

Weekly Prayer Strategy

11 Feb – 16 Feb

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

The Spirit of Boldness.

Prayer Point 1

Psalm 34:4

"I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

2 Tim 1:7

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you the fears that you harbour in your heart and pray that He would deliver you from those fears.
- Pray that you would walk in the power of the Holy Spirit and that your life would exhibit the love of God and that you would possess a sound mind.

Prayer Point 2

Acts 28:31

"Boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ."

- Pray that we would be a Church and a people who boldly declare the word of God.

Prayer Point 3 - Embrace boldness as a spiritual quality

Proverbs 28:1

"The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as the lion."

Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

- Pray that you would desire boldness and make a conscious decision to step out in boldness in all you do.

Jer 1:7-9

⁷ But the LORD told me: “Do not say, ‘I am only a child.’ For to everyone I send you, you must go, and all that I command you, you must speak. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you,” declares the LORD. ⁹ Then the LORD reached out His hand, touched my mouth, and said to me: “Behold, I have put My words into your mouth.

- Pray that your age or perceived social ranking would not deter you from boldly stepping into what God has called you.

Prayer Point 4 - Understand the consequences of fear

Mt 25:24-26

²⁴ Finally, the servant who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Master, I knew that you are a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So in my fear, I went and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what belongs to you.’ ²⁶ ‘You wicked, lazy servant!’ replied his master. ‘You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed....

- Fear causes disobedience
 - Fear stops you from stepping out into uncharted territories
 - Fear stops you from loving people
 - Fear stops you from allowing yourself to be loved
 - Fear stops you from connecting with people and being vulnerable
 - Fear stops you from dreaming big
 - Fear makes you lose your voice
 - Fear causes you to be controlling
 - Fear causes you to be suspicious and not to trust people
 - Fear causes you to never see the best in others
 - Fear causes you to falsely accuse people
 - Fear causes you to be unnecessarily defensive
 - Fear causes you to hide from love
 - Fear causes you to be bound by a guilty conscience
 - Fear causes you to be a people pleaser
 - Fear causes you to not use your talents
- Pray that you would not be oblivious to the consequences of fear and that you would be aggressive at eliminating it out of your life.

Prayer Point 5 - Let the Spirit of Christ in you be your source of boldness

(Isaiah 11:1-2 AV)

And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD

Acts 4:31

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Peter who had denied association with Jesus previous was now speaking boldly.

1 John 4:4

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

Psalms 27:1-3, 14

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid? ² When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. ³ Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident. ¹⁴Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

- Pray that your life would be yielded to the Holy Spirit and that He would grant you the spirit of boldness.

Prayer Point 6 - Receive God's Love and forgiveness

1 John 4:18

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

Hebrews 10:22 (ISV)

Let us continue to come near with sincere hearts in the full assurance that faith provides, because our hearts have been sprinkled clean from a guilty conscience, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.

Hebrews 4:16 "So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most."

1 Jn 4:17

In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him.

Eph 3:12

In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

1 John 5:14-15

¹⁴ And this is the confidence that we have before Him: If we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we already possess what we have asked of Him.

Matthew 3:17

“This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased.”

- Pray for a revelation of God’s love, forgiveness and acceptance of you.
- Pray that as the knowledge of His love, forgiveness and acceptance grows in you, you would grow in boldness.

Prayer Point 7 – Hold firmly to your boldness

Heb 3:6

But Christ is faithful as the Son over God’s house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

Heb 10:35

So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded

Ezekiel 2:6

And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them or their words. Do not be afraid, though briars and thorns are all around you and you live among scorpions. Do not be afraid of what they say or be terrified by them, though they are a rebellious people.

- Pray that you would not be one to be swayed by negative words from people around you but that you would hold firmly to the word of God. Resolve to be watchful in terms of what you let in to your eye and ear gates.

Prayer Point 8 – Put man in his place in relation to God

Mt 10:26-28

²⁶ “Do not be afraid of them, for nothing is hidden that will not be revealed, and nothing is secret that will not be made known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Instead, fear the one who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Acts 5:28-29

²⁸ “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us responsible for this man’s blood.” ²⁹ But Peter and the other apostles replied, “We must obey God rather than men.

Ps 56:3-4

³ When I am afraid, I will trust in you. ⁴ In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?

Heb. 13: 5-6

⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."^[a] ⁶ So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

- Pray that you would never have an exaggerated view of man and never be intimidated by man. Pray that you would never be bent towards man but instead would be straightened towards God.
- Pray that you would be one who looks up to God for affirmation and strength.

Prayer Point 9 - Pray for boldness

Acts 4:29

²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.

Eph 6:19

¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel.

- Pray that boldness would become part of your DNA, a distinct quality in your walk with God.

Prayer Point 10 - Spend time with Jesus

Acts 4:13

¹³ When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

- Arrange your day in such a manner that it accommodates time in the word of God and in His presence.
- Pray that you would grow in the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Prayer Point 11 - Remain in God's assignment for you

Joshua 1:3-9

³ I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. ⁴ Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Great Sea ^[a] on the west. ⁵ No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. ⁶ "Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. ⁷ Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸ Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

- Pray that God's assignment for your life would take priority in all you do.