

# Weekly Prayer Strategy

20 May – 25 May

This week's prayer strategy is based on the sermon by Vimbai Chariga entitled:

## Discipleship pt 2 – Rebuilding the walls of our City.

### Prayer Point 1

#### Jeremiah 29: 1-14 - Jeremiah's Letter to the Captives

<sup>1</sup> Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the remainder of the elders who were carried away captive—to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon. <sup>2</sup> (This happened after Jeconiah the king, the queen mother, the eunuchs, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, the craftsmen, and the smiths had departed from Jerusalem.) <sup>3</sup> The letter was sent by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiyah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon, to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, saying: <sup>4</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all who were carried away captive, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup> Build houses and dwell in them; plant gardens and eat their fruit. <sup>6</sup> Take wives and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons and give your daughters to husbands, so that they may bear sons and daughters—that you may be increased there, and not diminished. <sup>7</sup> And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive and pray to the LORD for it; for in its peace you will have peace.

<sup>8</sup> For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are in your midst deceive you, nor listen to your dreams which you cause to be dreamed. <sup>9</sup> For they prophesy falsely to you in My name; I have not sent them, says the LORD. <sup>10</sup> For thus says the LORD: After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you and cause you to return to this place. <sup>11</sup> For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. <sup>12</sup> Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. <sup>13</sup> And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart <sup>14</sup> I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.

- Pray that we would always be willing to follow the instruction of God even if it is not what we want or are expecting.

- Pray that we would be those with the discipline of praying for the peace of our City.
- Pray that even in seasons when it seems that God has forsaken us we would not allow discouragement to reign in us.
- Pray that we would unceasingly call out to God in prayer to fulfil His purposes for our lives.
- Pray that we would carry a discerning spirit so that we are not deceived by false prophets.

### **Prayer Point 2**

- Pray that we would be a Church whose desire is for God to us to play our part in Rebuilding the walls of our City.
- Pray that we would be a diligent people that researches on the:
  - Historical context of our City
  - The Personality of our City
  - The Purpose of our City so that we are better placed to pray for it.

### **Prayer Point 3**

- Declare the following scriptures over our City:

#### **Isaiah 62**

<sup>1</sup> For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace,  
 And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
 Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,  
 And her salvation as a lamp *that* burns.

<sup>2</sup> The Gentiles shall see your righteousness,  
 And all kings your glory.

You shall be called by a new name,  
 Which the mouth of the LORD will name.

<sup>3</sup> You shall also be a crown of glory  
 In the hand of the LORD,  
 And a royal diadem  
 In the hand of your God.

<sup>4</sup> You shall no longer be termed Forsaken,<sup>[b]</sup>  
 Nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate;<sup>[c]</sup>  
 But you shall be called <sup>[d]</sup>Hephzibah, and your land <sup>[e]</sup>Beulah

For the LORD delights in you,  
 And your land shall be married.

<sup>5</sup> For as a young man marries a virgin,  
 So shall your sons marry you;

And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
So shall your God rejoice over you.

<sup>6</sup> I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem;  
They shall <sup>[f]</sup>never hold their peace day or night.  
You who <sup>[g]</sup>make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent,  
<sup>7</sup> And give Him no rest till He establishes  
And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD has sworn by His right hand  
And by the arm of His strength:  
“Surely I will no longer give your grain  
As food for your enemies;  
And the sons of the foreigner shall not drink your new wine,  
For which you have labored.  
<sup>9</sup> But those who have gathered it shall eat it,  
And praise the LORD;  
Those who have brought it together shall drink it in My holy courts.”

<sup>10</sup> Go through,  
Go through the gates!  
Prepare the way for the people;  
Build up,  
Build up the highway!  
Take out the stones,  
Lift up a banner for the peoples!

<sup>11</sup> Indeed the LORD has proclaimed  
To the end of the world:  
“Say to the daughter of Zion,  
‘Surely your salvation is coming;  
Behold, His reward *is* with Him,  
And His <sup>[h]</sup>work before Him.’ ”  
<sup>12</sup> And they shall call them The Holy People,  
The Redeemed of the LORD;  
And you shall be called Sought Out,  
A City Not Forsaken.

### **Isaiah 58:12**

Those from among you  
Shall build the old waste places;  
You shall raise up the foundations of many generations;

And you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach,  
The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.