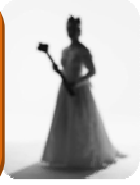


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"And who knows but that you have to a royal position for such a time as this?" Esther 4 vs. 14b



WOMEN praying with other WOMEN for WOMEN across the world

We call on all Christian women around the world to take at least 15 minutes every Tuesday morning to pray. We encourage you to mobilize as many women as possible to pray, individually or in groups. Take a few minutes to ponder & pray at each point of the guideline below & be open to intercede as the Holy Spirit leads.

You are welcome to forward this e-mail to as many Christian sisters as possible. Please send us the name of the town and the country in which you reside & let us know what God is doing in your nations! [You are welcome to e-mail us with prayer requests and testimonies.](#) If you did not receive this e-mail directly from us, but would like to, feel free to send your e-mail address to info@jwipn.com

We believe that God has called us as women, to intercede like never before, for His plans and purposes to be accomplished here on earth. Let us not slumber, but pray and call others to pray - for His Kingdom to come...

NATIONS - South Africa

The nation of South Africa has faced a very serious crisis in the last month. A well known political figure was murdered. Though two farm workers have turned themselves in to the police for the crime, the murder is being attributed to the influence of a radical political youth leader in the nation and his racist rhetoric. These happenings have touched a raw nerve in both the white and black communities. There is great concern and fear that the racial divide in South Africa will be deepened. The old wounds of apartheid have been reopened. Everyone is aware that if the nation goes the direction of Zimbabwe, immediately to the north, South Africa will be plunged into economic ruin and racial conflict. (Floyd & Sally McClung Newsletter) *Please pray for courage to replace fear - in the hearts of believers and political leaders across the nation of South Africa.*

PONDER THIS...

When a nation is in crisis we can either see what God sees for the nation, and align our hearts and thoughts with Him, or we can be overwhelmed by circumstances and allow offence and cynicism to take control of our hearts. We can see how God sees and have faith, or we can see evil and tragedy without discernment - and lose faith. There is no in-between place for the heart of a Christian. How do we respond to such a crisis? Do we take sides and let the divide deepen in our own hearts? Does the Word of God have anything relevant to say about such a crisis? The prophet Daniel in the Bible was a teenager when he was taken captive by the invading armies of Babylon. Daniel as a 16 year old was violently ripped from his family and all that was familiar to him. He was sent into exile, then forced to serve as a slave to the most brutal and wicked man on the earth. Daniel was surrounded by demonic religions, pagan idolatry, palace intrigue, and still he kept faith in God - and he became a political leader of great influence.

There is no other book in the Bible that so uniquely reveals how the destinies of nations are impacted by the choices of ordinary people. We see one man pray, and the nation changed. We read the story and watch a young man given a role of counselor to kings. We are given insight into the throne room of God as the curtains of heaven are drawn back. We watch God judge His people, and overturn rulers and kingdoms to accomplish His secret plans. There is just one prophetic message in the book of Daniel: *kingdoms come and kingdoms go, but God's kingdom is forever!* The message of Daniel is intended to inspire people to discern what God is up to in a nation, and then align their lives with what is on His heart, with His purposes. We learn from the book of Daniel that God reigns over the affairs of nations and it is He who allows and uses rulers for His purposes. We learn we are not to panic or lose heart - God is at work. It is important for Christians today to understand the message of Daniel: if they do not, they will have only a human perspective tainted by political views and ethnic considerations. *Some ideas how to pray in a time of crisis and especially in this time for South Africa: (Floyd & Sally McClung Newsletter)*

1. *Focus on God's character. Acknowledge God's goodness, His greatness, and that He is ultimately in control. (Daniel 2:20-22 and 9:4, 7, 9). Refuse to be more impressed with sin or evil people or wicked rulers than with God's greatness and goodness. Faith for a nation in a time of crisis comes from being impressed with God, not circumstances.*
2. *Thank God for what He has done for SA in the past. Thank God for the abolishment of apartheid and the peaceful transition to a new government in 1994. Thank God for reconciliation amongst many Christians from different cultures. Ask God to bring a deeper unity and reconciliation amongst the Christians in SA.*
3. *Declare to God in faith that He raises up kings and presidents, and He removes kings and presidents. (Daniel 2:21). Daniel believed his own king in Jerusalem was removed, and the king of Babylon was raised up to judge the*

people of Israel. God brings governments down if they do not govern righteously. God uses wicked nations to bring judgment on His people. Ask God to put in place righteous leaders in all spheres of leadership in SA.

4. Confess the sins of your nation in humility. Name the sins of the people specifically. Notice Daniel identified with the sins of his people. When he prayed he said, "We have sinned". (Daniel 9:3-6, 9, 13)
5. Acknowledge that the judgment of the Lord on His people is deserved because of their sins. (Daniel 9:11-15)
6. Call upon the mercy and forgiveness of God. Daniel believed there was only one hope for the nation and that was the mercy of God. He appealed to God to be merciful. (Daniel 9:4, 9, 18-19). Pray for the Blood of Jesus to cleanse the sins of the people of South Africa and to speak forgiveness (Heb.12:24). Pray for the Lord Jesus Christ to deliver South Africa from criminals, violent and corrupt people and for their salvation (2 Sam.22:3, 49; Isa.59:1-16; Prov.29:26; Mic.7:2-7).
7. Ask God to make South Africa a safe place to live in. Statistics show SA to have the second highest murder rate in the world. Pray and proclaim God's peace, His SHALOM over the nation of South Africa. Proclaim: 2 Timothy 1:7, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind", over the people of SA. Pray for the spirit of fear to be broken and to be replaced with the fear of the Lord (Jer.51:47; 2 Chron.19:7). <http://www.mapsofworld.com>.
8. Pray for the Lord Jesus Christ to redeem the lives of victims of violence, crime and corruption and to comfort them (Ps.72:14; Hab.1:2; Ezek.34:16).
9. Pray that believers will separate themselves from anything and anyone that contribute to violence, crime and corruption and walk in holiness (Ps.17:4; Jer.22:3, 13-17; Ezek 2:26; Mal.1:13). Pray for righteous punishment for those who practice crime, violence and corruption Zeph.1:9; Prov.21:15; Jer.10:24).

"There is hope for a tree: If it is cut down, it will sprout again, and its new shoots will not fail." Job 14 vs 7
"O Lord! May they who love You be like the sun when it rises in its strength." Judges 5 vs 31

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction....The chain reaction of evil--hate begetting hate, wars producing more wars--must be broken, or we shall be plunged into the dark abyss of annihilation.
Martin Luther King, Jr., *Strength to Love*, 1963.

TESTIMONY

South Africa is a land of contrasts. In the midst of the current turmoil & darkness, God is bringing light & is ministering in an amazing way amongst South African men: A Christian conference challenging men to become mighty men of God drew at least 250,000 men and boys to Greytown, South Africa, over the weekend of 16-18 April 2010. Hosted by farmer turned evangelist Angus Buchan, the Mighty Men Conference was the largest gathering at his farm, known as Shalom Ministries, since he launched the event seven years ago. Some estimate the attendance was as high as 300,000 during the meetings, which began Friday and ended Sunday."I have farmed maize. I've seen a lot of *mielies* [corn], but I've never seen a crop of people as big as this," said Buchan, whose autobiography, *Faith Like Potatoes*, was popularized in a 2006 film that released in the U.S. last year. Through three days of evangelistic meetings often marked by signs and wonders, Buchan challenged men to become godly leaders in their homes and to rid themselves of such sins as adultery, fornication and hatred. The event was centred on the theme "watchmen of the house," drawn from Ezekiel 3 vs 17, which says, "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me."

A Zambian farmer of Scottish descent, Buchan moved to South Africa in 1977 and became a Christian two years later. In 1980, he and his wife, Jill, established [Shalom Ministries](#), based on the farm, with a vision to help fulfil the Great Commission, take care of widows and orphans and train Christians to reach the world around them. Since he started the annual Mighty Men Conference in 2004, attendance has grown steadily from 240 men to 60,000 in 2008. That year, the *Sunday Tribune* noted that to draw more than 60,000 men to a non-sporting, Christian event "is not just an achievement, it could be deemed a miracle." This year's event had 60,000 participants registered before the gathering began! "Jesus took 12 men and changed the world. I see hundreds of thousands of men in this place," Buchan said. "We need to seize the moment. The future of South Africa, indeed the world, lies in the believer, in your hands and my hands. God is asking you 'what are you going to do about it?'" <http://charismamag.com/index.php/about-strang-communications> Thank the Lord for the many men's lives that have been changed thru this Mighty Men's conference. Pray that the Holy fire that has been ignited in their hearts will continue to burn & will spread in the nation of South Africa, causing healing & restoration.

Be blessed as you pray & spread the good tidings of the gospel of Jesus Christ!!!

Psalm 68 vs. 11 "The Lord gives the command; the women who proclaim the good tidings are a great host..."

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