



# Bless Your Nation – Week 4: Education and Health

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This is the **5<sup>th</sup> article** in our series, entitled ***Bless Your Nation***. In each article, we focus on a different area of society to bless. Pray the blessings over your nation in faith. This week we focus on blessing the Education- and Health sectors.

*Are you blessing, rather than cursing; healing, rather than wounding;  
restoring, rather than destroying by your words and actions?*

Our first task as believers is to ask God to change our own hearts from a negative perspective of our nation to a faith perspective and to trust that He wants to use us to bring about change in our nation. If you have not yet read the **first article** in this series to prepare your heart to bless your nation, we suggest you do so before continuing.

## **Day 1. EDUCATION**

Proverbs 22:6: *Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.*

BLESSING: In the name of Jesus Christ, I bless \_\_\_\_\_ 's education system. I bless the development of godly curriculums for schools. I bless our schools, colleges, universities, teachers and lecturers with the ability to shape the minds and attitudes of our youth with godly truth, wisdom, responsibility and competence. I bless the youth of \_\_\_\_\_ with a teachable spirit. I bless the Department of Basic Education and the Department of Higher Education and Training, in Jesus' name.

PRAYER-WALK/DRIVE: Schools in your area.

PRAY: For principals, teachers, learners, learners in leadership, etc.

## **Day 2. EDUCATION**

Psalm 119:9: *How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.*

BLESSING: In the name of Jesus Christ, I bless the youth of \_\_\_\_\_. May they be exposed to the Word of God at a young age and learn to discern between right and wrong, good and evil. I pray for wise mentors and role models that will guide them towards godliness,

righteousness and integrity. I pray for the protection of the youth of today against the temptations and evils of the modern world. I pray for their minds and hearts to be protected against evil ideologies, lies, intimidation and indoctrination so that they will be able to resist the spirit of rebellion, disobedience, violence and anarchy. Lord God, bless our youth!

PRONOUNCE: The 3 blessings from Numbers 6:24-26, Matthew 5:3-12 and Ephesians 1:3-4 over the youth of your nation.

PRAYER-WALK/DRIVE: Colleges, universities, training and research institutions.

PRAY: For lecturers, students, student councils, etc.

### **Day 3. EDUCATION**

*Deuteronomy 6:5-7: You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.*

BLESSING: In the name of Jesus Christ, I bless the children of \_\_\_\_\_. I bless them with homes that will provide stability, with fathers and mothers, grandfathers and grandmothers that will teach them how to walk in the fear of the Lord. I pray that babies and infants, toddlers and young children will learn to love and respect others, will learn discipline and obedience through loving guidance by both parents, care-takers and teachers. I pray for children to be able to learn basic education in their own home language. I pray for a new generation of teachers who will see teaching as a calling and not just an occupation. Father, raise up Christian teachers in our nation from every tribe and language! We bless the future generation of our nation!

PRAYER-WALK/DRIVE: Nurseries and pre-primary schools, day-care facilities, etc.

### **Day 4. EDUCATION**

PRAYER: Father God, today I pray especially for school bullying and peer pressure. I pray for the victims of bullying. May they discover the value that You place on each person's life. Please heal them from the trauma that they have experienced because of verbal, physical and psychological abuse. I pray for the proper supervision of children at school, and for the protection of vulnerable ones. I pray for bullies, that they will be convicted of their wrongdoing and that their abusive behaviour will be exposed. I pray for their home circumstances, for their relationship with their parents and for their own pain and rejection to be healed. I ask for school systems where children will once again learn the moral values of love, kindness, respect and honour. I bless the education of our young generation, in Jesus' mighty name!

PRAYER-WALK/DRIVE: As you travel today, pray for every child and young person that you see or meet along the way. Bless them by praying Numbers 6:24-26: *The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.*

## Day 5. HEALTH

BLESSING: I bless \_\_\_\_\_'s health industry with compassion for the sick and needy; with healthy medical practices and responsible use of pharmaceutical products. I bless medical personnel with insight into physical, emotional and spiritual causes of diseases and sicknesses, and I pray for them to bring healing to those suffering. I pray for the restoration of the gift of healing to the Body of Christ, through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. I bless \_\_\_\_\_ with physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual health.

PRAY: Jesus' blessing over your nation today: *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.* (Matthew 5:3-12).

PRAYER-WALK/DRIVE: Hospitals, clinics, veterinary clinics, pharmacies, rehabilitation clinics, psychiatric institutions, etc.

PRAY: For doctors, nurses, hospital workers, dentists, caregivers, frail care personnel, pharmacists, paramedics, relief workers, etc.

## Day 6. HEALTH

BLESSING: In the name of Jesus Christ, I bless all medical practitioners (doctors, nurses, caregivers, ambulance services, etc.) and pharmacists. I pray for affordable medical aid for all citizens in our nation. I bless the Department of Health. I ask forgiveness for legalising the practice of abortion. I pray for all those who perform abortions, for mothers who choose to undergo abortions, and for politicians who approve of this practise. I pray for an awakening of their conscience and for conviction of the sin of murder. I pray for healing of the emotional, physical and psychological impact of abortion on mothers. I weep for babies who are torn apart in the womb and whose lives are not valued. Father, forgive us! Have mercy on us! Help us to turn back to You, and to value every life that You create in the womb. *For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and*

wonderfully made; marvellous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. (Psalm 139:13-14).

PRAYER-WALK/DRIVE: Abortion clinics.

PRAY: For the sick, for paraplegics and quadriplegics, for the blind and/or deaf, and for anyone who suffers from physical, emotional or psychological illness. Pray that the gift of healing will be restored to the Body of Christ, and that Christians will take up their responsibility to pray for each other according to Matthew 10:8 and James 5:14-15.

## **Day 7. HEALTH**

Mark 11:25-26: *And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.*

PRAYER: Father God, today I pray for the healing of our nation. I ask for special grace to deal with the historic sins of \_\_\_\_\_. Help us to confess and repent of the injustices of the past and present, and to forgive and let go of the pain of the past and present. I pray for wisdom and the willingness to work towards reconciliation and restoration. I stand before the throne of grace and I ask for Your mercy and grace in our time of need. Please heal our hearts and our land. Lead us in paths of righteousness to the honour and glory of Your Name!

PRAYER-WALK/DRIVE: Pray for someone today who does not belong to your tribe, race or nationality. Bless them in the name of Jesus Christ.

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