

Weekly Prayer Strategy

23 April – 28 April 2018

This week's prayer strategy is based on the sermon by Paul Nyamuda entitled: One Race – The Human Race.

Prayer Point 1

1 John 4:19-21

We love, because He first loved us. If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.

- Pray that we would become a Church that loves one another as God would want us to.

Prayer Point 2

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you any traces of racism in you. Repent as He reveals them to you.
- Pray that we will become a Church, community and nation flooded by the spirit of forgiveness and a willingness to stand in voluntary identificational repentance.
- Pray for the wisdom and grace to deal with cycles of racism affecting our community and nation.

Prayer Point 3

- Pray that in our families, community and nation we would not be party to making decisions that perpetuate racism or injustice to the next generation.
- Repent for when you may have defined people in a particular way in order to justify your oppression, prejudice and hatred of them.

Prayer Point 4

Acts 17:26

From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.

- Pray that as a Church we may receive the revelation that we were created from one man and that we are one in God.

Prayer Point 5

Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

- Pray that we would be a Church that encourages believers to take full dominion on earth in oneness of purpose.

Prayer Point 6

Revelation 7:9

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

- Pray that we would be a Church that celebrates our tribal and ethnic differences as opposed to using them to perpetuate racism.

Prayer Point 7

Pray that the following prayers in order to fight the spirit of prejudice:

- Pray that our minds may be renewed and aligned to the word of God.

Romans 12:2

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

- Pray that we would be a people who do not show favouritism to any grouping.

1 Timothy 5:21

I charge you, in the sight of God and Christ Jesus and the elect angels, to keep these instructions without partiality, and to do nothing out of favouritism.

- Pray that we would be a Church that honours those who fear God rather than preferring people based on their colour.

Acts 10:28, 34-35

He said to them: "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean.

Romans 10:12

For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him,

- Pray that we may never tolerate prejudice but recognise that it is sin.

James 2:4,9

Have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? But if you show favouritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.

1 John 2:11

But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

- Pray that we would see people after their hearts and not any external factors.

1 Corinthians 12:13

For we were all baptized by[a] one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

1 Samuel 16:7

But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

- Pray that we would be a Church, community and nation that treats foreigners kindly.

Exodus 22:21

Do not mistreat or oppress a foreigner, for you were foreigners in Egypt.

Leviticus 19:33-34 33

When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.