

Weekly of Prayer & Fasting

8 January – 13 January 2018

This week's prayer strategy is based on the sermon by Paul Nyamuda entitled: Higher Dimensions.

Monday 8 January

Prayer Point 1 – Make sure you are what you are by the will of God

2 Corinthians 1:1

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you the things that you have been labouring in by your own will. Make a decision to stop doing those things and ask Him to direct you to God's will, desire and strategy for you.
- Pray that the will of God for your life will be your primary desire.
- Pray for the grace to fully walk in the will of God.
- Pray that you will become "something" by the will of God. (That "something" can be the voice of God in your family, school, workplace or business, community or city).
- Thank God for His resources for your will whether you see them now or not, receive and believe Him for those resources by faith.

Prayer Point 2 - Embrace the relational assets that God has given you

2 Corinthians 1:1

...and Timothy our brother,

- Conduct a stock take on all your relationships.
Prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit which ones you need to terminate (especially those that are leading you astray or are timewasters in your life or any ungodly alliances), which ones you need Him to help you restore (in some cases restitution might be required), which ones you need to invest in, especially those that took you to a deeper relationship with God previously but you have somehow forsaken them).
- If you do not have Godly accountable relationships: Ask God to reveal the right people to be accountable to. (Godly, integrous, people who will challenge you,

people you can be in one mind with, whom you can agree with this year). Approach those people and make your intent known.

- Pray that you will be one who will always see people after the spirit and not after the flesh.
- Make a commitment to serve God within a team ministry context. Seek such opportunities proactively with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Tuesday 9 January

Prayer Point 3 - Walk as God's holy people.

2 Corinthians 1:1b

To the church of God in Corinth, together with all His holy people throughout Achaia

- Ask God to reveal to you what He has set you apart for.
- Pray that you will be comfortable with whatever you have been set apart for. Do not be embarrassed about it.
- Pray that you will operate more in your primary purpose (that you may preserve your best energy for your primary purpose) and less in your secondary purpose.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to show you areas in your life that do not reflect the holiness of God. Repent and eradicate those things out of your life.
- Pray that holiness will be a top priority in your life and pursue it with everything in you.
- Take time to mediate on Psalm 139.

Prayer Point 4 – Know what you carry for others

2 Corinthians 1:2

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- Ask God to reveal to you what He has placed in you that is for other people.
- Pray for a heart that consistently imparts or declares those treasures God has placed in your heart for others to those you interact with.
- Pray that you will contribute positively to your relationships this year. Resolve to never contaminate your relationships this year.

- Break every selfish drive in you to get your needs met by the people but rather ask for divine enablement to always release blessings to those around you. *“You have been blessed with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places”*. Seek the Lord on which blessings are for you to impart.

Wednesday 10 January

Prayer Point 5 – Learn to receive from God first

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

- Pray that you too will pass on what you have received from God.
- Take some time to linger in His presence long enough to receive His comfort, His wisdom, His love and ask for the grace to pass these virtues to others.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate His light in your heart and show you areas where your heart has been hurt by people or closed up to people. Pray for healing and restoration in those areas and that your heart may not be closed up to God.
- Ask God to show you the journeys, experiences you have walked/gone through that are for you to share with other people or to help them overcome in those same challenges.
- Pray that God will be the source and originator of your love for people.

Prayer Point 6 – Rely on God completely

2 Corinthians 1:5-10

For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort. We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters,[a] about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has

delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us,

- Pray for your faith in God to be strengthened.
- Pray for wisdom to manage pressure and for the grace to endure it.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to strip away all self-reliance in you.
- Pray that you may always believe that your breakthrough will not be a once off breakthrough but that it will be continued.
- Pray that this year your life will overflow with testimonies.

Thursday 11 January

Prayer Point 7 – Remember that prayer works

2 Corinthians 1:11

...as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favour granted us in answer to the prayers of many.

- Pray for a heart that is humble enough to ask for prayer. Take advantage of the power of agreement.
- Pray for favour and abundant grace to do what God has called you to this year.
- Pray for a heart that gives more glory and thanksgiving go to the Lord in all your endeavours this year.

Prayer Point 8 – Function with a clear conscience

2 Corinthians 1:12

Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, with integrity[b] and godly sincerity.

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will convict you of anything that you may be suppressing?
- Pray and ask God to search your heart.
- Pray for sincerity of heart and a heart full of integrity.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you areas where the enemy has a foothold in your life. Repent and cut off those things out of your life.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to show you the guardian lies you have believed. Repent and resolve to deepen your pursuit of the word of God.

Friday 12 January

Prayer Point 9 - Follow through on what you have resolved to do

2 Corinthians 1:13-17

We have done so, relying not on worldly wisdom but on God's grace. For we do not write you anything you cannot read or understand. And I hope that, as you have understood us in part, you will come to understand fully that you can boast of us just as we will boast of you in the day of the Lord Jesus. Because I was confident of this, I wanted to visit you first so that you might benefit twice. I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia and to come back to you from Macedonia, and then to have you send me on my way to Judea. Was I fickle when I intended to do this? Or do I make my plans in a worldly manner so that in the same breath I say both "Yes, yes" and "No, no"?

- Pray and ask God for wisdom so that this year you may live beyond good intentions.
- Pray for a spirit of order this year. Be a planner.
- Pray for clarity of thought and break any double-mindedness in you in all areas of your life (church involvement, relationships, parental responsibilities, degree of prosperity etc).
- Pray that you will not live in the land of wishing but rather resolve to do what God has told you to do relying on His promises, which are yes and amen for those who believe.

Prayer Point 10 – Walk in the anointing of the Holy Spirit

2 Corinthians 1:18- 22

But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not "Yes" and "No." For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me and Silas[c] and Timothy—was not "Yes" and "No," but in him it has always been "Yes." For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

- Pray for a heart that embraces the power and work of the Holy Spirit in your life this year.

- Ask God for a revelation of what He has anointed you for and walk in that.
- Pray that you will walk in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit and rely on Him to counsel you, teach and guide you, etc.