

Greetings from the Prayer Coordination Team

Exodus 33 v 15

“If Your Presence does not go with us do not send us up from here.”

As we come into this time of Prayer and Fasting for the start of 2018, let us pray that God’s Presence will go with us.

Almighty, All-knowing and Omnipresent God,
How could we attempt to enter the New Year without You.

To know You is to choose life! To turn away from You is to miss the purpose of our lives.

Take hold of our hand and lead us along Your path.
If You go with us we will stand firm and succeed, but if we turn away from You we will stumble and fall.

We ask for Your support and love that we need every day.
Help us to be obedient as we follow You to our eternal destination.
Amen!

This can be a full fast, a partial fast or a fast from an activity to give you more time to pray.
Your choice is between you and God alone.

Prayer

We encourage each office, Board, Intercessory Group, spouse, and volunteer of African Enterprise to determine your way of spending this time with God. We encourage you to involve your known Prayer Groups, both within and outside of AE.

It is only by prayer that we can truly be aware of what God wants of us and of African Enterprise.

Please let us know if you have any testimonies or God-given messages for the Organisation. This will be a great encouragement in the work of the Lord.

Please send all comments to prayer@aeint.org.

Blessings,
Biggie Paul
Prayer Coordinator

On behalf of Stephen Mbogo, Emmanuel Kwizera, Krista Kirby, Joan Addison and Salome Mumbi,
as the Prayer Coordination Team.



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Day 1 15th January 2018

Rev. Stephen Mbogo (AE International CEO)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A happy New Year 2018! This is the year that the Lord has made and so let us rejoice and be glad in Him.

This is a special season for us as we all join in faith to seek the Lord's guidance for the year ahead. I therefore want to encourage you that this is the year of the Lord!

In Luke 11:1 the Bible records the disciples' request to Jesus, "teach us how to pray". While the context does not give us much in terms of details, I would reckon that they must have, over a period of time, observed how Jesus prayed. They would also have likely related His prayer life to His mighty works.

There are a number of instances where it is recorded that Jesus prayed in the presence of his disciples. Having observed His prayer life, they started to long for prayer like He did. It goes without saying that when we spend time with someone, we gradually emulate them or want to be more like them. During my devotion time this last year, I was intrigued by the character of Jesus. He was a great teacher and a healer - He healed them all (Mt. 15:30). However, with all the mighty works that He did, and all of His speaking and teaching skills, the thing that stood out and that the disciples requested to be taught by Him, was prayer. May the Lord teach us how to pray.

The bible does indeed note that we often do not even know what to pray for: "Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God (Rom. 8: 26-27).

In the Mark 17: 14-20 incident, Jesus explicitly points out to the disciples the need for them to pray (and even fast) for a certain evil spirit to be cast out.

"And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.

Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

The book of Acts begins with a major promise, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:6-8). Acts 1: from verse 12 records their waiting on or for the Holy Spirit as "continuous prayer." The Holy Spirit and power seem to be a thread that runs through our scripture.

I do believe that same power is available to us as we wait upon the Lord in prayer during this season of prayer and fasting. My prayer is that I may be empowered to proclaim Him boldly. This was Paul's prayer (Ephesians 6:18) and this will be my prayer for you as well. Together let us earnestly seek Him in this season of prayer, that we may be recharged and filled afresh with His divine empowerment, in view of the huge and challenging task of winning the cities of Africa to Him in 2018.

I conclude with a quotation from D. L. Moody's life that relates well the need for divine empowerment.

D.L. Moody and 19th-Century Mass Evangelism
By William P. Farley

In 1871, Sarah Cooke and Mrs. Hawxhurst attended the church where 34-year-old D.L. Moody was pastor. Despite his earnestness and sincerity, these women were convinced that he lacked something important — spiritual power. So, they sat in the front row and prayed.

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They shared their convictions with Moody and began praying with him for spiritual power.

Moody's longing for God's power grew. One day he *"rolled on the floor in the midst of many tears and groans and cried to God to be baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire."*¹

While in New York on business, the Holy Spirit's power fell. Here is how Moody described it. "One day, in the city of New York — oh, what a day! — I cannot describe it, I seldom refer to it; it is almost too sacred an experience to name. Paul had an experience of which he never spoke for 14 years. I can only say that God revealed himself to me, and I had such an experience of His love that I had to ask Him to stay His hand."² Moody was sure that if God did not lift His hand, he would die.

A few months later, in 1873, he planned a preaching trip to the British Isles. With him came his newfound friend and song leader, Ira Sankey. Moody began to preach; and something had changed. *"The sermons were not different,"* he noted. *"I did not present any new truths, and yet hundreds were converted. I would not now be placed back where I was before that blessed experience [New York] if you should give me all the world — it would be as the small dust of the balance."*

Thus began D.L. Moody's Spirit-empowered stage of ministry. Before his trip to England, he was little known. From England, news rapidly spread of the supernatural power that attended his ministry. When he returned to America, he was an international celebrity.

So great was the power that attended his work that some called it a *"third Great Awakening."* For the next quarter century he traversed the English-speaking world. He preached to an estimated 100 million people, established colleges and schools, and left his imprint on 19th-century Evangelicalism. His was a remarkable life. *"Without higher education, he founded three schools. Without theological training, he reshaped Victorian Christianity. Without radio or television, he reached 100 million people."*³

http://enrichmentjournal.ag.org/200702/200702_128_Moody.cfm

May we equally pray for this divine enablement to tackle and conquer the cities of Africa to which the Lord sends us in 2018!



Prayer Points

1. Pray for a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit
2. Pray that each one of us will have an upper room experience with the Lord
3. Pray that we will minister the Gospel with the power of the Holy Spirit
4. Pray that prayer would take priority when setting up missions
5. Pray that God will build us into a team that will honor Him and be equipped to serve the nations

Day 2
16th January 2018

Michael Cassidy (Founder)

GOD KNOWS THE WAY FORWARD

At this stage of our ministry's history I believe we need to register afresh the important and comforting truth that our God knows the way forward for us and has His own Divine Agenda for us to walk in, and it's timing, if we will by faith and in surrender seek out His will and purposes for us in new ways.

The Lord tells us in Jeremiah 29:11, *"I know THE PLANS I have for you..."* These plans we can and will find IF we *"seek (Him) with all (our) hearts"* (v 13). That's the deal. We need on our side to believe this and act on it. The Lord mustn't say of us, *"I did not send the prophets, yet they ran"* (Jeremiah 23:21). In seeking His will we should also claim some of His glorious and specific promises of guidance. So we take Psalm 32:8, *"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go. I will guide you with my eye upon you."* What we don't want to incur is the Lord's rebuke, *"Woe to the rebellious children who carry out a plan, but not Mine"* (Jeremiah 30:1).

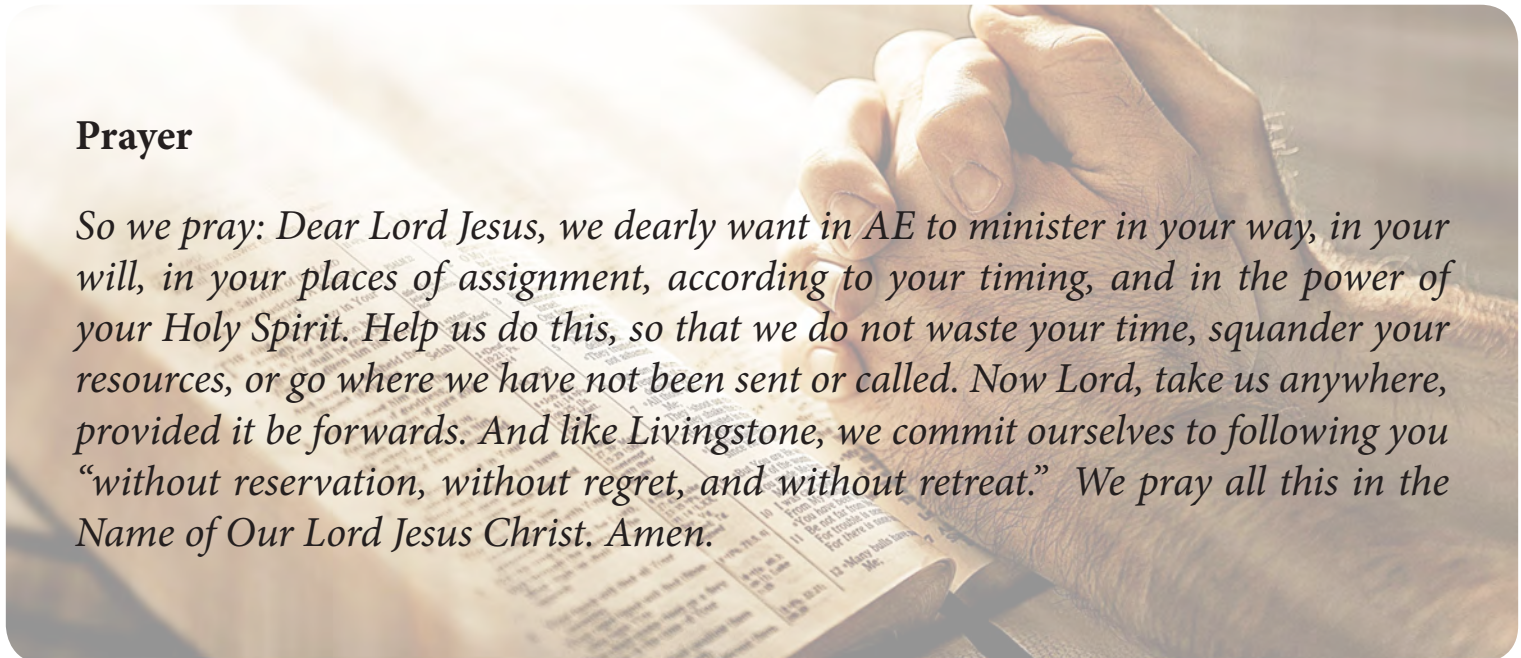
Then we need to grasp that in all He has for us, and all He wants of us, He has His own TIMING. I just love Galatians 4:4-5 where the Apostle declares that *"In the fullness of TIME God sent forth His Son to redeem those under the law that we might receive adoption"* as His sons and daughters. Just think of it. Here we have God's whole plan and act of redemption which had to wait on HIS PERFECT TIMING. It couldn't just happen whenever, at any old time. It had to wait till *"the fullness of time..."*

We therefore pray to know His WHAT, His WHERE and His WHEN. Why? Because He knows, and only He knows, the way forward for us. Dramatically new dependence on Him is required of us.

As we find all this for our big missions, our smaller ones, for individual projects and ventures, and even for our personal and family lives, we will know the faithfulness of the Lord as perhaps never before and see His Spirit poured out on our ministry *"above what we can ask or think"* (Ephesians 3:20).

Prayer

So we pray: Dear Lord Jesus, we dearly want in AE to minister in your way, in your will, in your places of assignment, according to your timing, and in the power of your Holy Spirit. Help us do this, so that we do not waste your time, squander your resources, or go where we have not been sent or called. Now Lord, take us anywhere, provided it be forwards. And like Livingstone, we commit ourselves to following you "without reservation, without regret, and without retreat." We pray all this in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



Day 3
17th January 2018

**Rev. Canon Dr. John Senyoni (Vice Chancellor /
International Chair)**

My God is Sovereign

In 1989, a preacher and miracle worker perished in an accident. Church members prayed for days for his resurrection but death could not vanquish the man of God. Eventually he was buried, dead.

Let us step into biblical Job's shoes and feel his woes with him. He is seated under a tree cooling off and then comes the news of four successive personal tragedies. The final and most devastating blow is the decimation of his beloved children. He had meticulously 'protected' them from the wrath of God through sacrificial absolutions.

No one can face such distress stoically. In similar circumstances, Christians question if God is still with them. Why should the righteous suffer as the wicked?

Even atheists crack up and grope for God during personal tragedies. On his deathbed, agnostic W.C. Fields was found reading his Bible. He said he was "looking for loopholes".

Job did not have the benefit of the 'behind the curtains' conversation between God and Satan. He did not know Satan orchestrated his suffering. He thought God had let him suffer.

Yet Satan is active to cause us to fall and fail. I said this to an African Theologian who judged me unduly superstitious. He did not count on Satan's activity; however, a diagnosis denied results in a wrong prescription.

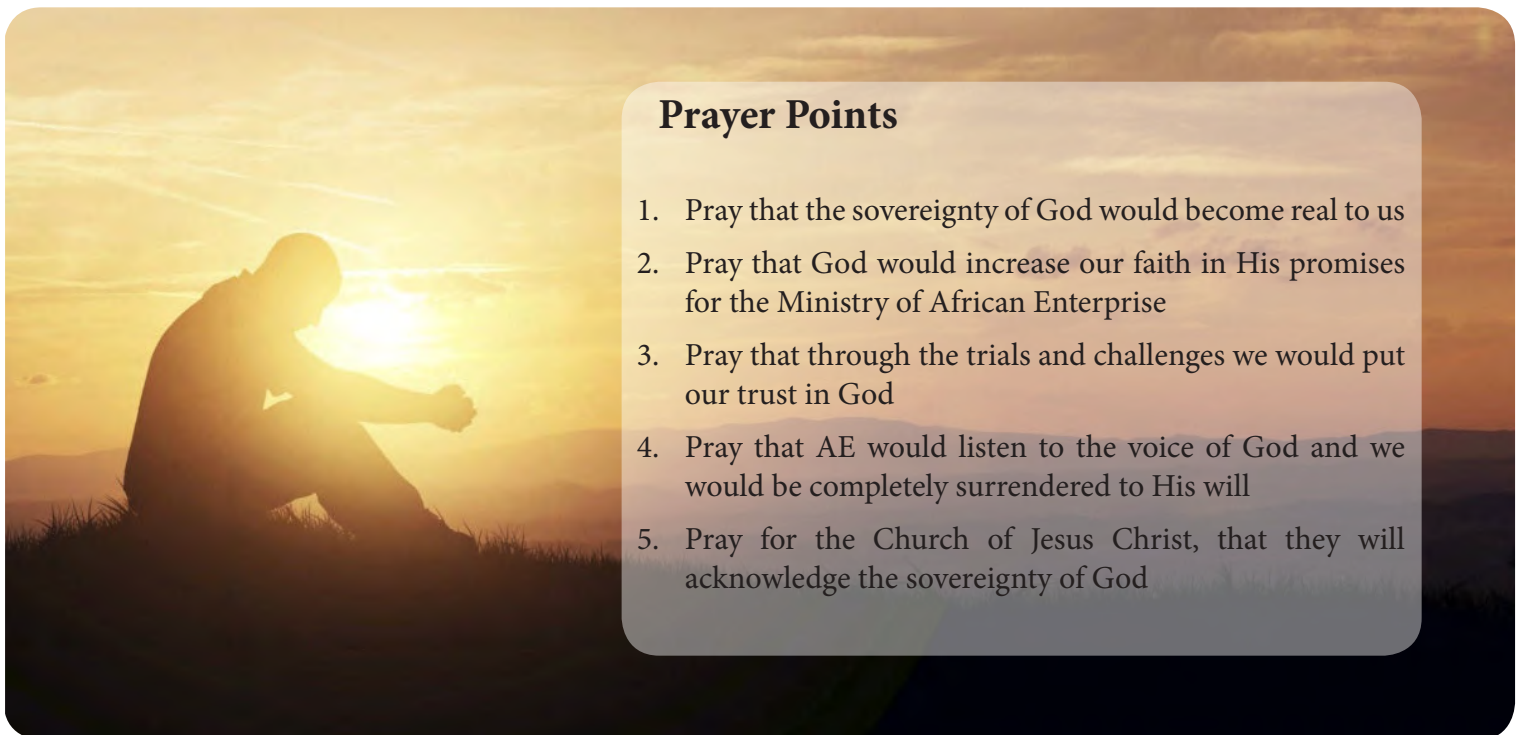
Other Christians become preoccupied with demons and Satan. They cast out demons from any and all forms of unexplainable abnormalities. Some prayers are engrossed with talking to or about Satan; quite unlike the prayer that our Lord taught us.

Job was stable; he appeared unfazed by the calamities. When he heard about his tragedies, he said, "*The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the Name of the LORD.*" What a faith! To him, God was still in control of the situation. Later he said, "*Though He slay me, I will hope in Him ...*" Why?

Job trusted in his sovereign God. Nothing triumphs over our God and LORD. Let us confidently walk and pray to Him through all our troubles. Amen.

Prayer Points

1. Pray that the sovereignty of God would become real to us
2. Pray that God would increase our faith in His promises for the Ministry of African Enterprise
3. Pray that through the trials and challenges we would put our trust in God
4. Pray that AE would listen to the voice of God and we would be completely surrendered to His will
5. Pray for the Church of Jesus Christ, that they will acknowledge the sovereignty of God



Day 4
18th January 2018

Jonathan Addison (Australia)

ENCOURAGEMENT

Let's face it, we all get discouraged. There are times when the world seems a very confused and confusing place. Our very faith gets tested to the limit. People criticise and turn against us. We feel alone and forgotten. It sometimes feels as though God himself has turned His face:

In life we face challenges,
Things that don't seem fair.

We feel alone,
Sometimes frightened,
And then we know it,
It's going to be all right.

But God does remember; He does care. At Christmas we celebrate the first advent when Jesus came and lived amongst us. In Revelation we see a vision of the Second Advent.

Let's look at Isaiah's prophecy:

Isaiah 65 in verse 1 we read:

*"I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me;
I was found by those who did not seek me.
To a nation that did not call on my name,
I said, 'Here am I, here am I.'"*

And In verses 17 and 18 we read:

*See, I will create
New heavens and a new earth.
The former things will not be remembered,
nor will they come to mind.*

Prayer Points

1. Uphold the AE leadership, that they may push on with the Vision
2. That AE may remain true to its mission statement
3. That the activities of AE may point to a Christ who cares and loves all people
4. That we may all be imitators of Christ and be His hands, feet, eyes and ears in the here and now.

18 *But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I will create,
for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight
and its people a joy.*

Yes, we do live in a world that appears to be broken and painful, a world where many are forgotten or set aside. But the promise, the vision, is for all people. When we feel overwhelmed by life or depressed by the news, or just plain upset, we can cling to the promises. We can also cling to Jesus.

In Colossians 1:15-18, Paul encourages his readers, who he had not met, that it is Christ who holds it all together. In The Message version we read:

15-18 We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created. For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment. And when it comes to the church, he organizes and holds it together, like a head does a body.

As we go about our daily tasks and as we ponder the work of AE, remember that it is not about AE or our status, it is about being the hands and feet of Jesus. We are called to imitate the suffering servant, and we must encourage others to do the same. The New Heaven and new earth are for all people.

If you believe and I believe
And we together pray,
Then Africa will be saved.

Be very encouraged my friends.

Jonathan L. Addison

Day 5
19th January 2018

Rev. Canon David Hewetson (Australia)

Those that wait for the LORD shall have new strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint' (Isaiah 40:31).

Nothing we do or plan to do will ever succeed unless we 'wait' on the Lord (in prayer) – because unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain' (Psalm 127:1). So when we need strength for ministry, it will only come when we pray for it. There are times when strength comes in abundance and we soar upward like the eagle because the task before us is big. There are other times when we need to run because the task is urgent and complicated – it is then that energy is desperately needed

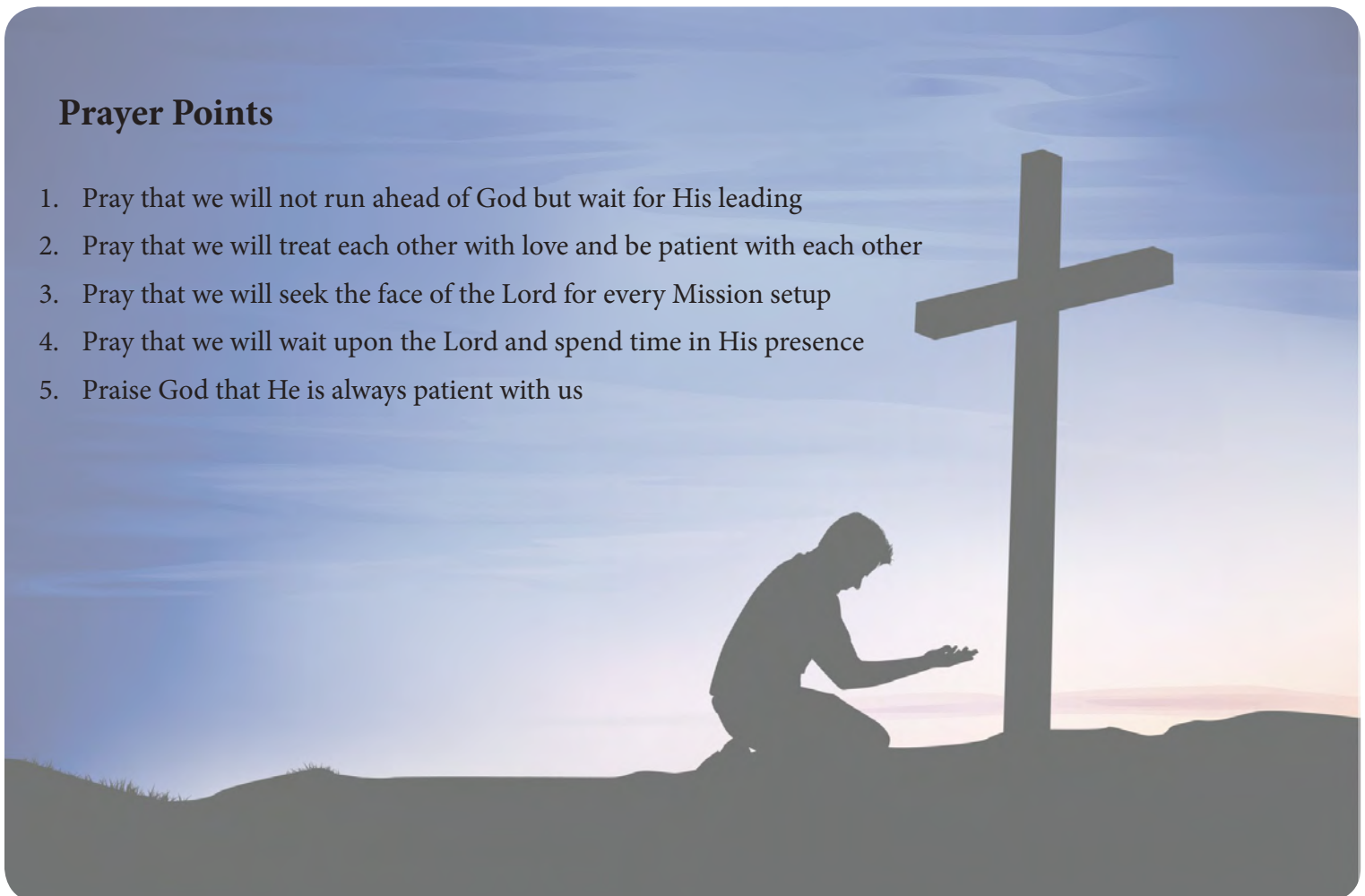
so that we do not grow weary. There are also times when our task is quite 'ordinary' and we need simply to walk remembering that our ordinary, everyday life is just as important as in the more dramatic times. Yes, we need to walk without soaring or even running because the Lord's kingdom is a permanent thing, a day by day walk.

So when the Lord gives us strength, it applies to the whole of life and we can count on it at all times in our ministry, to people and in our work for AE. Then, whatever we do or plan to do will have a new focus.

St. Paul writing to the Corinthians said, "*Give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain*" (1 Corinthians 15:58). So in serving Jesus, whether our task is big or urgent and complicated, or just ordinary, let us 'stand firm'. The Lord is the 'strength-giver' who never fails.

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we will not run ahead of God but wait for His leading
2. Pray that we will treat each other with love and be patient with each other
3. Pray that we will seek the face of the Lord for every Mission setup
4. Pray that we will wait upon the Lord and spend time in His presence
5. Praise God that He is always patient with us



Day 6
20th January 2018

David Carpenter (USA Support Board)

MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT

READ: Acts 4:32-37, 9:26-28, 11:22-24, 15:36-41

I am not sure how to impress upon us the importance of being an encourager. There are few characters in the Bible who inspire me as much as Barnabas. His very name means “Son of Encouragement” and his name suited him well. Barnabas is mentioned only four brief times in the entire Bible but each time we see him, he is building others up and helping them to believe in themselves. The first mention of Barnabas is in Acts chapter 4 where we see the early church just getting off the ground. Barnabas sells everything he owns and lays it at the apostle’s feet because he believed in the church and he believed in its mission. As a result he helped the church to believe in itself. The second time, we see Barnabas sticking his neck out to help Paul gain acceptance into the Christian church. After Paul’s conversion on the road to Damascus he comes down to Jerusalem but it says that the disciples were all afraid of him. Well, duh! Here is a man who dedicated his life to hunting down and killing Christians! Yet Barnabas takes Paul under his wing and convinces the disciples to give him a chance. Next, we see Barnabas’ name pop up in Chapter 11 when he is sent to encourage a young church in Antioch that was just beginning to take root. And finally, the last place we see Barnabas is in Chapter 15 when he sticks up for John Mark.

You might remember that earlier on Paul’s first missionary journey Paul, John Mark and Barnabas had a horrible time. They were faced with tremendous persecutions, ship-wrecks, and disease. John Mark, who was really just

a kid at the time, couldn’t handle it anymore and gave up. He left Paul and Barnabas and went back to Antioch completely beaten down and defeated. Later, when they were all back in Antioch and about to leave for their next journey, Mark apologized and asked if he could join them again. Paul didn’t want him there. It was Barnabas who stood up to Paul and said, “*Look, I don’t care what he did in the past, he deserves a second chance.*” Put simply, Barnabas believed in Mark! So Paul took Silas and went one way and Barnabas took Mark and went another. And as we all know, Mark, the author of the Gospel of Mark, went on to have an incredibly powerful impact on the church.

In fact, it is quite mind blowing when you stop to think, of the 27 books in the New Testament, 13 of them are attributed to Paul, and one of our four Gospels was written by Mark. A case could certainly be persuasively made that if it wasn’t for Barnabas’ encouragement, if he hadn’t believed in Paul and Mark when no one else would, if he hadn’t stuck up for those two men and helped them to believe in themselves, 1/3 of the New Testament as we know it today, may never have been written!

Do you think I would be over exaggerating the point if I were to say that taking on a ministry of building people up could literally change the world? I don’t think so. When I think of all the miraculous things that have happened through African Enterprise through the years; all the lives saved, communities healed, social and political structures challenged, inspired and transformed, there is no question that behind God’s tremendous interventions stood the quiet, consistent ministry of encouragement we all experienced from Michael and so many of the giants of faith. Men and women who encouraged and believed in all of us every step along the way. It is my prayer that each of us will continue this ministry of encouragement in a thousand small ways, with all the people in our lives, that AE may continue to serve and save lives, challenge and inspire nations, all over the continent of Africa.

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we will be able to encourage and build each other
2. Ask the Lord for forgiveness if we have hurt our Brothers and Sisters in Christ
3. Repent of past actions if we have not been sensitive to our Brothers’ needs
4. Ask the Lord for a Barnabas Ministry to walk alongside our Brother
5. Thank the Lord for African Enterprise to be an encouragement to the nations



Day 7
21st January 2018

James Catford (United Kingdom)

THINGS ARE REAL

A young Chinese colleague, who has never followed Christ, recently asked me an intriguing question. Leaning across a dinner table in Addis Ababa he said, “How will I know if I’ve become a Christian?”

How would you respond? Some people would expect to see ‘right doctrine’. Others would be looking for ‘right practice’. Thinking with speed, my response was ‘a right heart’.

I suggested that my friend pay special attention to signs that he is increasingly putting his confidence in Jesus. Not just for his salvation or life after death, although it certainly included that, but for everything, including life before death.

It’s been said of early Evangelicals in Britain, like John Wesley and even those before him, that they were more

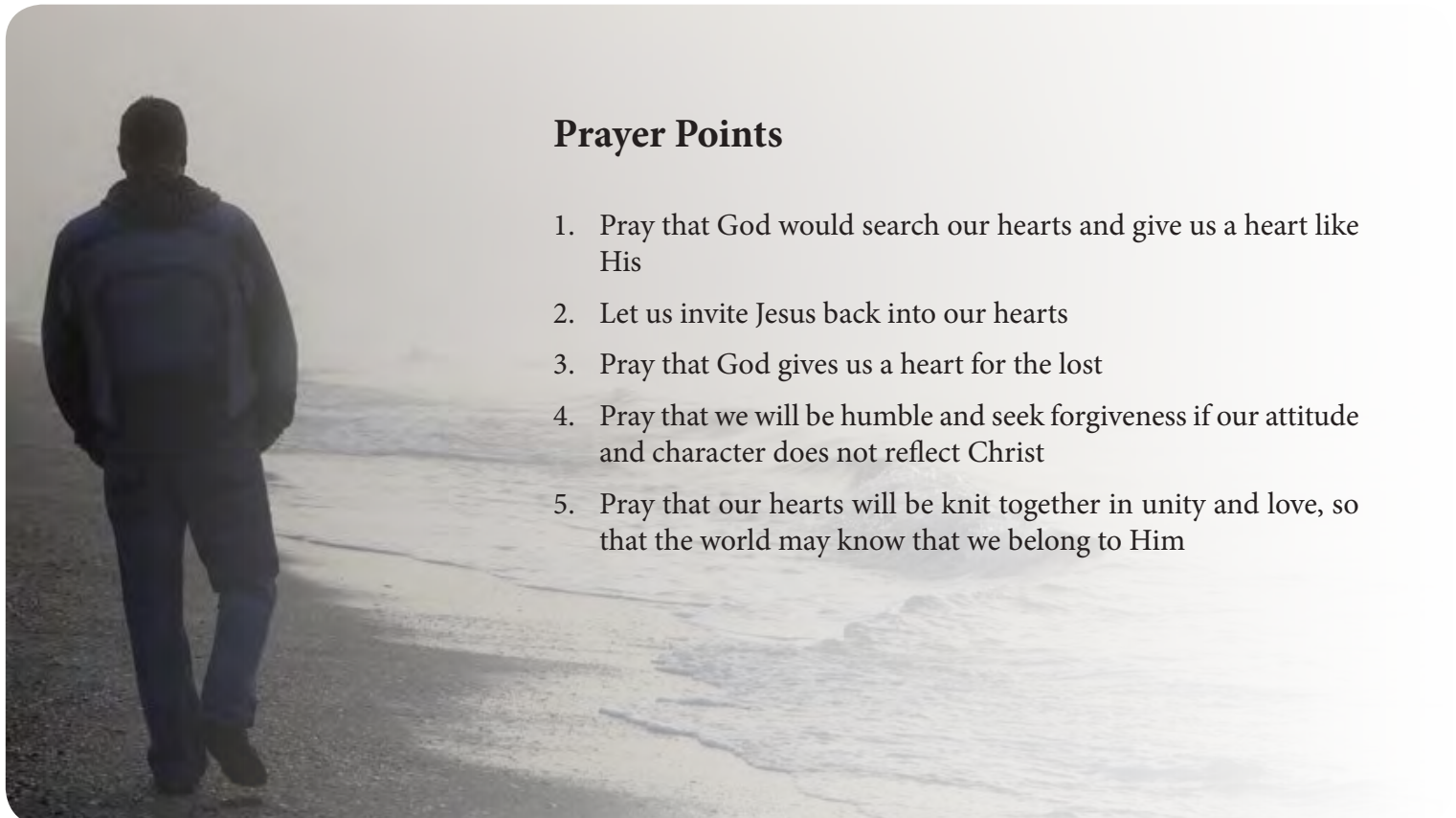
concerned about converting themselves than converting anyone else. Of course in the process of forming communities where this could happen, they also swept up new converts. People came to put their confidence in Jesus in vast numbers, as they have done in Africa.

This is the invitation that African Enterprise puts before people every day: to think well enough of Jesus to put their confidence in Him, to increasingly have a right heart and to lean on Him. Education, ethnicity, age or gender makes no difference. What’s so subversive about the message of Jesus is that the youngest, weakest, and least qualified follower can trust in Him the most.

Isn’t this testimony to the reality that invisible things are real? That they are, as we say, “really real”. And the amazing thing is that they can change us.

“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.” John 6: 68 and 69.

James Catford



Prayer Points

1. Pray that God would search our hearts and give us a heart like His
2. Let us invite Jesus back into our hearts
3. Pray that God gives us a heart for the lost
4. Pray that we will be humble and seek forgiveness if our attitude and character does not reflect Christ
5. Pray that our hearts will be knit together in unity and love, so that the world may know that we belong to Him

Day 8
22nd January 2018

Prof William Ogara (International Treasurer)

ENCOURAGEMENT

Over the last two weeks I have been having a chat with a friend who is almost permanently stressed. His responses to my greetings have remained negative and he is almost giving up on life. As I write this devotional, he has already made arrangements to see a stress therapist. This is not unusual at all. At least my friend is so open to talk and share his frustrations. For many of us, we are not even ready to talk about our frustrations. Today we live in a society where conflicts abound and no dose of encouragement seems to help. The daily news is often filled with negativity, with very little in terms of encouragement. Some of us seem to not want to watch the daily news at all. We are just discouraged.

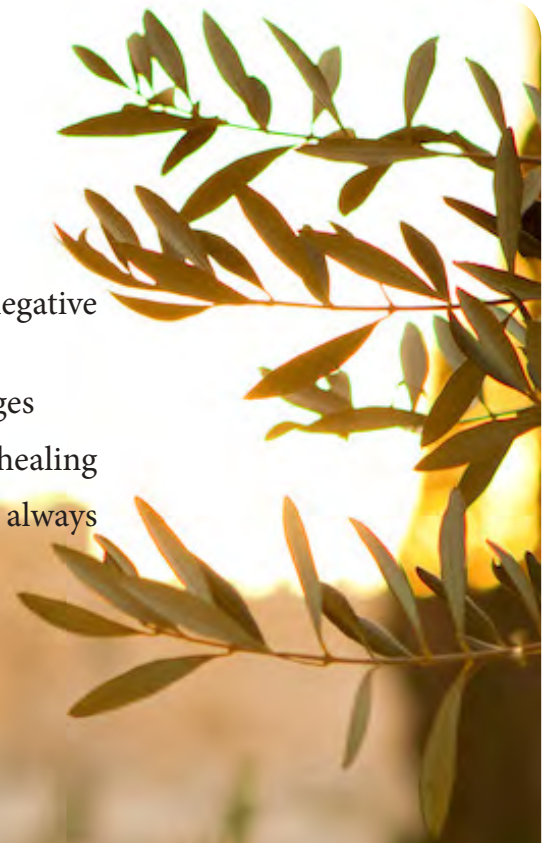
Today, we share with you the words of Paul in 2 Timothy 2: 2, “*What you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well*”. From this portion of Scripture:

- a) We are being invited to not tire in doing good for family and even in our work situation. We have a responsibility to go an extra mile to encourage those who are stressed and are on the verge of giving up.
- b) God is inviting us to radiate positive thinking and not discouragements all the time. There is a lot that we can do if we enable people to see beyond their suffering and to see that in whatever situation we find ourselves that God is still in charge.
- c) The call of God is not about hiding our emotions. We can still cry and shed tears, but recognize that God is in control. He will, indeed make a way even where there does not seem to be a way.

Amen

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we will encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ
2. Pray that daily we would put on a garment of praise and dispel negative thoughts
3. Pray against the enemies tactics to derail us when we face challenges
4. Pray for the Church to be an example of real spiritual and physical healing
5. Pray that the Lord will lead us beside still waters and that we will always draw our strength from Him



Day 9
23rd January 2018

Mike Odell (Board Secretary, South Africa)

One of the difficulties we face as Christians and in our role in AE is having to walk by faith. Humanly speaking, little is ever certain in Africa and even in the world today. We plan for missions and sooner or later something arises that challenges what we feel the Lord is leading us to do.

One day when Jesus and His disciples wanted to enter a Samaritan village the people refused to receive them. The disciples were indignant and wanted to call down fire from heaven and consume the people, but Jesus rebuked them (Luke 9:51-55).

There is a sequel as one writer comments: A few years later when Philip was preaching the Gospel in Samaria there was a revival (Acts 8:5-14). When the apostles in Jerusalem heard this they sent Peter and John

to Samaria to see what was happening. How different things would have been if they had destroyed that Samaritan village.

Paul in Romans 8 reminds us that God is able to work all things together for good. Our responsibility is to be faithful to what God has called us to do. Many times we pray for things and do not seem to see any tangible results, but that does not mean that God is not answering our prayers. He is just working quietly, unseen by us to fulfil His purposes, which often are not quite the same as ours. We must keep trusting Him.

David faced all kinds of adversity in his life but he encouraged himself in the Lord his God (1 Samuel 30:6). In his struggles he turned to the Word. We too need to turn to the Word as the written Word always directs us to the Jesus the living Word. So, in our praying let us not lose heart but *“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”* (Heb. 4:16)

Prayer Points

1. Pray that AE would not move away from their core beliefs and articles of faith
2. Pray that every Mission would be led by the Holy Spirit
3. Pray that God would help us to conquer many nations in Africa and the world
4. Pray that we will encourage ourselves in the Lord and His Word
5. Pray that our devotional life would honor the Lord and that we will hear His voice for direction and guidance



Day 10
24th January 2018

Absolom Gatsi (Board Member, Uganda)

Titus 2 verses 11-15 KJV

- 11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,
 - 12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;
 - 13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;
 - 14 Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.
 - 15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.
1. The grace is for all men. We encourage men and women everywhere to repent and grab hold of this grace that is in Christ Jesus, that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us work therefore as children of light.
 2. Let us deny ungodliness and worldly lusts. Flee from all appearance of evil and live soberly, righteous and godly in this present world. God is interested in a righteous

people. He says be ye holy because I am holy. Without holiness we shall not see God.

3. Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. We hold on to the hope that Christ will appear and takes us home one day. He will come with His reward in His hands and each person according to their work will be rewarded. That hope is what we hold on to and should never despair in the face of difficulties and challenges of all kinds. God is for us.
4. We are a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Do not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. I exhort you therefore, be strong and of good courage.

We each have a role in AE that God has called us to. Let us therefore do our very best in sharing the Gospel, reaching the lost for the Kingdom of God. Reaching the unreached in those parts where God is sending us. In all that we do, in word and deed, we should not lose sight of our mandate as AE, of evangelising the cities of Africa. When it is said and done, all that we will take and present before God are the souls we led to Jesus Christ.

May we be encouraged as we begin the year 2018, knowing that He who is in us is greater than He that is in the world. Pray for Kenya, Zimbabwe, South Africa and all our Teams across Africa.

God bless you all.

Prayer Points

1. Pray that God would enable us to lead a life of holiness as He is holy
2. Pray that we will deny the lusts of the flesh and walk in the spirit
3. Pray that we will always be zealous for the work of the Lord and not be discouraged
4. Pray that the world would receive the compassion, mercy and kindness of Jesus Christ through the ministry of African Enterprise
5. Pray that the world would know the power of forgiveness and grace, and open their hearts to the infinite love of Christ through the preaching of His Word



Day 11
25th January 2018

Greg Smerdon (Ministry Associate, S.A)

ENCOURAGEMENT

One of the key building blocks put into my Christian foundation during the early years of my salvation, was that a *“one winged bird cannot fly”*. This thought challenged me to aim for balance in my walk with Jesus. One wing represents character, marvelously illustrated by the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22), and the other wing representing the gifts of the Spirit (1 Cor. 12).

The gifts of the Spirit are for building up the body of Christ. The gift of encouragement more importantly plays a crucial role in our strengthening of one another, especially in times of trial and adversity. Whenever encouragement is spoken of, the person of Barnabas, the *“son of encouragement”*, is referred to because grace was evident in his life. He sets an amazing example for all Christians, and as such is a reminder to us at AE to be intentional about connecting and supporting one another as a ministry team. The Devil throws all kinds of attacks, temptations and challenges in our direction, largely because our primary mission to reach lost people infuriates him daily.

As we reflect on the importance of encouragement today, let us extend a listening ear to each other and to those whom we rub shoulders with in ministry. They may just be in need of a word to lift them up from a place of despondency, or you may be called upon just to put your arm around the shoulder of someone needing to be strengthened for the day. Whenever I read the Pauline Epistles, I become so grateful to Barnabas, who risked his life and reputation by choosing to believe in Saul when key leaders doubted his conversation and hence, played a significant role in his rise to becoming the great Apostle Paul.

Consider this: Would Joshua have won the battle in the valley, had Aaron and Hur not lifted up the hands of Moses? Would the Apostle Paul have had the privilege to call for John Mark to support him in ministry, had Barnabas not extended a hand of fellowship, even when the Apostle himself did not want to have anything to do with him?

If we reflect on our own lives, I am certain that we will recall how someone at some time encouraged us along the way when we were hopeless and helpless! Why not consider afresh this responsibility we have as believers to bear one another up before God (Rom. 15:1-2).

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we will display the fruits of the Spirit in our walk with the Lord
2. Pray for God's help to not judge our brother and sister in Christ but to lift each other up in prayer
3. Pray that we will edify and strengthen our brother in the work of the Lord
4. Pray for the gift of encouragement at all times
5. Together we can do great exploits for the Lord



Day 12
26th January 2018

Charity Kivengere (Board Member, Uganda)

LIVING FOR GOD: THE POSITIVE MIND SET

Colossians 3:12-17

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.

As we read these words of Paul to the Colossian Church, it is an opportunity once again to be reminded of the fact that we, like the Colossians are a chosen people, holy and dearly loved by the Lord. Now as chosen people, how are we to live? How are we to live as workmates and members of the AE partnership/family that stretches across various continents? Paul says we have been called to peace! Now, to live in peace does not mean that suddenly all differences of opinion are eliminated, but it does require that loving Christians work together despite their differences.

Paul clearly has some guidelines in this chapter 3 of Colossians, which we can meditate on to direct us in living positively with one another for the glory of God:

1. Clothe yourselves. This calls for a deliberate move, a decision to put on the Godly qualities of kindness, humility, gentleness, patience and love, which binds us all together. This should be done daily through prayer, reading God's Word and obeying it, and allowing the Holy Spirit to work in us.

2. Bear with each other. People will make mistakes, they will falter, say wrong and even hurtful things. Even in AE, this will happen. Paul is saying make allowance for each other's faults and forgive whatever grievances you may have as the Lord forgave us. The Lord has forgiven me much, how can I not forgive.
3. Let love guide your life. Love should be the driving force in all that we are doing, for it holds everything together. We must live a life of love (Eph. 5:1).
4. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. It's Christ's peace and as we allow Him to reign in our lives, so His peace will rule our hearts. Paul also says that we have been called to live in peace. It's a calling, not a choice. Remember that we are members of one body, and like a healthy family that recognizes and values that bond that brings them together, we must pursue peace and harmony in our dealings with one another.

As we meditate on this passage and Paul's words to us, let's examine ourselves and see where we stand. Let's make a deliberate move to work for peace in our midst; to foster the spirit of forgiveness, to be motivated by love in all we do, remembering that we are a family. Let this year of 2018, be a year of seeing and appreciating the good and the best in our ministry, in our colleagues and fellow labourers in the Kingdom.

"Whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent and praiseworthy – think about such things. . . And the God of peace will be with you" (Phil. 4:8)

Prayer Points

1. Pray for God's peace to rule our hearts and minds
2. Pray that we will be peacemakers in our homes, churches and in the Ministry of African Enterprise
3. Pray that we will work in harmony despite our differences
4. Pray that no matter how big the challenge is we can do everything with the help of Christ
5. Pray that the love we emanate for each will show the world that we belong to Christ

Day 13
27th January 2018

Dr. Mesfin Melisachew (Team Leader, Ethiopia)

ENCOURAGEMENT

Paul, a “*chosen instrument to proclaim...*” the name of Jesus (Acts 9:15) needed the encouragement of Barnabas to bring him to the apostles at the initial years of his calling. Barnabas, whose name means “*son of encouragement*”, told the apostles how Paul had been boldly preaching the Gospel. Barnabas also brought Mark back to ministry; he had once left him and Paul in the ministry journey (Acts 15). What an encourager!

Paul in 1 Thessalonians 5:11 says, “*...encourage one another and build each other up*”. He further says, “*...encourage the disheartened*” (4:14). Encouragement is part of building the body of Christ. Its antithesis is discouragement.

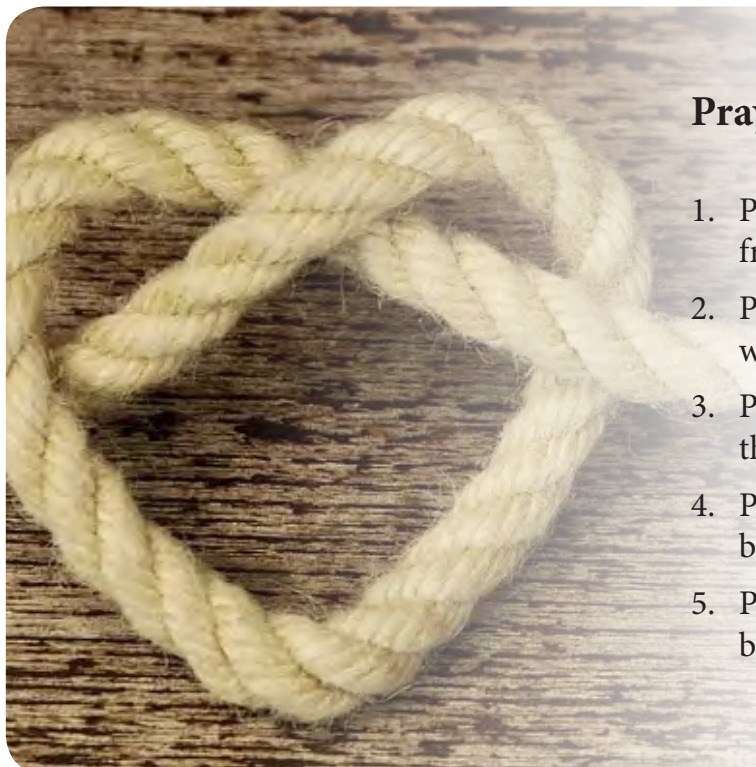
Christians as human beings, live in the common stress of everyday life. As servants of God they have an add-

ed pressure that emanates from the evil one. So they need to be prayed for and encouraged, as they struggle to win the daily routine hassle and overcome the spiritual battle.

The Bible tells us that the Holy Spirit that comes to live in us is a Comforter Spirit. He is “*another Comforter*” (Jn. 14:16); as Jesus is the Comforter (1John 2:1). So, we are not alone and when we provide genuine encouragement to people, we are partaking with the divine character.

Everyone likes to hear a word of encouragement. A timely word spoken into one’s life has a soothing power to the soul. “*Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones*” (Prov. 16:24).

We in AE need to encourage each other by reminding each other of the hope we have in Christ; and to motivate ourselves to share the Gospel in the cities of Africa. We encourage each other with our walk with the Lord and by holding hands together to accomplish our God given roles at AE.



Prayer Points

1. Pray that the Holy Spirit would be our comforter and friend in time of need
2. Pray that we will guard our tongue and have a timely word to encourage our brother
3. Pray that God would allow us to mend past relationships that were broken
4. Pray that we will not envy each other’s gifts and talents, but rather encourage each other
5. Pray that God would give us a heart for prayer and to be burdened for our brothers’ needs

Day 14
28th January 2018

Theuns Pauw (Team Leader, South Africa)

I greet you in the name above all names, Jesus Christ. I hope this letter finds you in good health at the beginning of this new year!

Are you **READY** for 2018?

Each new year affords us an opportunity to be **RE-FRESHED**.

Matt. 11:28

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

I encourage you to refresh at the feet of Jesus during this time of prayer and fasting. It’s going to be a big year for AE, and you will need supernatural strength from the Lord!

Each new year affords us an opportunity to be **RE-VI-SIONED**.

Jer. 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

As you pray, seek the Lord for clarity and confirmation of what He wants you to do this year.

Each new year affords us an opportunity to be **RESOLUTE**.

Acts 20:24

“However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.”

As you draw near to God at this time, draw courage from those who have gone before and have run a good race, and purpose in your heart to finish what you start.

And each new year affords us an opportunity to **RESTART**.

2 Cor 6:2

“For he says, “In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.” I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.”

May the Lord Jesus be with us all as we resume the great work He has entrusted to us...it is an opportune time!

Prayer Points

1. Pray that the new year affords us a time of refreshing at the feet of Jesus
2. Pray that we will revision the mandate given to African Enterprise to evangelise the cities of Africa through thought, word and deed, in partnership with the churches
3. Pray that we will be resolute to complete the task given to African Enterprise
4. Pray that if we have fallen short of the glory of God that we will restart the race
5. Pray for God’s favour to continue to help us to complete the task ahead





Prayer and Fasting Days 15th January - 4th February 2018

Day 15 29th January 2018

Curt Miles (Ministry Associate, South Africa)

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Isaiah 52 :7 *How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"* (NIV)

Sharing of the Gospel in our modern society is becoming ever increasingly difficult as we descend deeper and deeper into a postmodernist and ever increasing neo-pagan world. Mission and evangelism contexts are evolving from unreached people groups to the cities, towns and other forms of human settlements.

This text from Isaiah 52 encourages us to proclaim the "Good News" and "God Reigns" in our fallen broken world. The verse (7) ("*How beautiful*") is used in the context of returning exiles from Babylon after the 70 years of captivity. It was an announcement of freedom from the bondage of captivity. The world needs to hear the Gospel radically preached; "God's Good News". Hear the good news! The good news of return from exile is described in 52:7-8. It is worth considering what all these imperatives to the exiles are doing in a context that stresses the decisive action of God in Israel's salvation.

Two primary images are used to convey the bringer of the good news. First, it is the image of a "messenger" that travels by foot over mountain passes, to bring good news to a beleaguered people regarding a victory over the enemy -- the fastest means to spread news in that world. How beautiful are those feet! How good is the news! You can tell by the way the feet move!

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we will be radical when preaching the Gospel
2. Pray for the Church to take up their responsibility of sharing the Good News with all peoples, in every nation
3. Pray that the Good News will bring conviction in the hearts and minds of the people to turn to Christ
4. Pray that God would give us eyes like eagles to be able to see ahead of time
5. Pray that we will be watchmen in our homes, in the Church and the Ministry of African Enterprise

A second image used is that of "sentinels" keeping watch from the walls of the city. Their sharp eyes search the horizon for signs, signs of the messengers who bring the results of the battle in which the people's future is at stake. And the view comes into "plain sight"! What God has done will be evident to all! The sentinels shout for joy over the news that the experience of warfare and all of the associated suffering has ended because of what God has accomplished.

The text gestures beyond its historical confines. This peace, good news and salvation are not simply for the exiles in Babylon. This deliverance is not only for the people of Israel and Judah, but also for all the earth. God has acted for a particular people, for a particular city, for Jerusalem but also for the entire world, and all people are brought into the vision and actualization of this deliverance.

All people, all creation is pulled into this salvific act. The good news that is announced, the peace and salvation given to all, reaches beyond all the limits we may wish to place on it. Even the broken down walls, the ruins of Jerusalem are called into song. This shalom is a shalom for all creation, for culture and for expressions of human life; the city, for example, with all of its structures is called into this shalom.

What God does cannot be reduced to an idea, a concept, an abstraction or a program. What God does bursts the walls of our isolation. Singing, this essential activity of any proclamation, brings that which identifies us most individually -- our voice -- and mixes it with many other voices. Our voices brought together now redefine who we are as recipients of the wonderful good news brought by the messenger.

As stated in the introduction, "*SHARE THE GOSPEL*" God's Good News. Irrespective of how you might feel, be encouraged that your labour as a messenger and bearer of the Good News is not in vain. It will bear fruit. "How beautiful... are the feet of them who brings good news..."

Day 16
30th January 2018

Lerato Nkosi (Foxfire Director, South Africa)

TAKE HEART THE BATTLE HAS BEEN WON

John 16:33 New International Version (NIV)

33 *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

These are the words that Jesus spoke to His disciples who were with Him for three years; they were used to Jesus' presence. But Jesus tells them that He is leaving them for a little while (to return to the Father) and that when He does they are going to face some challenges until He returns.

We see contrasts in these four words: Jesus, the World, Peace and Trouble. In the world there is trouble and in Jesus there is peace.

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace" (John 16:33a). What are "these things" that Jesus told them? *"I tell you the truth; you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices"* (John 16:20). In chapter 14:27 Jesus says, *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."* Finally in verse 16b He says, *"In this world you will have trouble."* Jesus promises both trouble and peace. This peace that Jesus gives is so that we do not be troubled and afraid in the midst of trouble. When all is going wrong, when we are faced with difficult times and challenges in our lives, we should not see it as a curse or even as if there is some sin we committed, but remember that Jesus Himself prepared us for this and with that preparation came a promise of peace that is in Him. If we remain in Him we will find peace that surpasses all understanding in the midst of trouble.

Lastly He says, *"But take heart! I have overcome the world"* (John 16:33c). The peace we have in Him, in the midst of all troubles is because we know that He has already won the battle for us.

Prayer Points

1. Pray that our hearts would not be troubled and that we would not be afraid of the future
2. Pray that God would pour His peace into our hearts
3. Pray that we will remain in Him and draw our strength and help from Him
4. We repent of past actions for not trusting the Lord
5. Praise the Lord that the battle has been won for us



Day 17
31st January 2018

Grace Masalakulanga (Tanzania)

The body of Christ has been commissioned to preach the Gospel, to baptize and to make disciples. The commission was given to the disciples and it remains very true and relevant to us today as it was then (Mathew 28: 18-20). The disciples were sent out into the world full of challenges; the Bible reveals to us that some lost their lives in the course of preaching the Word or portraying their faith in Christ. We may ask ourselves: what was their motivation or what inspired them to continue preaching even at the point of death? It was the love of Christ which compelled them to take the message of salvation to the world, regardless of the difficulties they encountered.

The missionaries also faced uncertainties of not knowing where they were going; encountered risks and mistrust among communities; had no information about Africa except for wild animals and disease. But what inspirations did they have? Let us be encouraged by four things which guided these missionaries as they ventured to bring the Gospel to Africa, without minding their personal security and the uncertainties of the time.

1. Missionaries, the disciples of Christ and all the preachers of the Gospel who have gone to glory were guided by the vision that they had for the people through Christ; they knew Christ personally who gives us the burden for people regardless of the environment.

2. Our past brethren served out of gratitude. Christ had blessed them with salvation therefore they needed to bless others. We must not serve or preach the Gospel out of duty, fear or guilt but be encouraged to serve out of what God has granted us. We need to realize that we are privileged today not because we are worthy but because God loves us.
3. Our brethren including the missionaries and disciples had the capacity to trust God in the unknown; they had blind faith. God has a way of moving us from comfortable zones to difficult places so that we can trust in Him for the future. Let us be encouraged to try and go to gray areas. Our God will provide the guidance, the lead, the calling, the resources and the energy. We have to trust God in the unknown.
4. Our brethren were ready to bear the cost as they abandoned themselves to faith. It will take the people who are willing to bear the cost to go to areas unknown. The nature of the cost and the challenges will be different in our time. The missionaries for example left their homes, comfortable zones, and good economy plus an environment that was known to them. Today in our context we will or do face different challenges. It could be isolation, death, opposition and the like. Let us be reminded and encouraged that challenges are not starting today or we are not alone; our past brethren encountered big costs and they accepted them.

May the Lord bless us to start afresh into the unknown 2018 by faith.

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we will be ambassadors of the Great Commission to preach, make disciples and baptize
2. Pray that we will have the love for Christ to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth
3. Thank the Lord for the Missionaries and Evangelists. Pray a blessing over them
4. Give thanks for God's promise to give us the land where our feet step
5. Pray that God would provide the resources and finance for 2018



Day 18
1st February 2018

Paul Wasswa Ssembiro

We seek God because we are powerless without Him (Psalm 84)

As ministers, as followers of Christ, sometimes we live as believing – nonbelievers! The Name of the Lord may be on our lips yet in our hearts we are self-dependent! We rely on our experience, networks, achievements, academic qualifications, size of our ministry, even ‘our’ spiritual gifts! God in His mercy looks on, but kindly stays near as a loving parent. Our lives may be full of activity but devoid of meaning. Our ministries may have a lot of motion but not gaining ground and territory in the spiritual realm. Soon or latter we begin to think about the good old days, when the anointing of the Lord was upon everything we touched or said. In Psalm 84, there are fundamental truths about power which comes from seeking God. Here we see at least three nuggets which help in our spiritual pilgrimage:

1. **The Lord is the source and sustainer of our spiritual vitality. We are only alive as long as we are connected with Him, verses 1-4.** The heart longs and faints for the Lord. A disciple’s heart which does not long is a dead heart. A heart which can feel. A heart which does not sense the prompting of the Spirit. God has wired us as His children for communion with Him. He is the One who makes our cups to run over. He is the one who fills us with praise. Take time today and ask the

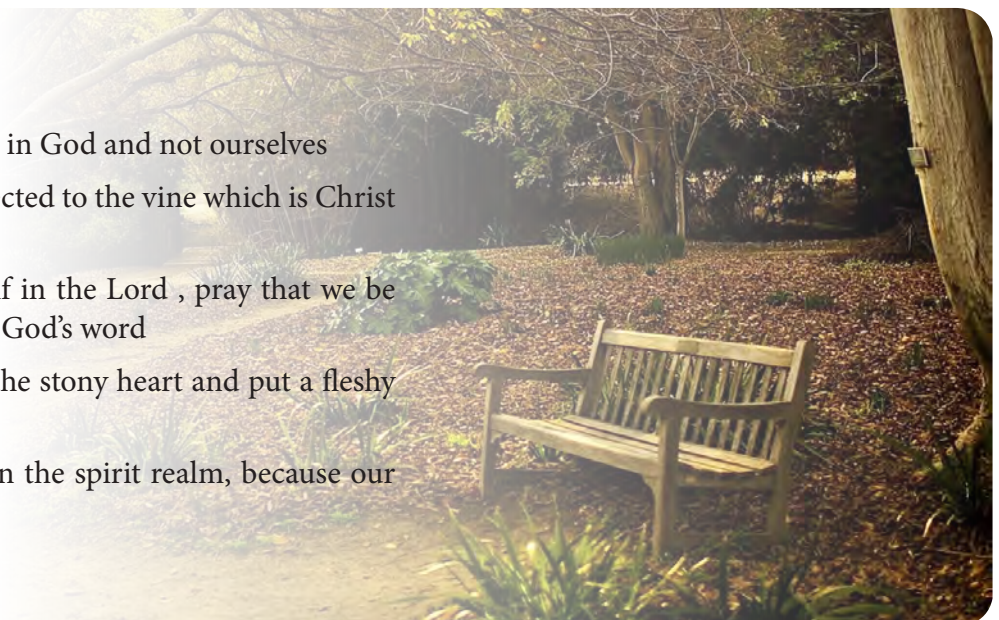
Lord to renew you, to give you a hunger for His presence. May he replace stone-deadness in our hearts with flesh. Spiritual vitality comes from Him.

2. **There is strength and refreshing from the Lord, in our spiritual pilgrimage in the Lord vs 5-7.** Life is a long marathon race, with ups and downs, with highs and lows. Circumstances are bound to weary us. Enemies may rise up against us – physical and spiritual. Sometimes waves of discouragement come over us. In this sum, there is a brand of people who go from ‘strength to strength’, in spite of the realities of the journey. These are people who draw their strength from the Lord – as David strengthened himself in the Lord (1 Samul 30:6). The message is this: whatever challenge you may be going through, do not run away from the Lord, but run to the Lord. Keep your gaze on Him and your goliaths will be dwarfed by His greatness. You will find strength in His companionship.
3. **Making the Lord your confidence 8-12.** The Lord is a sun and shield. He bestows favor and honor. To boast in anything or anyone else is to build your house on the sand. To trust Him is true security. He will protect you. He will vindicate you. He will preserve you in the winters of life. Make the Lord your confidence. Let Him take charge of your battles. Ask God to open your eyes to His greatness. Trust Him, trust Him, and after your have done and seen all things, trust in Him.

Let us seek Him, knowing that we are powerless without Him.

Prayer Points

1. Pray that our dependency will be in God and not ourselves
2. Pray that we will always be connected to the vine which is Christ Jesus
3. Just as David encouraged himself in the Lord , pray that we be encouraged and strengthened by God’s word
4. Pray that God would take away the stony heart and put a fleshy heart
5. Pray that we will gain territory in the spirit realm, because our trust is in the Lord



Day 19
2nd February 2018

Corporate Day of Prayer and Fasting

Praise and Thanksgiving



Payer Points

1. Give thanks and praise for the AE Ministry Teams in Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, DRC, Ghana, Rwanda, Tanzania, Malawi, Zimbabwe, and South Africa.
2. Pray for Stephen Mbogo for God's wisdom and guidance as he gives leadership to the Partnership internationally.
3. Pray for the Team Leaders: Mesfin Melisachew, Benson Omondi, Paul Ssembiro, Leonard Kiswangi, Bernard Sachie, John Kalenzi, Michael Macha, Enoch Phiri, Guide Makore and Theuns Pauw.
4. Give thanks and pray for the support offices in: USA, Canada, Australia / New Zealand / Hong Kong, Europe and Ireland, and for new ways to raise funds.
5. Give thanks and continue to pray for the Good News that was given to us for our salvation, and for the salvation of the lost to be spread.
6. Give thanks for the opportunity for AE to go North and that God would give us new Ministry opportunities for 2018.
7. Pray that AE will become an ever increasing prophetic voice to the nations.
8. Praise God for the vision that he gave Michael Cassidy to start the Ministry of African Enterprise.

Day 20
3rd February 2018

Prayer

**Prayer for the Protection over the Ministry of
African Enterprise**

Psalms 91 v 1-4

**Those who live in the shelter of the most high
Will find rest in the shadow of the almighty**

This I declare of the Lord

He alone is my refuge, my place of safety,

He is my God and I am trusting Him

For He will rescue you from every trap

And protect you from the fatal plague

He will shield you with His wings

He will shelter you with His feathers

His faithful promises are your armour and protection

**Lord be besides us, all every day
Guiding and leading us gently always.**

**Lord be above us, help us to see
The hope of the future, of all we could be.**

**Lord be beneath us, carry us when
We're too shattered or tired to really have strength.**

**Lord be ahead of us, smoothing our paths
Protecting and blessing the places we pass.**

**Lord be behind us, healing our wounds,
Forgiving our mistakes and making us new.**

Jesus, be within us, this family is yours

Now and forever, you are our Lord.

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*Lift
my eyes
to the Hills
where does my
help come from?*

Day 21
4th February 2018

Prayer of Blessings over the Ministry of African Enterprise

Deuteronomy 28 v 1-6

- If you fully obey the Lord your God by keeping all the commands I am giving you today the Lord your God will exalt you above all the nations of the world.
- You will experience all the blessings if you obey the Lord your God
- You will be blessed in your towns and country
- You will be blessed with many children and productive fields
- You will be blessed with fertile herds and flocks
- You will be blessed with baskets overflowing with fruit and with kneading bowls filled with bread
- You will be blessed wherever you go, both in coming and in going

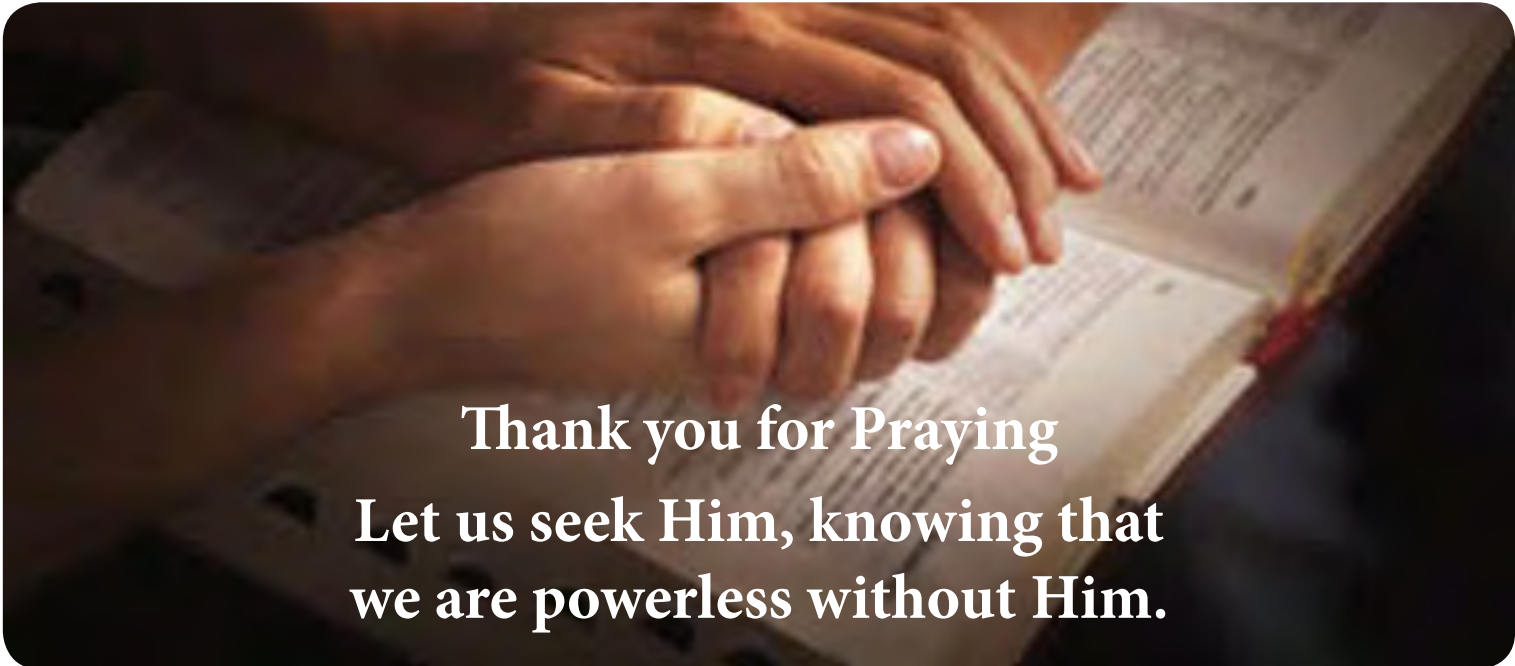
Blessed Be The God

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus... Father how can we thank You enough for the amazing grace and unconditional love that has been showered down on all Your children without measure and without cost.

We bless and thank You for choosing us before the foundation of the world to become Your children and joint-heirs with Christ Jesus our Lord – and have set us apart to be holy and blameless before You all the days of our lives. You have even adopted us as Your sons and daughters and seated us together with Christ in heavenly places – Your goodness is unfathomable and Your loving-kindness rejoices our hearts and humbles our spirit.

Bless the Ministry of African Enterprise. May we fulfil the purpose of our calling to evangelize the cities of Africa. May we extend our borders to the nations. Thank you for the protection and provision for this Ministry for 2018.

Amen



Thank you for Praying
Let us seek Him, knowing that
we are powerless without Him.