

Weekly Prayer Strategy

7 Jan - 12 Jan

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

Christian Lifestyle.

Prayer Point 1

Ephesians 4:17-18, 20-24

¹⁷ So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.

²⁰ That, however, is not the way of life you learned ²¹ when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. ²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

- Pray that one of your main goals this year, would be to put off your old self and to be made new in the attitude of your mind.

Prayer Point 2 - Deliverance from Mammon and Greed

James 5:1-6

¹ Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you.

² Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. ³ Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. ⁴ Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. ⁵ You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter.^[a] ⁶ You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.

Luke 12:15

Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

⁹ Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men^[a]
¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

- Pray that you would not walk in greed and that you would not make money your source of happiness but that you would have the right relationship with money.
- Pray that you would hate the oppression of the weak (physically and economically) and that you would be generous to your subordinates and employees.
- Pray that you would guard against these types of greed:
 - a) Hoarding – let me amass as much as possible and I can only give when I have amassed enough. Rooted in insecurity.
 - b) Overspending – Impatient. Living beyond your means. Inability to practise delayed gratification.
 - c) Comparison – Envy, covetousness. Keeping up with the Jones.
 - d) Entitlement – They owe me. I must have “freebees” for everything. I must maximize and consume as much as possible.

Prayer Point 3 - The Priority of Prayer

1 Timothy 2:1-4

¹ I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— ² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³ This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

- Pray that prayer would take priority in our Church and individual lives.
- Pray that we would a generation that passes the value of prioritising prayer to our children.

Prayer Point 4 - Purity of Heart

Ephesians 4:31-32

³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

- Pray for a revelation of Christ's forgiveness for you so that it can become easier to forgive others.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would cleanse your heart of every form of evil and build a pure heart in you.

Prayer Point 5 - Renewed Thinking

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 for a renewal of your mind and that you may know God's perfect will.
- Pray that you would not misinterpret what God is saying to you through the filters of your deceitful desires.

Prayer Point 6 - Delegated Authority

Ephesians 6:1-9

¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² "Honour your father and mother"— which is the first commandment with a promise— ³ "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."^[a] ⁴ Fathers,^[b] do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. ⁵ Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. ⁶ Obey them not only to win their favour when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. ⁷ Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, ⁸ because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free. ⁹ And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favouritism with him.

- Pray that you would have a revelation that ultimately God is your boss and is the one who rewards you.
- Pray that you would be one who does things wholeheartedly and that your work would be worship unto the Lord.

Prayer Point 7 - Disciple-making

Matthew 28:19-20

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

- Pray that we would be a Church that consistently and accurately teaches the commands of Christ.
- Pray that we would be a people that watch over, protect and practise what we have heard.

Prayer Point 8 - The Power of the Holy Spirit

Luke 24:49 (NIV)

I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.

NLT

"And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven."

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

- Pray that we would not grieve the Holy Spirit in any manner.
- Pray that we would allow the Holy Spirit to fully operate in our Church and lives.

Prayer Point 9 - Freedom from Fear

Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

- Pray that your prayers would always be from a place of thanksgiving and not a place of anxiety.