

## **Weekly Prayer Strategy**

**14 May – 20 May 2017**

**This week's prayer strategy is based on the sermon by Tracy Nyamuda entitled: The Power of Forgiveness.**

### **Prayer Point 1**

**Isaiah 61:1**

**The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners...**

Ask the Holy Spirit to explore your heart and expose every unforgiveness in your heart.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to expose any unforgiveness, anger and bitterness in your heart held toward God.
- Make a list of all the things you need to forgive yourself of.
- Make a list of people you need to forgive.
- Repent for harbouring unforgiveness in all the above areas.
- Go through each list deliberately taking your time and releasing each person and situation to the Lord.
- In some situations, the Holy Spirit may prompt you to speak to the person concerned and tell them that you forgive them. If that is the case, seek God's wisdom and timing before you go ahead and do so.
- In cases where you are finding it difficult to forgive, seek counsel from your cell leader or pastor and do not procrastinate.

### **Prayer Point 2**

**Exodus 34:6-7**

**And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful (*compassionate, full of compassion, merciful*) and gracious, longsuffering (*patient and slow to anger*), and abounding in goodness (*kindness*) and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the**

**guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation.”**

**Luke 6:35-36**

**But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. (36) Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.**

- Ask God for a revelation and heart of His forgiveness to you.
- Pray that the Lord will help you to be a consistent imitator of His forgiveness and that you will always extend that forgiveness to people and situations around you.

### **Prayer Point 3**

**Heb 12:14-15**

**Pursue peace with all *people*, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: (15) looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;**

**Mat 24:10-13**

**And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. (11) Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. (12) And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. (13) But he who endures to the end shall be saved.**

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you any offence you have in your heart, especially the hidden or not so apparent offence.
- Repent of all offence and ask God the Father for the spirit of alertness so that you will never fall prey to the sin of offence.

## **Prayer Point 4**

**Rom 5:3-5**

**...we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; (4) and perseverance, character; and character, hope. (5) Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.**

**Rom 5:8**

**But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

- Pray and ask God for a revelation of His agape love to you and that you may fully walk in it.
- Pray for the Go Church community that we may carry, share and show agape to one another and be known as a Church that displays the love of Christ.

## **Prayer Point 5**

**Mat 6:12-15**

**(12) and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us....**

**(14) "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you.**

**(15) But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.**

- Resolve before the Lord to always forgive those who wrong you even if they never apologise or show remorse for their actions or attitude toward you.