Word brings salvation (**John 1:1; Jas.1:21**).

**Pray on foot:** Pray at the offices of a local printer and/or newspaper. Ask that words of righteousness will be a blessing, but that wickedness will be stopped (**Prov.11:11**).

**Focus on children in Lesotho**

*Love in Action Lesotho* is an outreach ministry in Maseru. Praise God that mentors have been identified and trained for the *Network Care* project, which aims to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of children. Pray for wisdom for the selection of those suitable for this task. Pray also for the *Jewels of Hope* project where forty teenaged orphans come together each week to make jewellery which is then sold, providing the participants with a small income. (*Viva - Together for Children*. Website: [www.viva.org](http://www.viva.org) or e-mail: [jgreen@viva.org](mailto:jgreen@viva.org)).

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Friday 12 June 2009

**90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 12**

**Pray the Blessing:** *And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:19).*

**Declare your faith:** I believe and confess that Jesus is faithful and just and that He will supply all our needs (2 Tim.2:13; Phil.4:19).

**Pray on foot:** Make a special effort to go and pray at refugee camps or places where displaced people stay e.g. night shelters. Demonstrate the love and care of God to them.

**Malaria focus: Help for children in beating malaria**

A new, cherry-flavoured anti-malaria pill works as well as current treatments, is easy for children to swallow and could save lives. The tablet is not as bitter as current drugs and does not need to be crushed before eating, making it easier for children, where the disease is endemic, to stick to treatment. The *World Health Organization* estimates malaria killed 881,000 people and infected 247 million people worldwide in 2006, the latest year for which figures were available. (Website: [http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set\\_id=1&click\\_id=31&art\\_id=nw20081015012512857C193991&newslett=1&em=177813a1a20081015ah](http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=31&art_id=nw20081015012512857C193991&newslett=1&em=177813a1a20081015ah)). Continue to pray for more effective and less expensive solutions concerning malaria to be found. Ask for God's mercy on children and for many healings to occur as Christians pray for the healing of those infected with malaria.

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Saturday 13 June 2009

**90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 13**

**Pray the Blessing:** *The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green, to declare that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him (Ps.92:12-15).*

**Declare your faith:** I believe and confess that the Holy Spirit is the Comforter sent by Jesus to be our Helper (John 14:16-18).

**Pray on foot:** Do a kind deed or pray for an elderly person today, or visit an old-age home to pray for the people there. Take care to show older people respect and teach children to do so too.

**Infant focus: A five-in-one vaccine**

*Pentacel* is the first vaccine to immunise against five diseases at once — diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio and haemophilus influenzae type B. The vaccine was studied in more than 5,000 infants, who showed only minor side effects, including fever, redness and swelling at the injection site. It cuts down by 30% on the 23 injections toddlers under 18 months are normally given. (Website: [http://www.time.com/time/specials/2008/top10/article/0,30583,1855948\\_1863993\\_1864002,00.html](http://www.time.com/time/specials/2008/top10/article/0,30583,1855948_1863993_1864002,00.html)). Give thanks to the Lord for medical breakthroughs like these. Continue to pray for medical research to see more breakthroughs in saving the lives of children.

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Sunday 14 June 2009

**Memorise**

*For with God nothing will be impossible (Lk.1:37).*

**Establish your personal house of prayer: God focus (2)**

**Enter into His presence by honouring His Word**

We begin to see ourselves from the Lord's perspective when we meditate on His Word and the promises in His Word. The prayer of praise is our greatest weapon against a critical spirit. The Bible doesn't promise peace to those who dwell on the faults of others. It says: *You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in You, all whose*

*thoughts are fixed on You (Isa.26:3, NLT).* Fixing your thoughts on God leaves little time for thinking about other things!

**Focus on God's perspective:** It does not come easy to fix your mind on God. You literally have to exercise your thinking muscles to do this. One way is to spend more time with the Word of God, filling your mind with His thoughts. You can do this by reading the Bible, or listening to an audio version of the Bible. Whichever way works for you, make a special effort this week and just start doing it!

**90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 14**

**Pray the Blessing:** *When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit The Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me". Then the righteous will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you"? And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me" (Matt.25:31-40).*

**Declare your faith:** I believe and confess that Jesus Christ came to set the captives free and that by His death on the cross He broke the hold of sin over our lives (Lk.4:18).

**Pray on foot:** Visit a prison today and pray for the prisoners, their families and their needs, even if you cannot physically enter the prison.

**Children-2-pray: How to pray for someone who is a Muslim**

**Who are they?** About 3,700 of the 10,000 people groups in the world who have not yet heard about Jesus are Muslim. A people group is a group that speaks the same language, lives the same way, and believes the same things.

**Where are they?** Muslims live mostly in West and North Africa, the Middle East, Central Asia, South Asia, and Indonesia.

**What do they believe?** Muslims believe in one divine being which they call Allah. Allah (or god) is not the same God we serve. Our God is three-in-one, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Allah was made known by a messenger called Mohammed. Muslims believe that Jesus was just a good prophet, not the Son of God, but they also believe that He will come to earth again. They believe they have to earn their way to heaven by doing more good deeds than bad deeds.

**Why must we pray?** We pray for them because they do not serve the Lord Jesus Christ who is the only way to our heavenly Father.

**How can I pray?**

**Monday:** Father, help Muslims know that You forgive sins and that salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ and not by works (Psalm 130:3-4, Ephesians. 2:8-9).

**Tuesday:** Father, bless and keep all Muslims who become Christians and are driven out of their villages and rejected and persecuted by their families. Help them to stay strong and rejoice because You have saved them. Please protect them from harm or being killed (Matthew 5:10-12).

**Wednesday:** Father, will You reveal Yourself to Muslims through dreams and visions so that they will believe that Jesus is the Son of God (Joel 2:28).

**Thursday:** Thank you Father for every missionary working in a country that is not friendly towards Christians like Afghanistan, Israel, Albania, North India, Pakistan, and Indonesia. Bless them for risking their lives. Please protect them every day and help them to stand firm in their faith and to be strong and courageous (1 Corinthians 16:13).

**Friday:** Father, as Muslim children hear Your Word on Christian radio or television broadcasts, we pray that they will clearly understand the truth about Jesus Christ and believe it with their whole heart (**Isaiah 55:10-11**).

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Monday 15 June 2009

**Salvation focus: The poor**

Many people are poor because of bad choices and did not put their trust in God. Yet there are amazing poor people who are completely content in their relationship with God. In general, the poor may feel they have been overlooked, neglected and they often despise the rich for having more than they do and also for wasting money. Pray for those who lack especially the basic needs today. Ask that they will turn their hearts to God to answer their prayers, but also to commit their lives to follow Him as their one and only God.

**90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 15**

**Pray the Blessing:** *And the Lord will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your livestock and in the fruit of your ground, within the land that the Lord swore to your fathers to give you. The Lord will open to you his good treasury, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hands. And you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. And the Lord will make you the head and not the tail, and you shall only go up and not down, if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you today, being careful to do them, and if you do not turn aside from any of the words that I command you today, to the right hand or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them (**Deut.28:11-14**).*

**Declare your faith:** I confess and believe that the God of heaven and earth can open the windows of heaven and supply in all the needs of my nation (**Mal.3:10; 2 Cor.9:7-10**).

**Pray on foot:** Pray at the economic headquarters of your nation, e.g. stock exchange, Reserve Bank, financial institutions, banks, etc.

**Focus on Children: Street children project in Kenya**

Praise God for his provision for the *Molo Street Children Project* in Kenya. They have been able to purchase a plot of land with a house, which is now being renovated for accommodation so that the hostel and day centre will be on the same site. The children joined in prayer as they all gave God thanks and dedicated the site to Him. They now have about 70 children attending and approximately 40 of these are orphans. (*Viva - Together for Children*. Website: [www.viva.org](http://www.viva.org) or e-mail: [jgreen@viva.org](mailto:jgreen@viva.org)). Give thanks to God for answering prayer concerning children, specifically orphans. Pray for this and other projects to be successful and find favour with local authorities in bringing the gospel to children.

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Tuesday 16 June 2009

**90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 16**

**Pray the Blessing:** *But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods, do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil (**Lk.6:27-35**).*

**Declare your faith:** I believe and confess that through Jesus Christ, I was reconciled to God and that I received the ministry of reconciliation so that through doing good, evil will be overcome (**2 Cor.5:19; 1 Pet. 3:9; Rom.12:21**).

**Pray on foot:** Pray for anyone that you believe to be your enemy. Ask God how you can bless him/her today in a practical way, even by sending a SMS (short text message).

**Youth focus: Youth Day**

South Africa celebrates *Youth Day* today. Our youth has an enormous influence on the nation. Soon almost 50% of our population will be under 25 years of age. Pray for the salvation of young people in our nation. Pray about drugs, sexual involvement before marriage, gangsterism and the influence these activities have on our young people. The youth are not only the leaders of tomorrow; they are already leading in many areas. They determine trends and cultures for the future. Pray **Acts 2:17-20** for this generation of young people. May they rise as prophets, apostles, teachers, evangelists and priests in our nation. Let us pray with faith. God fulfils His promises.

**Focus on Children: Kampala's vulnerable children**

*Friends of Canon Gideon Foundation* works in several areas around Kampala, dealing with 200 vulnerable children. Please pray for a family who are all HIV positive, where the eldest, who is 25, cares for her younger sister and three brothers. She is currently doing a tailoring course but has no job and needs income for school fees, books, clothes and medical care for her siblings. Pray for thousands of households in Africa headed by children. (*Viva - Together for Children*. Website: [www.viva.org](http://www.viva.org) or e-mail: [jgreen@viva.org](mailto:jgreen@viva.org)).

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Wednesday 17 June 2009

**90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 17**

**Pray the Blessing:** *The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man; from where he sits enthroned, he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth, he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds. The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue. Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine (Ps.33:10-19).*

**Declare your faith:** I believe and confess that Jesus Christ does not want anyone to perish but all people to come to the saving knowledge of Him as the Son of God (**2 Pet.3:9; John 3:16**).

**Pray on foot:** Ask the Holy Spirit to show you someone with whom to share the gospel today. Start off by asking them if you can just pray for them. Remember to pray for those nations and people groups who have not yet heard the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Focus on children: Childline**

*Childline* is an effective non-profit organisation that works collectively to protect children from all forms of violence and to create a culture of children's rights in South Africa. The toll-free line **0800 055 555** is available **24 hours a day** and what the child talks about remains confidential. (Website: [http://www.childlinesa.org.za/component/option,com\\_frontpage/Itemid,1/](http://www.childlinesa.org.za/component/option,com_frontpage/Itemid,1/)). Give thanks to the Lord for this helpline. Please pray that children will make use of it, will be helped effectively and not be abused any longer.

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Thursday 18 June 2009

**90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 18**

**Pray the Blessing:** *Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord! Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways! You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments. I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous rules. I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me! (Ps.119:1-8).*

**Declare your faith:** I believe and confess that Jesus is a righteous judge and that His kingdom is a kingdom of righteousness (**Rev.9:11; Isa.9:7**).

**Pray on foot:** Pray at the magistrate's office or town council in your area. Ask that those who make decisions on behalf of the city will do so in dependence on and according to God's Word. Pray for the salvation of the unsaved among them.

**Focus on prayer: Jericho Walls International Prayer Network**

Please pray today for each staff member working at the different offices of *Jericho Walls Prayer Network* across the country. Pray specifically for their physical health and safety from disease, calamity and spiritual oppression. Ask for renewed strength, insight and zeal to build the work of prayer in the country and abroad. Pray that God will open new doors to promote prayer as a lifestyle in different spheres of life, inspiring ordinary people to cry out to God. Continue to pray with us that prayer material does not get lost in the post, especially the *Jericho Walls Daily Prayer Guide*. (*Jericho Walls International Prayer Network*, Private bag X22, Lynnwood Ridge, 0040. Tel.: 012 365 3213, fax: 012 365 3214. Website: [www.jwipn.com](http://www.jwipn.com) or e-mail: [info@jwipn.com](mailto:info@jwipn.com)).

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Friday 19 June 2009

**90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 19**

**Pray the Blessing:** ... *A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink". (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria"? (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water. ... Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again"* (**John 4:6-14**).

**Declare your faith:** I believe and confess that Jesus Christ is the giver of the water of life and that He has given us everything to live a godly life (**Rev.21:6; 2 Pet.1:3**).

**Pray on foot:** Pray at the water source(s) of your town or city, e.g. well, fountain, storage tank, dams and also ask God for a release of Christ, the Living Water in your community.

**Focus on Children: Website against child pornography**

The *Film and Publication Board (FPB)* has launched the *Pro-Child* website aimed at eliminating child pornography in South Africa. Through the "Internet hotline" the *Pro-Child* website provides the opportunity for members of the public to report and expose incidences of child sexual abuse images found on the Internet. (Website: [http://www.sangonet.org.za/portal/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=9732&Itemid=1](http://www.sangonet.org.za/portal/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=9732&Itemid=1)). Give thanks to the Lord for initiatives like these. Pray that it will be successful, not only in reporting, but also in prosecuting paedophiles and child molesters in South Africa. Pray also for the salvation of these people.

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Saturday 20 June 2009

**90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 20**

**Pray the Blessing:** *Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it* (**1 Thess. 5:23-24**).

**Declare your faith:** I confess and believe that God sent the Holy Spirit to empower the Church to fulfil the purposes of God on this earth in my generation (**Acts 1:8; 2 Tim.1:9**).

**Pray on foot:** Find out and then go to pray at the place where the gospel entered into your city or nation, or at a site overlooking your city where you can declare that God's purpose for your nation is to know Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Saviour of the world. Ask God for a fresh outpouring of His Holy Spirit upon the people to follow Christ.

### **Focus on displaced people: World Refugee Day 2009**

Consider how radically your world would change if, without notice, you were forced to leave your home and possessions behind and relocate to an area in which you know nobody and have little idea where your next meal would come from. For years, many countries and regions have held their own refugee days and even weeks. As an expression of solidarity with Africa, which hosts the most refugees, and which traditionally has shown them great generosity, a special *UN* General Assembly Resolution was unanimously adopted in 2000 which designated 20 June every year as *World Refugee Day*. (Website: <http://www.globaleducation.edna.edu.au/globaled/noticeboards?nbpath=4882,601833>). Take special time to pray for refugees across the world. Also lift up in prayer Zimbabweans now living in South Africa.

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Sunday 21 June 2009

#### **Memorise**

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven (Matt.5:3).*

### **Establish your personal house of prayer: Family focus**

#### ***Our Father in heaven***

The 'Our Father' prayer is like a spiritual house. Over the next few weeks, we will trust the Holy Spirit to teach us to dwell in His house of prayer. The first 'room', if you like, of this house of prayer is acknowledging Him as Your father. He is your Father in heaven and He is available to you. He is never too busy to see you. Whether you believe it or not He really likes you. To have a healthy prayer life, you have to be certain of your Father's love for you and live in a close relationship with Him. Only secure sons and daughters who are totally convinced that their heavenly Father loves them will have such a relationship with Him.

**Focus on God's perspective:** Do you feel this way about your heavenly Father? It is not a shame if your answer is a straightforward 'no'. The beginning of the restoration of that 'feeling' is speaking to God your heavenly Father as if He is real, as if He is in the room. Think of Him as real and there with you right now. Do not be in a hurry, but take time to think about these questions and speak to Him, even out loud as if He is right there. Tell Him everything in your heart. He truly desires your fellowship.

### **90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 21**

**Pray the Blessing:** *Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? ... Is not this the fast that I choose: to loosen the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, "Here I am." If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday (Isa.58:5-10).*

**Declare your faith:** I believe and confess that our Father in heaven knows the need of every person on earth and wants to provide for them (Lk.12:22-31).

**Pray on foot:** Find a beggar or someone in obvious need and pray for him/her. Demonstrate the provision of God to him or her practically according to James 2:14-16.

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**National prayer focus: How do we pray in these difficult economic times?**

People are often able to handle many things, but when there is a shortage of money they quickly become panicky. Currently the economy is under great pressure worldwide and we also experience that in South Africa. The situation is grim and hundreds of thousands of people's lives are being influenced very negatively because of this.

**How do we pray in these times? The following are a few guidelines:**

1. Don't allow yourself to give in to fear. Fear is not fitting in a Christian who knows that God made heaven and earth and has everything in His hand. God takes care of the birds in the sky and the wild flowers. He will take care of you also (**Matt.6:25-33**). Go and stand before the Lord and look at God until you can see Him better than the economy and until you see that God's omnipotence is bigger than your fear.
2. Jesus said, "*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well*" (**Matt.6:33**). Make a decision to believe His promise more than the circumstances you see around you. Ask God the Father what it means in your case to first seek of God.
3. Greed is one of the main causes of the current economic situation of the world. Be content with what you have. Open up your heart before God. Ask Him to show you every form of greed and discontentedness in your heart. Ask Him to show you anything you covet that you don't need. Ask Him to show you why you want it and also why you are discontented. Thank God for what He gives you. Paul writes: True religion with contentment is great wealth ... so if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content (**1 Tim.6:6-8**).
4. The deepest roots of greed are fear and selfishness. Go and stand before God and ask Him to take care of you and confess every form of selfishness. Selfishness is rooted in our inability to understand God's unconditional and sufficient love for us. We then try to be self-sufficient. Ask the Father to reveal His love to you: This will drive out fear and it will help you to stop focusing on yourself only (**1 Tim.6:9-10**).
5. One way in which to break the hold greed has over us, is to start giving cheerfully. Ask the Lord Jesus to show you people in need and be the answer to their prayers. People are inclined to become tight-fisted toward the needs of others. As Christians we should not be like this.
6. You must give your tithe. That money belongs to the Lord. Don't bargain with God about this. Don't question the principle. God says we must test Him: If we give our tithe, He will give to us, in abundance. Even if you think it doesn't make sense to give your tithe in difficult times, God's Kingdom works differently. God is no one's debtor: Let us do what we must do and God will do what He promised to do.
7. Pay your debt, all of it. You are the one who got into debt and you are responsible to get out of it. Even if it means you must do without other things in order to be able to pay your debt, you must do it none the less.
8. Do not steal. Don't make private calls or photo copies at work without paying for these. Don't steal time by leaving early or arriving late for work. Pay your taxes: Everything you owe. Ask the Lord to show you if there are things you do that do not please Him and confess them, and repent.
9. Do not take or give bribes. Do not compromise in this respect.
10. Pray for your daily bread. This is what the Lord Jesus teaches us in **Matthew 6:11**. We often think we can provide for our families by hard work and clever schemes. Jesus says: Pray. When we pray and ask, He will give and provide: Work, health, protection, strength and everything we need.

**Very important:** Don't spend more than your income; see what you can do without, live more simply; start a lift club; plan your car trips; save electricity and water. Don't borrow money. Contribute to develop a culture where we help each other by, for example sharing tools and know-how with one another.

Monday 22 June 2009

**Salvation focus: People that are overweight**

Although it may not seem so outwardly, many overweight people struggle with shame, a poor self-image and issues of rejection. Not all of them overeat but some have health problems causing them to gain weight. Ask God to show you someone you can befriend and start praying for on a regular basis. Pray for opportunities in their lives to consider Jesus Christ as the solution to their situation, both emotionally and physically.

### **90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 22**

**Pray the Blessing:** *Let my cry come before you, O Lord; give me understanding according to your word! Let my plea come before you; deliver me according to your word. My lips will pour forth praise, for you teach me your statutes. My tongue will sing of your word, for all your commandments are right. Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts. I long for your salvation, O Lord, and your law is my delight. Let my soul live and praise you, and let your rules help me. I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments (Ps.119:169-176).*

**Declare your faith:** I believe and confess that Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life and that in Him is fullness of life (**John 14:6; Ps.16:11**).

**Pray on foot:** As a group, visit and pray at a rehabilitation centre for drug or substance abuse; pray for people to be set free and to live a life of thanksgiving to God. Ask for a list of names of those in such a centre and continue to pray for them as a group.

### **Evangelism focus: International broadcaster invests in rural South Africa**

The international Christian broadcaster, *Far East Broadcasting Association (F.E.B.A.) Radio* recently launched a local radio project to supply radio stations in the rural areas with quality Bible-based social development programmes. The pilot project *Time for Hope* takes effect in Tumahole, near Parys in South Africa where approximately 70,000 Sesotho and Xhosa speaking listeners tune in to their local radio station *Lentswe Stereo* for news and entertainment. Recent intensive research in Tumahole indicated that a great percentage of residents suffer high incidences of teenage pregnancies, joblessness, poverty, as well as HIV/AIDS. (*F.E.B.A. Radio South Africa*, P.O. Box 26270, Gezina, 0031. Tel.: 012 335 708/764, fax: 012 335 8134. Website: [www.febaradio.co.za](http://www.febaradio.co.za) or e-mail: [febasa@corpdial.co.za](mailto:febasa@corpdial.co.za)). Give thanks to the Lord for this project. Please pray for many lives to be touched, healed and turned around as a testimony of God's goodness.

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Tuesday 23 June 2009

### **90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 23**

**Pray the Blessing:** *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account (Matt.5:3-11).*

**Declare your faith:** I believe and confess that Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace and that He alone gives the peace that surpasses all understanding (**Isa.9:6; Phil.4:7**).

**Pray on foot:** Pray at your police station or at the army barracks for police, armed forces or peacekeeping forces. If you cannot go inside, pray prayers of blessing over everyone inside. Continue to do so every time you pass by in future.

### **Youth focus: Reality of Satanism**

The West Rand is the new "witches' Mecca" of Gauteng with hundreds of minors – including primary school pupils – allegedly involved in Satanism. Hundreds of school children are drawn into Satanism and become involved in crime, drugs and prostitution in this manner. The youngest known witch is 12 years old. The number of Satanists in South Africa is estimated at about 62,000 and 80% are younger than 18. *Father we pray in the Name of Jesus for the protection of our children. We ask that You will give Your angels charge of them, to protect them so that nothing will harm them. Strengthen them in their inner man to boldly follow Christ and not yield to peer pressure.*

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Wednesday 24 June 2009

**90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 24**

**Pray the Blessing:** *The grace (favour and spiritual blessing) of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the presence and fellowship (the communion and sharing together, and participation) in the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen (so be it) (2 Cor.13:14 AMP).*

**Declare your faith:** I believe and confess that God wants to bless all people through Jesus Christ with grace, mercy and forgiveness (**John 20:29-31**).

**Pray on foot:** Pray for anyone who serves in your city, e.g. civil servants, bank officials, bus or taxi drivers, for the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ to be upon them.

**HIV/AIDS orphan focus: Ziphakamise's Emseni Child and Youth Care Centre**

Ziphakamise's Emseni Child & Youth Care Centre is a temporary shelter for children and youth who are infected or affected by HIV/AIDS when no remaining relatives can be identified. Some families abandon children who are HIV positive. Relatives that have been found are identified for skills training and capacity building to help the family. Pray for these children, for the necessary funding to enable them to go to school, for clothing, food and other necessities. Also lift up in prayer the child care workers to have compassion, understanding and love for their work and the children. (Ziphakamise's Emseni Child & Youth Care Centre. P.O. Box 511, Port Shepstone, 4240. Tel.: 039 682 1834, fax: 039 682 1795. Website: [www.ziphakamise.org.za](http://www.ziphakamise.org.za) or e-mail: [zipha@ziphakamise.org.za](mailto:zipha@ziphakamise.org.za)).

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Thursday 25 June 2009

**90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 25**

**Pray the Blessing:** *Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit (Ps.32:1,2).*

**Declare your faith:** I believe and confess that forgiveness is available for every sin in my nation through the blood of Jesus Christ (**Eph.1:7; Lk.24:46-47**).

**Pray on foot:** Visit sites where obvious sin is rampant, e.g. brothels, night-clubs or gambling halls. Pray for those caught in the vices of sin, asking God to give you a compassionate heart. If possible, speak to some of the people, asking them about their circumstances and why they are there.

**Health focus: Blood test for Down's syndrome**

So far Down's syndrome was confirmed before birth by amniocentesis, by using a needle to remove a sample of the amniotic fluid surrounding the foetus. But a needle aimed at a foetus carries a 1 in 200 risk of miscarriage. Now, a new genetic test may be able to pick up the disease with a simple blood sample from the mother as small amounts of foetal DNA enter the mother's bloodstream. The test is still in the development stages, but could herald a new way to identify certain genetic conditions. (Website: [http://www.time.com/time/specials/2008/top10/article/0,30583,1855948\\_1863993\\_1864004,00.html](http://www.time.com/time/specials/2008/top10/article/0,30583,1855948_1863993_1864004,00.html)). Please pray for medical breakthroughs like these to be successful. Also pray for parents finding out they are expecting a Down's syndrome baby to be able to prepare themselves for it. Pray for them for grace and mercy.

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Friday 26 June 2009

**90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 26**

**Pray the Blessing:** *The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah (Ps.24:1-6).*

**Declare your faith:** I believe and confess that Jesus is the King of kings and the Lord of lords, and that He is the ruler of all nations (**Acts 14:15-16; Rev.1:5; Rev.19:15**).

**Pray on foot:** Visit and pray at foreign embassies for the nations represented in that country to seek righteousness and salvation through the Name of Jesus Christ.

**Word focus: Bibles empower Children**

*Open Doors* delivered 6.9 million Bibles and other Christian resources to needy Christians around the world in 2008. Recently children's Bibles were distributed to nearly 2,000 Nigerian children in very remote areas. The new children's Bibles empowered many children and youth to witness for the gospel to their peers. (Lars Widerberg, *Intercessors Network*, Storskiftesgatan 87, S-58334 Linköping, Sweden. E-mail: [Intercessors.Network@Comhem.se](mailto:Intercessors.Network@Comhem.se) or [Intercessors.Network@Telia.com](mailto:Intercessors.Network@Telia.com)). Please pray that many illiterate children will now learn to read. Pray that adults will also be touched by the gospel through reading these Bibles.

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Saturday 27 June 2009

**90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 27**

**Pray the Blessing:** *I hate the double-minded, but I love your law. You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word. Depart from me, you evildoers, that I may keep the commandments of my God. Uphold me according to your promise, that I may live, and let me not be put to shame in my hope! Hold me up, that I may be safe and have regard for your statutes continually! You spurn all who go astray from your statutes, for their cunning is in vain. All the wicked of the earth you discard like dross, therefore I love your testimonies. My flesh trembles for fear of you, and I am afraid of your judgments (Ps.119:113-120).*

**Declare your faith:** I believe and confess that God is love, that He loves all mankind and that He demonstrated His love by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for all people (**1 John 4:8,10; John 3:16**).

**Pray on foot:** Make a special effort to get involved with people from a race that differs from your own. Seek opportunities to prayer-walk in their community. Ask God to give you a heart to pray for them on a regular basis.

**Stewardship focus: No water by 2013?**

According to the *Water Affairs and Forestry* Minister, Gauteng will run out of water in the next five years unless urgent steps are taken to reduce theft, waste and pollution. He also said that demand would outstrip supply by 2013 in SA's most important water resource, the Vaal River System. This system supplies 60% of the economy and 45% of the population with water. It is estimated that the demand for water in Gauteng will rise by 30% over the next 20 years. (Website: [http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set\\_id=1&click\\_id=13&art\\_id=vn20081205052202113C871190&newslett=1&em=177813a1a20081205ah](http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=13&art_id=vn20081205052202113C871190&newslett=1&em=177813a1a20081205ah)). Please pray into this situation. Ask that responsible officials will receive godly wisdom on how to turn this situation around and effectively plan to meet the demands for water in time.

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Sunday 28 June 2009

**Memorise**

*He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake (Ps.23:3).*

**Establish your personal house of prayer: Adoration focus**

**Hallowed be Your name**

Will we ever comprehend the full meaning of God's name? His name is not just something God is called by, it is who He is. His existence is from forever, His character and works are awesome, and though heaven is His throne and earth His footstool (**Acts 7:49**), God the Father and His Son choose to come and dwell within us (**John 14:23**). We are called to be holy for God is holy, to be like Him, in His image (**1 Pet.1:16**). The many names of God teach us about His character. Meditating on His name helps us to know Him better. A book of remembrance is being written before God right now for those who fear Him and meditate on His name (**Mal.3:16**).

**Focus on God's perspective:** The name of everyone who accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour, is written in that book of remembrance. It comes at a price. It will cost you time and dedication to study God by studying His names, asking Him for the deeper meaning. Are you willing? It will help you to settle in the second room of the house of the 'Our Father' prayer. Begin by reading the Book of Psalms and mark every place where any name relating to God is printed. You will be surprised to learn about God by looking back upon the names you highlighted.

**90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 28**

**Pray the Blessing:** *Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising (Isa.60:1-3).*

**Declare your faith:** I believe and confess that all nations on earth will become the inheritance of Jesus Christ (Ps.2:8; Dan.7:14).

**Pray on foot:** Visit a tourist site in your area and pray for the salvation of tourists. Pray also that your city or town will be filled with the manifest glory of the Lord so that nations will come to meet with Him rather than only visit tourist attractions.

**Teens-2-pray: Setting the iPod generation on fire through prayer**

So you are young and full of life and though you really want to speak to God, you struggle to connect? If this is you, then this article may be a remedy for your problem! Did you know that older people can do 1.7 things at a time, whilst you can easily juggle 5.3 things at once? Did you also know that worldwide, young people are returning to a contemplative lifestyle in their prayer life which helps them focus on important issues they want to see changed in their generation?

Multi tasking and continuous connectivity are a normal part of your life, so it makes sense that technology will affect your praying. Multi tasking is fine, and you can easily 'talk' to God while you are busy with all the many things needing your attention. But listening to God is a little more challenging. To hear God's voice, everyone needs to find a certain degree of quietness. For all of us, great and small, **Psalm 46:10** remains of vital importance: *Be still and know that I am God.* At least once or twice, try some of the following suggestions in order to help you 'connect' with God and hear His voice. He wants to speak to us much more than we can ever imagine. He wants to speak to YOU more than you can think or pray or ask for!

**Find a place to pray.** It can be hard to find a place to meet with God in a noisy apartment building. Ask God to show you a safe and quiet place you can go/sit down to pray on a regular basis.

**Write it down.** I know you are comfortable with blogging, so here is the deal; see journaling as blogging your prayers to God. You can write them down on paper in a book, or type them on your computer. Pause to hear if God is telling you something as you 'pray-write' to Him.

**Pray aloud.** Speak to God as if He is in the room. As if He is a real person listening to you. Actually, He is in the room and He is real too!! So try it. You can sing what is in your heart and mind to Him as well. All of that is called prayer. Remember to also listen. The 'talking side' of prayer needs to be balanced with the 'listening side'. He has something to tell you, for sure!

**Play music.** So you like listening to music, constantly? Put on some instrumental CD while 'doing prayer'. It helps you relax and focus on God when there is 'controlled noise' in the background. Try it, remember to make time for listening also and write down what you experience God is saying to you.

**Get unplugged.** Put off your cell phone and shut down your e-mail connection for the next hour. Life will continue! For at least some time each day, switch 'off' to the world and 'facebook' with God. Give Him preference by taking a practical step, showing Him He is number one to you.

**Relax but focus.** We can spend a lot of time in worship and that is wonderful. But in order to do the work of prayer we have to intentionally focus ourselves to hear what is on God's heart and lift up His heartbeat in prayer. This is

pleasing to Him. Make sure you listen to pray every day for things other than your own needs. Pray for others as the Holy Spirit shows you.

*Stay connected till next time....*

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Monday 29 June 2009

**Salvation focus: Cancer specialists**

Having to treat people suffering from cancer, and provide them with some kind of hope despite the fact that at some time or another most of them will die of cancer, can be no easy task. Lift up all doctors, specialists and nursing personnel facing the horrors of cancer every day. Pray that God will give them favour to minister true comfort to their patients and not become despondent themselves. Pray for their salvation and to witness several miraculous healings in their career.

**90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 29**

**Pray the Blessing:** *For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen (Eph.3:14-21).*

**Declare your faith:** I confess and believe that the Name of Jesus Christ is the name above all names and that at the Name of Jesus every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (**Phil.2:9-11**). **Pray on foot:** Pray at the highest point in your city (e.g. mountain, hill, tower) or at the centre of your town and city. Kneel down and confess your faith in Jesus Christ as the Lord of your life. Ask Him to enter your city with His life-transforming power and blessing.

**Focus on Children: Mexico**

Praise God that *Living Hope International* in Mexico is now able to purchase land to start construction of the new *Living Hope Community*. The children will soon be able to move out of sub-standard accommodation into a new permanent home. Give thanks to the Lord for this ministry. Pray for children who have returned to the home, after being adopted by a relative who did not care for them properly. Pray that they would accept Jesus as their Friend. (*Viva - Together for Children*. Website: [www.viva.org](http://www.viva.org) or e-mail: [jgreen@viva.org](mailto:jgreen@viva.org)).

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Tuesday 30 June 2009

**90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 30**

**Pray the Blessing:** *The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace (Num.6:24-26).*

**Declare your faith:** I believe that God is good and that He has chosen me to be a vessel of righteousness that He can use to bless the nations (**3 John 1:11**).

**Pray on foot:** Ask the Holy Spirit to help you find people today, whether Believers or unbelievers over whom you can pray the blessing of **Numbers 6**.

**Educational focus: Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) 'adopts' 15 Dinaledi schools**

South Africa's *IDC* has pledged over R7 million to support the education department's Dinaledi schools programme, which is dedicated to improving mathematics and science education in the country. The *IDC* has 'adopted' 15 schools, and has pledged to support each with R100,000 over the next three years. Over and above that, the *IDC* will support a top student from each school, providing them with a tertiary education bursary for three

years to pursue careers in maths, science and technology. (Website: <http://www.southafrica.info/about/education/dinaledi-211008.htm>). Give thanks to the Lord for practical answers to prayer like these. Pray for the pledge to be fully paid and used in the appropriate way.

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Wednesday 1 July 2009

**Prison focus: SA prisons**

As we focus on praying persistently for breakthroughs in our country's prisons, we invite you to ask permission when attending Christian meetings to spend a few minutes in prayer for people in our prisons. There has already been a revival of prayer in SA prisons over the past two years. Let us persevere in prayer for God to raise up thousands more intercessors to pray for a turnabout in our prisons, and especially for many more inmates to turn their lives over to God and for transformation in our prisons. (For more information on how to become involved in ministering to prisoners, contact the *Jericho Walls* offices at tel.: 012 365 3213, fax: 012 365 3214. Website: [www.jwipn.com](http://www.jwipn.com) or e-mail: [info@jwipn.com](mailto:info@jwipn.com)).

**Focus on Israel: Basic needs**

Many households in Israel are unable to supply their school-going children with the most basic school packs, stationary and food. Various Christian organisations in Israel help to supply these needs with funds sent by Believers from many nations. Pray for this practical gesture of love to touch the hearts of Jewish people and that they will become Believers. (*Christian Friends of Israel*. Tel./fax: 012 361 1437. Website: <http://www.cfijerusalem.org/> or e-mail: [allwiese@lantic.net](mailto:allwiese@lantic.net)).

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Thursday 2 July 2009

**Prison focus: Number gangs run prisons in South Africa**

South Africa's prisons suffer the influence of three well-known gangs of which the 28's is the oldest. The 28's was founded in 1906 as a revolt by 28 black prisoners. It developed its own military-style hierarchy, its own elaborate codes of punishment and reward, and its own sexual mores, for what distinguishes the men of the 28 is sex. An intricate protocol determines which new recruits will serve as sexual partners for established gang members. (Website: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/programmes/correspondent/1298829.stm>). Obviously any non-member fears these gangs. Please pray for members and especially the current leaders of the 28's gang in SA prisons, to have a very personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, and for the history of this gang to be turned around completely in 2009.

**Employment focus: Twenty million jobs under threat**

It is estimated that the financial crisis could lead to a record global unemployment with 20 million people being out of work by the end of 2009, the *International Labour Organisation* warned. Unemployment could rise from 190 million in 2007 to 210 million in late 2009, marking the first time in history that we pass the 210 million mark. The population of the working poor living on less than a dollar a day could grow by 40 million and those on two dollars a day by over 100 million. (Website: [http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set\\_id=1&click\\_id=79&art\\_id=nw20081020165136169C177302&newslett=1&em=177813a6a20081030ah](http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=79&art_id=nw20081020165136169C177302&newslett=1&em=177813a6a20081030ah)). Please continue to pray for God's grace and mercy, especially upon the poor who suffer because of the greed of the rich. Pray that food prices will come down and that they will be able to have a decent meal per day.

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Friday 3 July 2009

**Prison focus: Number gangs run prisons in South Africa (Cont. from 2 July)**

It was as a revolt against sodomy that the second main gang was formed - the gang of the 27's. They are known in prison as the men of blood. Their loyalty to their officers is tested by stabbing wardens and other inmates. In *Pollsmoor Maximum*, almost half the wardens have been stabbed or cut at least once. (Website:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/programmes/correspondent/1298829.stm>). Lift up today all members of the 27's gang in SA prisons. Earnestly pray for their salvation and for influential leaders in this gang to begin repenting before the Lord of both their and their predecessors' wrong deeds. Ask the Lord to raise up intercessors in our prisons to pray for gang members and for the history of this gang to be turned around completely in 2009.

**Health focus: Water-related disease facts**

Every 15 seconds, a child dies from a water-related disease. For children under age five, water-related diseases are the leading cause of death. About 88% of all diseases are caused by unsafe drinking water, inadequate sanitation and poor hygiene. (Website: <http://www.water.org/waterpartners.aspx?pgID=916>). Do not become tired of persevering in prayer and supplication for the plight of children worldwide. Especially pray for the effective and continuous purification of available water resources worldwide.

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Saturday 4 July 2009

**Prison focus: Number gangs run prisons in South Africa (Cont. from 3 July)**

The gang known as the 26's prove their loyalty by robbing warders and fellow inmates of whatever material possessions can be smuggled in. (Website: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/programmes/correspondent/1298829.stm>). Lift up members of the 26's gang in SA prisons in prayer. Pray for them to have a sudden and clear realisation of Jesus Christ. Ask for many to begin searching out the truth and the living God and the history of this gang to be turned around completely in 2009. Pray that many will be saved.

**Prostitution focus: New law bans the buying of sex in Norway**

A new law has come into force in Norway making the purchase of sex illegal. Norwegian citizens caught paying for prostitutes in Norway or abroad could face a hefty fine or a six-month prison sentence. The tough new measures go further than similar ones introduced by other Scandinavian countries such as Sweden and Finland. Norwegian police have been authorised to use wire-tapping devices to gather evidence. (Website: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/7806760.stm>). Give thanks to the Lord for every time such laws are agreed upon. Pray for Norway, that it will be possible to enforce this law, but also for the Church to have a compassionate outreach to prostitutes, winning them over to Jesus, helping them adapt their lifestyles and find jobs to meet their needs.