

JERICHO WALLS PRAYER GUIDE

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Sunday 1 February 2009

Memorise

For nothing is impossible with God (Lk.1:37).

Lift up Your Name: Yahweh-Elohim, we lift up Your name as "God the Creator" over all the earth (**Gen.2:4-25**). May all people profess and worship You as the one and only "Creator" of the earth and the heavens.

Reveal His character: Wonderful and good Lord, let the Church arise, live and proclaim that the Lord is wonderfully good to those who wait for Him and seek Him, that it is good to wait quietly for salvation from the Lord (**Lam.3:25-26**). Cause the Church to know and make known that our God is a God who saves! The Sovereign Lord rescues us from death (**Ps.68:20**).

Declare His works: We declare over the earth and its inhabitants that the Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He dwells among the cherubim; let the earth be moved! (**Ps.99:1**). We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks! For Your wondrous works declare that Your Name is near (**Ps.75:1**).

Cry for mercy: Jesus Christ, have mercy, forgive us for despising and blaspheming Your Name.

Repentance focus: Abortion in SA

On 1 February 1997 abortion on demand was legalised in South Africa. The 1st of February 2009 will mark the 12th anniversary of the legalisation of abortion on demand in South Africa. The goal of this day of repentance is to encourage pastors in South Africa to preach what the Bible teaches on the subject of abortion. It is also hoped that many Christians will observe February 1st as a *National Day of Repentance* for the national sin of abortion. Will you not consider mobilising your congregation to pray about this issue this Sunday? (*Africa Christian Action*, P.O. Box 23632, Claremont, 7735. Tel.: 021 689 4481, fax: 021 685 5884. Website: <http://www.christianaction.org.za> or e-mail: info@christianaction.org.za).

Monday 2 February 2009

Lift up Your Name: Yahweh-Eloheenu, we lift up Your Name as the "Lord our God" over all the earth (**Deut.6:4**). May all people come to call You the "Lord our God".

Reveal His character: Glorious Lord, let the Church arise, live and proclaim who You are until the nations know Your goodness. Call out Your Name "the Lord", to them as You did before Moses of old. Show kindness and mercy to all You choose (**Ex.33:18-20**).

Declare His works: We declare over the earth and its inhabitants, that for unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His Name will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. To the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to uphold it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, and forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this (**Isa.9:6-7**).

Cry for mercy: Jesus Christ, have mercy, forgive us for using witchcraft, consulting spiritists and mediums (**2 Kings 21:6**).

Salvation focus: Teachers

There are too few teachers teaching in schools right now. Some classes are so big that it is nearly impossible to keep simple order, let alone conduct the teaching lesson of the day. Disciplining scholars is difficult. Many teachers are responsible for many after school tasks as well. Pray for teachers, to have patience and much grace,

with scholars and with themselves. Pray for Christian teachers to have many opportunities and favour to testify about God. Ask for unbelieving teachers to have a hunger and thirst after God, and turn their lives around.

Tuesday 3 February 2009

Lift up Your Name: Yahweh-Elohay, we lift up Your Name as the "Lord my God" over all the earth (**Zech.14:5**). May all people come to call You the "Lord my God."

Reveal His character: God, nothing is too difficult for You! Let the Church arise, live and proclaim to every tribe, tongue and nation of the earth that what is impossible with men is possible with God (**Mk.10:27**). Reveal as heart knowledge to the Church that, as the heavens are higher than the earth, so Your thoughts are higher than our thoughts and Your ways are higher than our ways (**Isa.55:8**).

Declare His works: We declare over the earth and its inhabitants, that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life (**John 3:16**).

Cry for mercy: Jesus Christ, have mercy, forgive us for sowing seeds of hatred.

Wednesday 4 February 2009

Lift up Your Name: Yahweh-Eloha, we lift up Your Name as the "Lord your God" over all the earth (**Lk.10:27**). May all people come to love You with all their heart, mind, soul and strength.

Reveal His character: Wise and powerful God, let the Church arise, live and proclaim that true wisdom and power are with God; counsel and understanding are His (**Job 12:13**). Let her understand and proclaim that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. May she gain the knowledge of the Holy One that results in understanding (**Prov.9:10**).

Declare His works: We declare over the earth and its inhabitants that He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins (**Col.1:13-14**).

Cry for mercy: Jesus Christ, have mercy, show your power to those who plot against You, silence the voice of the accuser.

Are you a real man?

David says in **1 Chronicles 29:17**: *I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity.* So much is said about integrity. What does integrity really mean? Integrity is what we think and do when no one sees us and when no one will ever know about it, except us. It is to live in such a way that we do not mind if God or people know everything we do. It is a life in which whatever we say, think and do will not be an embarrassment to us should our wives, children and colleagues get to know about it, or if it is published in a newspaper. It is when we live in such a way that our words, deeds, character and whatever God expects from us are in accordance. It is when our *character* is in accordance with God's character. To a Christian, integrity is to choose God (Himself, His will and precepts) consistently, in all circumstances and under any form of pressure. A man with integrity is not controlled by a fear of people or by being pressurised. Jesus' critics had to admit in the end: *"Teacher, we know you are a man of man of integrity. You aren't swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are; but you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth"* (**Mark 12:14**). This is integrity. We read in **Daniel 6:4**: *At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.* This is integrity. Look at God's promise to those who have integrity: *The man of integrity walks securely* (**Prov.10:9, NKJ**). For the man of God, being a man of integrity is not feeling good about himself, but feeling right about himself, in other words, knowing that he lives the *right* way.

Thursday 5 February 2009

Lift up Your Name: Yahweh, we lift up Your Name as the "One who exists on His own", the great "I AM" over all the earth (**Ex.3:14**). May all people come to know You by Your covenant Name.

Reveal His character: Heavenly Father, let the Church arise, live and proclaim that You give the Holy Spirit to those who ask you (**Lk.11:13**). Also the truth that if two people agree here on earth concerning anything they ask in Your Name according to Your will, that You will do it for them (**Matt.18:19**).

Declare His works: We declare over the earth and its inhabitants: the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace (**Num.6:23-27**).

Cry for mercy: Jesus Christ, have mercy, raise up those who are bowed down.

Unreached people focus: Za people of Tibet

Approximately 500 people belonging to an ethnic group called the Za, live in a remote area of south-eastern Tibet. When the Tibetans took over the area long ago, however, they converted the Za to the Tibetan Buddhist religion. Christianity has yet to make its presence felt in the isolated part of Tibet inhabited by the Za. Few roads led into the area until recently. Contact between the Za and the outside world is now possible. Today, the Za remain unaware of the existence of Christianity and are a completely unreached people group. (*Peoples of the Buddhist World*, Paul Hattaway, p. 359). Lift up to the Lord in prayer these facts. Ask for the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into the harvest of the Za and other unreached people groups of Tibet.

Friday 6 February 2009

Lift up Your Name: Yahweh, we lift up Your Name as the "Omnipotent One" over all the earth (**Rev.19:6**). May all people know You are near them and call upon Your Name.

Reveal His character: Faithful, forgiving God, let the Church arise, live and proclaim that You are not unjust to forget her work and labour of love which she has shown toward Your Name, in that she has ministered to the saints (**Heb.6:10**). Let her be quick to confess her sins, in the knowledge that You are faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (**1 John 1:9**).

Declare His works: We declare over the earth and its inhabitants, that all Scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work (**2 Tim.3:16-17**).

Cry for mercy: Jesus Christ, have mercy, relieve the fatherless and widow.

Saturday 7 February 2009

Lift up Your Name: EI-Shaddai, we lift up Your Name as the "All-sufficient One" over all the earth (**Gen.17:2**). May all people acknowledge You as the one who satisfies all their needs.

Reveal His character: Unsearchable, everlasting God, let the Church arise, live and proclaim to those who have not known or heard, that You are the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, who neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable (**Isa.40:28**). May she make known to all people that God is their refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms (**Deut.33:27**).

Declare His works: We declare over the earth and its inhabitants, that to Him who is able to do exceedingly and abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever (**Eph.3:20-21**).

Cry for mercy: Jesus Christ, have mercy, restore the Church.

Sunday 8 February 2009

Memorise

I take joy in doing your will, my God, for your law is written on my heart (**Ps.40:8**).

Lift up Your Name: EI-Roi, we lift up Your Name as the "God who sees" over all the earth (**Gen.16:13-14**). May all people fear and tremble at Your sight!

Reveal His character: Merciful and forgiving God, let the Church arise, live and proclaim that to the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him. O God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolation, for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies (**Dan.9:9,18**). Let not judgment without mercy be our portion because we have shown no mercy, but let mercy triumph over judgment in the Church (**Jas.2:13**).

Declare His works: We declare over the earth and its inhabitants, that nothing shall separate us from the love of Christ. Not tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword (**Rom.8:35**). Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us (**Rom.8:37**).

Cry for mercy: Jesus Christ, have mercy, stop crime.

Monday 9 February 2009

Lift up Your Name: Elohim, we lift up Your Name as the "Supreme God", the "One to whom all power belongs" over all the earth (**Gen.1:1**). May all people admit that You are supreme and that all power belongs to You.

Reveal His character: Glorious God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, let the Church arise, live and proclaim that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus (**Rom.3:23-24**). Let her victory be by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of her testimony, and that she did not love her life so much as to shrink from death (**Rev.12:11**).

Declare His works: We declare over the earth and its inhabitants, that if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new (**2 Cor.5:17**).

Cry for mercy: Jesus Christ, have mercy, deliver addicts.

Salvation focus: Headmasters

Headmasters have a huge task to maintain order in their schools and to handle all the complaints and difficult situations every school day presents. Finding suitable teachers, admitting new students and administrating practical structures are some issues we can pray about for them. Also ask for headmasters to be saved, to put their trust in God and have a testimony of God's favour in their schools. Pray for them to have soft, but assertive hearts.

YOUTH-2-PRAY: Gain your balance

Young people are extremely vulnerable to peer pressure to get involved in seemingly innocent "testing out" of things like alcohol, drugs, pornography, chat rooms and much more. All these things seem very cool until a friend dies of an overdose or is raped or falls pregnant. Will you as a teenager not consider praying for other teenagers for protection from these things?

1. **Religion:** The majority of teenagers and young adults in most parts of the world are religious, according to a massive 21-country study. Worldwide, almost 44% of young adults say they are deeply religious (not only Christian). Only 13% say they are not interested in God or faith in general. (*Christian Post*, 15 July '08).

Lord, I pray that You will touch the hearts and minds of young people across the globe to turn their hearts towards You and be radical followers and doers of Your Word.

2. **Obesity:** Teenagers who eat breakfast consume more daily calories but weigh less than those who skip the first meal of the day. Kids who skip breakfast tend to gain more weight, and would therefore be at a higher risk for obesity. Obesity leads to many other illnesses. (Website: http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=31&art_id=nw20080303181402244C183552&newslett=1&em=177813a1a20080304ah).

*Lord, I pray for young people to become established in healthy habits like eating correctly, exercising and socialising sensibly. Help us to realise our bodies are a temple of Your Holy Spirit and that we were bought at a price. Help us to glorify God in our bodies and in our spirits which belong to You alone (**1 Cor.6:19**).*

3. **Pornography:** About 81% of South African children between the ages of 13 and 17 have seen pornographic images on their friends' cellphones. Sixty-seven percent have been exposed to pornography through movies

and, by the time they reach 18 years of age, 64% would have seen images of pornography on the Internet. About 45% of the respondents admitted to watching pornographic films regularly. More boys (84%) than girls (54%) have watched at least one pornographic film (Website: <http://iafrica.com/news/sa/652453.htm>).

Lord, we pray for our peers to watch out for the trap of watching pornography and becoming addicted to it. Help them understand that it is truly dangerous and harmful to the mind and spirit in the long run. As young people we submit to You. Strengthen us to resist the devil in Your Name. Teach us how to draw near to You, urge our generation to cleanse their hands and purify their hearts (Jas.4:7-8).

4. **Drugs:** Large amounts of alcohol inhibit self-consciousness and self-control and very often lead to and encourage irresponsible behaviour. While under the influence, teenagers are more likely to try drugs and have sex. It also increases exposure to being robbed, attacked and raped. (Source: Medical Council crime, violence and injury lead programme report 2004).

Lord, I pray for protection over teenagers who fall prey to peer pressure and lose their dignity. Help them realise the dangers and to say no to drugs and sex. Protect them from falling victim to robbery, physical abuse and violence or rape.

5. **Alcohol:** Binge drinking (having more than 5 drinks in a few hours) is becoming a great problem among teenagers. It causes alcohol poisoning and high blood pressure. It may cause heart failure, a stroke or suffocation if a person should pass out. Hospitals report that it is especially over the December holidays that teenagers who were left to care for themselves were treated for injuries, or in extreme cases, because their parents or guardians were too drunk themselves to do so. (Source: Medical Council crime, violence and injury lead programme report 2004).

Lord, I pray for parents and guardians who do not conduct themselves according to Your will. Please show them the truth of Jesus Christ. I cry out for teenagers who follow their example, or who drink for fun and become alcoholics. Please help them acknowledge their addiction and that they need help. Let them realise they are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, Your own special people, that they may proclaim Your praises who called them out of darkness into Your marvellous light (1 Pet.2:9).

6. **Cellphone, TV & computer games:** If you are fascinated by a hobby, feel captivated by it, and would like to spend as much time as possible pursuing it - this could be an outlet for learning, creativity, and self-expression. But in truly pathological addictions, the scale has tipped. The bad outweighs the good, resulting in serious disturbances in one's ability to function in the "real" world. Looking at it from a clinical perspective, these pathological addictions may be an attempt to control depression and anxiety, and may reflect deep insecurities and feelings of inner emptiness. (Website: <http://www.netaddiction.com>).

Lord, I pray for myself and other teenagers to recognise the line between enjoying games and becoming addicted. I ask that teenagers might wilfully restrict themselves from spending too much time playing games on the Internet or television. Also protect them from becoming involved with child predators in chat rooms, while using MXit etc. Help Christian teenagers to remember that they were raised with Christ in their lives, so that they might seek things above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Help them set their minds on things above, not things on earth (Col.3:1-2).

(South African help lines. Alcoholics Anonymous, tel.: 0861 435 722, Life Line, tel.: 0861 322 322).

Tuesday 10 February 2009

Lift up Your Name: Elah (or Eloah), we lift up Your Name as the "One who can be admired" over all the earth (**Jer.10:10**). May all people from all nations adore You.

Reveal His character: Blessed Lord, let the Church arise, live, pray and proclaim Your blessing over others; that You have blessed her and commanded her to do. Bless the Church and keep her, make Your face shine upon her and be gracious to her. Lift up Your countenance upon the Church and give her peace (**Num.6:24-26**).

Declare His works: We declare over the earth and its inhabitants, that you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth (**Acts 1:8**).

Cry for mercy: Jesus Christ, have mercy, restore marriages.

Wednesday 11 February 2009

Lift up Your Name: El Olam, we lift up Your Name as "God of Eternity" over all the earth (**Jer.10:10**). May all people realise there is an eternal God.

Reveal His character: Faithful Lord, let the Church arise, live and proclaim her identity in you as the hope of her calling (**Eph.1:18**). Help her know and make known Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth, the One who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father (**Rev.1:5-6**).

Declare His works: We declare over the earth and its inhabitants, that blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God (**2 Cor.1:3-4**).

Cry for mercy: Jesus Christ, have mercy, revive school children.

Thursday 12 February 2009

Lift up Your Name: Yahweh-Nissi, we lift up Your Name as the "Lord my Banner" over all the earth (**Ex.17:15, Isa.11:10**). May all people worship You as the Root of Jesse who shall stand as a banner to the people.

Reveal His character: Holy and jealous God, let the Church arise, live and proclaim that the Lord God is a devouring fire, a jealous God (**Deut.4:24**). Let her be careful how she speaks and understand that Your word is like a fire and like a hammer that breaks the rock to pieces (**Jer.23:29**). Let it be with her like with Jesus, put Your words in her mouth so that she will speak all that you command her (**Deut.18:18, John 14:24**).

Declare His works: We declare over the earth and its inhabitants that your flesh and heart may fail; but God is the strength of your heart and your portion forever. For indeed, those who are far from God shall perish; God will destroy all those who desert Him for harlotry. But it is good to draw near to God; put your trust in the Lord God, and declare all His works (**Ps.73:26-28, NKJ**).

Cry for mercy: Jesus Christ, have mercy, visit campuses.

Poverty focus: 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 an 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 spiritual, emotional and physical circumstances of those in this area. Ask for more to become involved in this project and that much fruit will come from it. (*Valcare Trust*, 2 Louie Street, Paarl, 7646. Tel.: 021 872 2365, fax: 021 872 2376. Website: <http://www.valcare.org.za> or e-mail: admin@valcare.org.za).

Friday 13 February 2009

Lift up Your Name: El Elyon, we lift up Your Name as "God Most High" over all the earth (**Ps.57:2**). May all people cry out to You as the "God who accomplishes all things" for them.

Reveal His character: Compassionate God, let the Church arise, live and proclaim You as the One who took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses (**Matt.8:16-17**), the One who has bore our griefs and carried our sorrows (**Isa.53:4**). We pray for the Church to preach good tidings to the poor, and like Jesus, speak healing to the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, and open the prison doors to those who are bound (**Isa.61:1**).

Declare His works: We declare over the earth and its inhabitants; have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither grows faint or weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no strength He increases strength. Even the youths shall become faint and weary, and the young men will stumble and fall, but those who wait on the Lord

shall renew their strength; they shall soar with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not be faint (**Isa.40:28-31**).

Cry for mercy: Jesus Christ, have mercy, heal broken hearts.

Saturday 14 February 2009

Lift up Your Name: E we lift up Your Name as the "Strong One" over all the earth (**Isa.28:2**). May all people come to know You as the one and only God.

Reveal His character: Mighty God who shows loving-kindness to thousands, let the Church arise, live and show loving-kindness in all that she does and says (**Jer.32:18**).

Declare His works: We declare over the earth and its inhabitants, that if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (**1 John 1:9**).

Cry for mercy: Jesus Christ, have mercy, reconcile relationships.

Sunday 15 February 2009

Memorise

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up (**Jas.4:10**).

Jericho Walls International Prayer Network

Please pray today for each volunteer working at the different offices of *Jericho Walls Prayer Network* across the country. Ask for their safety, strength and health. Also pray for God to provide in their practical and physical needs. We give thanks to the Lord for answering prayers concerning the printing and posting of the *Jericho Walls Daily Prayer Guide*. Continue to bring this before the Lord in prayer. The next issue of *Jericho Walls Daily Prayer Guide* will be posted during the next 10 days. Ask that every booklet will reach its destination in time and no envelope or package will get lost. Also ask for more people to join in prayer by subscribing to the printed booklet, but also to the Internet version, especially those from other countries. The booklet is now also available at certain bookstores. Please pray for that distribution process also. (*Jericho Walls International Prayer Network*, Private bag X22, Lynnwood Ridge, 0040. Tel.: 012 365 3213, fax: 012 365 3214. Website: <http://www.jwipn.com> or e-mail: info@jwipn.com).

Lift up Your Name: Yahweh-Rohi, we lift up Your Name as the "Lord my Shepherd" over all the earth. May all the people come to know Jesus as the Great Shepherd that watches over His sheep. (**Ps.23:1**).

Reveal His character: Compassionate and merciful God, let the Church arise, live and proclaim compassion and mercy in all that she does and says (**Jas.5:11**).

Declare His works: We declare over the earth and its inhabitants, that the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you from the Evil One (**2 Thess.3:3**).

Cry for mercy: Jesus Christ, have mercy, heal the sick.

Monday 16 February 2009

Lift up Your Name: Yahweh-Tsidkenu, we lift up your Name as the "Lord our Righteousness" over all the earth (**Jer.23:6, 33:16**). May all people come to the fullness of the righteousness of God which comes by believing with personal trust and confident reliance on Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and that it is meant for all who believe (**Rom.3:22**).

Reveal His character: Provider and giving God, let the Church arise, live and proclaim that You are a God who meets all our needs according to Your riches in glory by Christ Jesus (**Phil.4:19**). Let her speak Your word with liberty, knowing that You give the Holy Spirit without limit (**John 3:34**).

Declare His works: We declare over the earth and its inhabitants: Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle (**Ps.24:8**).

Cry for mercy: Jesus Christ, have mercy, teach us the fear of the Lord.

Salvation focus: University/college students

A recent SABC documentary showed that a certain number of students who drop out of university, do so due to a lack of food. Their studies are paid for, but they literally do not have money to buy even the basic foodstuffs for survival. The same goes for many who are not finishing or passing their exams; once again due to the lack of a sufficient meal every twenty-four hours. There are other reasons why students drop out. Many others just waste their education opportunity. Pray for the salvation of students in all tertiary institutions in our country. Ask for the Church to reach out to those willing to succeed, but are experiencing practical obstacles like a lack of food to eat and a decent place to stay.

Tuesday 17 February 2009

Lift up Your Name: Yahweh-Shammal, we lift up Your Name as "God is with me" over all the earth (**Ps.23:4**). May all people come to know You personally as the "God who is with them" in this life and forever.

Reveal His character: Jesus Christ, let the Church arise, live and proclaim You as the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation (**Col.1:15**). Unashamedly let her declare that You are the only unique Son, or the only begotten God, who is in the intimate presence of the Father, who has revealed the Father and brought Him out where you could be seen (**John 1:18, Amp**).

Declare His works: We declare over the earth and its inhabitants, that the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea (**Hab.2:14**).

Cry for mercy: Jesus Christ, have mercy, bless the land to yield its increase.

Global focus to pray about violence and war

The following pointers provide a basic foundation on how to pray about violence/war in the world right now. Please feel free to add to these and other issues the Holy Spirit might show you.

1. **35 Wars going on right now:** There have been over 250 major wars in the world since World War II. Over 37 million people have been killed by wars in the 20th century. Three times more people have been killed in wars in the last 90 years than in all the previous 500. There are over 35 major conflicts going on in the world today. *Father God, we lift up every person who suffers because of a war in their vicinity right now. May they know Jesus. May they be anxious about nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, make known their requests to You. Grant them peace which surpasses all understanding, guard their hearts and minds through Christ Jesus* (**Phil.4:6-7**).
2. **Who is dying?** In the wars of the last decade, more children were killed than soldiers. Child victims of war in the last decade include an estimated 2 million killed, 4 to 5 million disabled, 12 million left homeless, and more than 1 million orphaned. *Father God, reveal Your Son Jesus to the children that are left disabled, homeless and orphaned. May each one see Your marvellous loving-kindness, You who save by Your right hand, O You who save those who trust in You from those who rise up against them* (**Ps.17:7**).
3. **Child soldiers:** Some 300,000 children are serving as soldiers in current armed conflicts. They carry AK-47s and M-16s on the front lines of combat, serve as human mine detectors, participate in suicide missions, carry supplies, and act as spies, messengers or lookouts. Child soldiers are being used in more than thirty countries around the world. (Website: <http://www.worldrevolution.org/guide/childsoldiers>). *Father God, we cry out that You would raise up those who would execute true justice and show mercy and compassion, everyone to his brother* (**Zech.7:9**). *May the children be released to be children, given peace from war.*
4. **Children and war:** Millions of children are caught up in conflicts in which they are not merely bystanders, but targets. Some fall victim to a general onslaught against civilians; others die as part of a calculated genocide. Still other children suffer the effects of sexual violence or the multiple deprivations of armed conflict that expose them to hunger or disease. Just as shocking, thousands of young people are cynically exploited as

combatants. (*The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), State of the World's Children, 1995, p. 2.* Website: <http://www.worldrevolution.org/guide/childrenandwar>). *Father God, we cry out to You for the plight of children. Show them salvation through Jesus Christ. Keep them as the apple of Your eye, hide them under the shadow of Your wings, from the wicked who oppress them, from their deadly enemies who surround them (Ps.17:8-9).*

5. **Women and war:** During armed conflict, women and girls are continually threatened by rape, sexual exploitation and trafficking, sexual humiliation and mutilation. They are at heightened risk in all settings, whether at home, in flight or in camps for displaced people. (Website: <http://www.worldrevolution.org/guide/womenandwar>). *Father God, we cry out to You to turn the tide for women, especially those who suffer because of ongoing wars. We ask on their behalf, that none will oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. Let no one plan evil in his heart against them (Zech.7:10).*
6. **Refugees:** Today, no continent and barely any country in the world are untouched by the global refugee crisis. At the beginning of 2000 an estimated 14 million people were living as refugees, uprooted, forced from their homes and compelled to cross an international border because of war, civil conflict etc. An estimated 30 million are displaced, those who are forced to flee their homes, but who remain within their own country, and hence are not eligible for protection under the same international system as refugees. (Website: <http://www.worldrevolution.org/guide/refugees>). *Father God, we cry out to You on behalf of refugees and those who are displaced. Like in Bible times, will You provide bread and water for those who have fled from the distress of war (Isa.21:14-15). Help them to know You are a God Who saves, physically and spiritually.*
7. **Landmines:** It is estimated that there are between 60 and 70 million landmines in the ground in at least 70 countries. Landmines wound or kill approximately 26,000 civilians every year, including 8,000 to 10,000 children. Those victims that survive endure a lifetime of physical, psychological, and economic hardship. At least 75% of landmine victims are civilians. (Adopt-a-Minefield, website: www.landmines.org or <http://www.worldrevolution.org/guide/landmines>). *Father God, we pray for a solution to be found soon to solve this problem worldwide. Minister to the victims of landmines, heal the broken-hearted and bind up their wounds (Ps.147:3).*

Wednesday 18 February 2009

Lift up Your Name: Yahweh-Shammah, we lift up Your Name as the "Lord is there" over all the earth (**Ezek.48:35**). May all people come to know You and live with You for all eternity and see Your manifest presence (**Rev.21:12-14**).

Reveal His character: Merciful God, You brought us near to You by the blood of Christ (**Eph.2:13**). Let the Church arise, live and proclaim You as the approachable One near to her, her one and only God. We ask that Believers will seek Your face to come near to You; that Your might will be her only heart's desire, that she will seek to dwell in Your presence all the days of her life, to behold Your beauty and to seek You in all things (**Ps.27:4**).

Declare His works: We declare over the earth and its inhabitants, that in Christ dwells all the fullness of the Godhead in bodily form; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power (**Col.2:9-10**).

Cry for mercy: Jesus Christ, have mercy, fulfil the desire of those who fear you.

Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA)

George Lehman writes: "A recent biker Memorial service I did, was attended by 950 mostly unsaved guys from about 60 different bike clubs like Satan saints, Hell's angels, Hell raisers, Stepchildren, Suicidal tendencies, Wild bunch, Crazy dogs, Grim Reapers and Skull Riders to name a few. We have such wonderful testimonies of how God has changed some of the bikers. It is not an easy ministry because we are confronted with some seriously rough people, at times some demonic situations, sexual perversion, drug and alcohol abuse. Pray for our protection, our finances to go on the outreaches, protection as we travel on our bikes and for an open door to share Jesus boldly, fulfilling our MISSION "WINNING ONE HEART AT A TIME". (Bikers Church, P.O. Box 1755, Brackenfell, 7561. Tel.: 021 982 2303, fax: 021 982 0997. E-mail: bikerCRC@mweb.co.za).

Thursday 19 February 2009

Lift up Your Name: Yahweh-Shalom, we lift up Your Name as the "Lord who gives rest" and "God is peace" over all the earth (**Judg.6:24**). May all people find peace with God through Jesus Christ.

Reveal His character: Majestic God of heaven let the Church arise, live and proclaim that the Son reflects God's own glory, and everything about Him represents God exactly. Jesus Christ sustains the universe by the mighty power of His command. After He died to cleanse us from the stain of sin, He sat down in the place of honour at the right hand of the majestic God of heaven (**Heb.1:3**). May she boldly make known the manifold wisdom of God to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, according to the eternal purpose which God accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom she has boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him (**Eph.3:9-12**).

Declare His works: We declare over the earth and its inhabitants, that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us (**Phil.4:13**).

Cry for mercy: Jesus Christ, have mercy, answer the cry of the poor and needy.

Friday 20 February 2009

Lift up Your Name: Yahweh-Sabaoth, we lift up Your name as the "Lord of hosts" over all the earth (**1 Sam.1:3; Isa.6:3**). May all people come to worship You as the "Lord of hosts" as it is in heaven.

Reveal His character: Sovereign Lord and only Potentate, let the Church arise, live and proclaim You as the blessed and only Potentate/Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honour and everlasting power (**1 Tim.6:15-16**). Let her be unashamed of who You are (**Lk.9:26**).

Declare His works: We declare over the earth and its inhabitants, that love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins (**1 John 4:7-10**).

Cry for mercy: Jesus Christ, have mercy, give us rain in season.

Praying the promises for Israel: To know, understand and realise He is Lord

In **Ezekiel 36:8-12** God promises that the mountains of Israel (Judea and Samaria) will prosper, that men will be multiplied upon them, that the cities shall be inhabited and the ruins rebuilt. The special part is that it will be better than it was before. All of this God promises to do for two reasons – for Israel to know and understand and realise that He is the Lord, who calls forth loyalty and obedient service, and for all the Nations to know that He alone is God so He may be magnified. There is much division and strife in Israel about land. Pray for peace and that God will give land to both Jews and Palestinians for the fulfilment of His will and purposes, and that the land will be divided according to His promises.

*Faithful Father, we honour You as a God who does what You say. We lift up this situation before You and cry out for the promise to remain true to this generation of Jewish people. More than anything we cry out, that because of Your promise, they will come to know, understand and realise that You are the Lord, who calls forth loyalty and obedient service. We ask for the fear of God to come once more upon the people of Israel that they will call out to You to establish and prosper them in the promise of **Ezekiel 36**.*

Saturday 21 February 2009

Lift up Your Name: Yahweh-Rophe, we lift up Your Name as the "Lord who heals" over all the earth (**Ex.15:26**). May all people learn to diligently heed Your voice, do what is right in Your sight, give ear to Your commandments and keep Your statutes, so their sicknesses will be healed.

Reveal His character: God, You show no partiality. Let the Church arise, live, proclaim and see very clearly that God doesn't show partiality. In every nation He accepts those who fear Him and do what is right (**Acts 10:34-35**). Stir up her heart to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, to the outcasts and deserted ones (**Acts 13:47-48**).
Declare His works: We declare over the earth and its inhabitants: Say to God, "How awesome are Your works! Through the greatness of Your power Your enemies shall submit themselves to You" (**Ps.66:3**).
Cry for mercy: Jesus Christ, have mercy, protect us from calamity.

Sunday 22 February 2009

Memorise

The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace (Rom.8:6).

Lift up Your Name: Yahweh-Mekaddishkem, we lift up Your Name as the "Lord who sanctifies" over all the earth (**Lev.20:8**). May all people consecrate themselves and be holy, for You are holy.

Reveal His character: God our shield, let the Church arise, live and proclaim that as for God, His way is perfect. All the Lord's promises prove true. He is a shield for all who look to Him for protection (**Ps.18:30**). May the Church be a real testimony to the world in these truths, encouraging them to turn to You.

Declare His works: We declare over the earth and its inhabitants to be watchful, and to strengthen the things that remain, that are about to die, for Christ has not found your works perfect before God (**Rev.3:2**).

Cry for mercy: Jesus Christ, have mercy, shield us from violence and racism.

Monday 23 February 2009

Lift up Your Name: Yahweh-Makkeh, we lift up Your Name as the "Lord who smites/strikes" over all the earth (**Ezek.7:9**). May all people know that You punish them according to their ways so they may know You in your holiness.

Reveal His character: Perfect and faithful God, let the Church arise, live and proclaim that You are the Rock and Your work is perfect. Everything You do is just and fair. You are a faithful God who does no wrong; how just and upright You are! (**Deut.32:4**). Let her come to the deep understanding of these truths.

Declare His works: We declare over the earth and its inhabitants that the face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such that have a contrite spirit (**Ps.34:16,18**).

Cry for mercy: Jesus Christ, have mercy, baptize us with Your Holy Spirit.

Salvation focus: Cashiers

Thousands are employed as cashiers in South Africa. Pray that they will handle the money entrusted to them in their jobs with integrity and be faithful and trustworthy employees. Ask that those who have taken money will pay it back and make right their wrongs. Pray for the salvation of cashiers who do not know God. Pray for Christian cashiers to be godly testimonies in their handling of money every day.

Tuesday 24 February 2009

Lift up Your Name: Yahweh-Hosenu, we lift up Your Name as the "Lord our Maker" over all the earth (**Ps.95:6**). May all people confess and come to kneel down before You, confessing You as the "One who made them".

Reveal His character: Righteous and gracious Lord, let the Church arise, live and proclaim that the Lord is righteous in all His ways, gracious in all His works. The Lord is near to all who call upon Him in truth (**Ps.145:17-18**). May she walk in the image of Jesus, knowing that she can do nothing by herself, that she would not seek her own will but the will of the Father who is true in all His ways (**John 5:30**).

Declare His works: We declare over the earth and its inhabitants, that the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness (**Rom.1:18**).

Cry for mercy: Jesus Christ, have mercy, deliver us from evil.

Wednesday 25 February 2009

Lift up Your Name: Yahweh-Goaleka, we lift up Your name as the "Lord your Redeemer" over all the earth (**Isa.44:24**). May all people in the earth come to know that You are the only true "Redeemer".

Reveal His character: Lord God, You are holy. Let the Church arise, live and proclaim to the entire community of the earth, that they must be holy because You are holy (**Lev.19:2**). Let her gird up the loins of her mind, be sober, be obedient, not conform to former lusts, but be holy in all her conduct (**1 Pet.1:13-15**).

Declare His works: We declare over the earth and its inhabitants, that if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, you will live your lives as strangers on earth in reverent fear (**1 Pet.1:17**).

Cry for mercy: Jesus Christ, have mercy, answer us speedily.

Thursday 26 February 2009

Lift up Your Name: Yahweh-Gmolah, we lift up Your Name as the "God of Recompense" over all the earth (**Jer.51:56**). May all people watch over what they do with fear and trembling, realising that You are a "Rewarder" of their works.

Reveal His character: Loving God, let the Church arise, live and proclaim that You have rescued her from death and have forgiven all her sins (**Isa.38:17**). Help her to know and make known that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. God did not send His Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it (**John 3:16-17**).

Declare His works: We declare over the earth and its inhabitants, that by faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible (**Heb.11:3, NIV**).

Cry for mercy: Jesus Christ, have mercy, deliver us from our enemies.

Communication focus: Media Village

Media Village is a ministry of *Youth With A Mission (YWAM)* and is the *College of Communication* for the University of the Nations (U of N). In the past ten years they have trained over 400 students from 40 nations. Please pray for the leaders of this year's *Discipleship Training School*, the sub-divisions of the land for *Media Village's* new facility in Somerset West. Also pray for the completion of the *Global Day of Prayer* book, and for a suitable publisher. (*Media Village Africa*, tel. 021 788 9296. Website: <http://www.mediavillage.info> or e-mail: info@mediavillage.info).

Friday 27 February 2009

Lift up Your Name: Yahweh-Elyon, we lift up Your Name as "Most High" over all the earth (**Ps.7:17**). May all people confess that You are "Most High" over all their gods.

Reveal His character: God, You know everything from the beginning. Let the Church arise, live, proclaim and be assured that all things work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His design and purpose. For those whom You foreknew, You also destined from the beginning to be moulded into the image of Christ, and in Him they are called, justified and glorified (**Rom.8:28-30**).

Declare His works: We declare over the earth and its inhabitants that we are not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to give salvation to everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith" (**Rom.1:16-17**).

Cry for mercy: Jesus Christ, have mercy, restore us as the salt and light of the earth.

How to pray as you reach out to those who do not know Christ

When we reach out to people, whether as part of an organised outreach or simply as we connect with people in our daily life, it is important to wilfully focus on God's heart for them in order to pray for them according to God's will. The following are some guidelines to help you the next time you are on an outreach or when God puts someone on your heart that you know does not know Him personally.

1. Pray for people by name, and ask God to minister to their physical, emotional, mental and spiritual needs - **James 2:16**.
2. Ask God to show you how to demonstrate His love and care – **1 John 4:10-12**.
3. Ask God for opportunities to get to know those you know are not Christians in your sphere of influence - **Luke 19:10**.
4. Ask God to help you in building a friendship with them in order to reach them – **1 Corinthians 9:22**.
5. Ask God to show you ways to meet some of their felt needs - **Isaiah 61:1**.
6. Ask God for boldness and opportunities to witness of His grace - **Colossians 4:3, Acts 4:29**.
7. Ask God to open their spiritual eyes to see the truth of Christ – **2 Corinthians 4:4**.
8. Ask God to set them free from spiritual captivity – **2 Timothy 2:26**.
9. Ask God to give them ears to hear, faith to believe and the will to respond - **Matthew 13:15, Acts 20:21, Romans 10:9**.
10. Ask God to also send other people into their lives to witness to them - **Matthew 9:38**.

Set them thinking about life

In the process of witnessing and building friendships with them, try to remember to ask them the questions listed down below. Do not pressure them for an answer. They will respond when they feel ready. Yet, after asking these questions, pray continuously that the Holy Spirit will continue to speak to them after your departure.

- Whom can I trust?
- What is the purpose of my life?
- What happens when I die?
- When will I really and truly be free?
- Why do I hate God and flee from Him?
- How can I handle my problems?
- What does happiness mean to me?

Saturday 28 February 2009

Lift up Your Name: Yahweh-Yireh, we lift up Your Name as the "God who shall provide" over all the earth (**Gen.22:8-14**). May all people come to know You as the "One who provides in all their needs."

Reveal His character: Trustworthy God, let the Church arise, live and proclaim that God is not a man that He should lie. He is not a human, that He should change His mind. He has never spoken and failed to act. He has never promised and not carried it through. (**Num.23:19-20**). May she believe this and proclaim it as the truth.

Declare His works: We declare over the earth and its inhabitants, that when a man's ways please the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him (**Prov.16:7**).

Cry for mercy: Jesus Christ, have mercy, remove accusation and condemnation from our hearts and lips.

Sunday 1 March 2009

Memorise

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name (**Ps.86:11**).

Lift up Your Name: El Gibbor, we lift up Your Name as "Mighty God" over all the earth (**Isa.9:6-7**). May all people fear Your might above all else.

Reveal His character: Merciful and gracious God, let the Church arise, live and proclaim You as the One who is slow to anger, and abounding in mercy, that You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities (**Ps.103:8-10**).

Declare His works: We declare over the earth and its inhabitants: Come now, and let us reason together, says the Lord, though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool (**Isa.1:18**).

Cry for mercy: Jesus Christ, have mercy, forgive our sins, soften our hearts and renew our minds.

Monday 2 March 2009

Salvation focus: Beggars

Thousands of people in South Africa beg at street corners. Many adults use children to beg on their behalf and then take the money from them. Others beg at street corners because they gain a higher income this way than a day's wages would pay elsewhere. Pray for the salvation of beggars, both adults and children. Ask that they will have and take opportunities given to them to be established in full-time jobs. Pray that they will not rob others, but turn their lives around for good.

Global poverty prayer week

Tearfund is a Christian relief and development agency working with a global network of local churches to help eradicate poverty. In the next 10 years, they want to see 50 million people released from material and spiritual poverty through a worldwide network of 100,000 local churches. The first weekend in March marks a weeklong prayer event, focusing to pray for breakthroughs worldwide. (Katy Lake, Enquiries Officer, *Tearfund*, 100 Church Road, Teddington, Middlesex, TW11 8QE. Website: <http://www.tearfund.org> or e-mail: enquiry@tearfund.org). Let us join in prayer for God to turn the tide of the poor and needy worldwide. Continue to cry out for each person to have an opportunity to hear and accept the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Tuesday 3 March 2009

Highway Ministry Prayer Patrol

Highway Ministry is an interdenominational ministry directed at the trucking and taxi industries, as well as all road users. It is a non-profit organisation with a mission to proclaim the Word to, and establish the love of Jesus Christ in the hearts of all road users. Pray for this initiative to become thoroughly established and well supported. Ask that it will become a tool to help bring true transformation in the hearts and minds of South African road users. Pray for favour with other role players as the organisation endeavours to connect with and strengthen existing programmes such as *Arrive Alive*. (*Highway Ministry*. Tel.: 016 349 1996, fax: 086 502 8441 or e-mail: highwaymin@lantic.net).

Famine focus: Drought threatens 6 million kids

Up to six million children under five years of age are living in impoverished, drought-prone districts and require continued and urgent preventive health and nutrition interventions in Ethiopia. About 126,000 children are already suffering from severe malnutrition and need urgent therapeutic care. The *World Food Programme* is seeking \$147m to tackle a shortage of 183,000 metric tons of food to meet the country's needs. (Website: http://www.news24.com/News24/Africa/News/0,,2-11-1447_2325839,00.html). Cry out to the Lord to provide for this and other nations with similar problems. Ask that they will also have opportunities to hear the gospel, and for both their physical and spiritual famine to be completely eradicated.

Wednesday 4 March 2009

Prison Broadcasting Network

Another 6 volunteers have joined the radio station and have now completed their training. In 2008 there were more requests from offenders for the radio station to be turned on in their cells than ever before. Give thanks to the Lord for answering prayers like these. Please pray that they will have favour with the authorities to approve this request and be able to implement it soon. (*Prison Broadcasting Network*, P.O. Box 281, Steenberg, 7947. Tel.: 021 701 0163 (Studio), cell: 082 488 8345 (Marius). Website: <http://www.prisonbroadcast.org.za> or e-mail: info@prisonbroadcast.org.za).

Iraq's secret war of widows

Iraqi housemaid Um Haidar wears a black scarf as a sign of mourning since her shop-assistant husband was gunned down two years ago. Official figures estimate that one in six women in the age group of 15 to 49 is widowed. The real battle is to put food on the table for the children with no husband to support them. (Website: <http://iafrica.com/news/features/892536.htm>). Continue to cry out for the plight of women and children across the world. Ask that God will intervene in millions of similar situations and literally draw people into His kingdom by providing for them in their felt needs. Pray for the Church in surrounding countries to reach out in practical ways to widows and children.

Thursday 5 March 2009

Health focus: Lowest life expectancy

Life expectancy is the average number of years a newborn infant can expect to live under current mortality levels. South Africa holds 10th position on the ten countries with the lowest life expectancy in the world, namely 42.37 years. Swaziland, Botswana, Lesotho, Angola, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Liberia precede South Africa in this order (Top 10 of everything in the world, 2008). All of these countries are in Southern Africa. Cry out to the Lord to turn the tide of death at the southern point of Africa, once and for all. Pray for these millions dying so early, to come to Christ.

Children's focus: 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). Give thanks to the Lord for initiatives like these. Pray that it will be successful, not only in reporting, but in prosecuting paedophiles and child