

Weekly Prayer Strategy

14 Jan – 19 Jan

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

The Uncommon Church Volunteer.

Prayer Point 1 - The Uncommon Volunteer does everything for GOD.

Colossians 3:23-24

²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Eph 6:8

knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free....

John 5:40-42

⁴¹ and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life. ⁴¹"I do not receive glory from men; ⁴² but I know you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves....

Pray that as you serve in Church (or that those who serve would) you would:

- Have a Spirit of Excellence.
- Have pure motives.
- Have love that has no hooks.
- Have covenanted with God.
- Be consistent with many or few.
- Know that God is your rewarder.

Prayer Point 2 - The Uncommon Volunteer takes initiative.

Ephesians 6:6-7

⁶ not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. ⁷ With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men,

Pray that as you serve in Church (or that those who serve would) you would:

- Serve beyond your job description.
- Be non-reliant.
- Not wait to be asked.
- Understand how your area affects everything else.
- Love and appreciate all areas of service not just your section.

Prayer Point 3 - The Uncommon Volunteer has a servant heart.

Matthew 20:27-28

²⁷ and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Pray that as you serve in Church (or that those who serve would) you would:

- Be willing to do menial tasks, that nothing would be beneath you.
- Be teachable.
- Always be looking for opportunities to serve.
- Focus on adding value to others.
- Not easily be offended by how you are treated.

Prayer Point 4 – The Uncommon Volunteer is first devoted to God before their Ministry.

2 Corinthians 8:4-5

⁴ begging us with much urging for the favour of participation in the support of the saints, ⁵ and this, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God.

Luke 10:40-42

⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up to Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; ⁴² but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

Pray that as you serve in Church (or that those who serve would) you would:

- Be easy to work with because of your complete yielding to God.
- Always remember that your service to the Church should not compensate for your relationship with God.

Prayer Point 5 – The Uncommon Volunteer represents his or her leaders well.

1 Corinthians 4:17

For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church.

Pray that as you serve in Church (or that those who serve would) you would:

- Recognise that you have been sent and have a duty to represent your leadership well.
- Pray that in the event of misunderstandings with your leaders you would always have a heart to resolve the issues with them rather than back-bite them.

Prayer Point 6 - The Uncommon Volunteer is clearly identifiable

Acts 4:13

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.

Pray that as you serve in Church (or that those who serve would) you would:

- Not be ashamed of your identity in Christ.
- Like to be associated with your church and are not ashamed of it.

Prayer Point 7 – The Uncommon Volunteer is always prepared.

2 Timothy 2:15

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

New Living Translation

Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.

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Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 4:2

I give you this charge: ² Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

Pray that as you serve in Church (or that those who serve would) you would:

- Be prepared in the Word.
- Be prepared in prayer.
- Be prepared technically.
- Be on time, on time is late and early is on time.
- Be flexible and are willing to do things last minute if the situation warrants.

Prayer Point 8 – The Uncommon Volunteer is always Getting Better

Hebrews 5:12

In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!

New Living Translation

You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food.

Ephesians 2:10 states that we have been created for good works

Ephesians 4:12 highlights that we are being prepared for works of service.

Pray that as you serve in Church (or that those who serve would) you would:

- Be continuously improving yourself and getting better.
- Pray for growth and actively put together a plan to grow in your area of natural gifting and other areas and follow it through.
- Pray that you would find your ministry SHAPE, a concept developed by Rick Warren (Saddleback). If need be, seek counsel from your leaders to help you through this process.

S = Spiritual Gifts

H = Heart (Your unique emotional heart beat)

A = Ability

P = Personality

E = Experiences

Prayer Point 9 - The Uncommon Volunteer is Fully Present

Hebrews 10:25

not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Pray that as you serve in Church (or that those who serve would) you would:

- Be consistent in attending Church.
- Be always available and accessible.
- Have a PEOPLE SPOT.
- Be fully present and enthusiastic about what is happening in the Church.

Prayer Point 10 - The Uncommon Volunteer gives of themselves cheerfully

2 Corinthians 9:7

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Pray that as you serve in Church (or that those who serve would) you would:

- Give cheerfully in all manner, financially, emotionally, physically, etc.