

# 52 ONSITE PRAYER IDEAS



Saturate your community  
with prayer for one year

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# ***Introduction***

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Most believers are faithfully praying for many matters in our nation, cities, towns, communities and local congregations. Often though, we still wonder whether there is not something more we can do, something practical that will also involve and make others aware of the needs in their communities.

*The purpose of this prayer booklet is to provide one relevant prayer focus per week on communities for 52 weeks.*

- a) It gives a Scripture verse to pray and proclaim.
- b) It suggests a practical action in communities.

## ***How and where to use this prayer guide***

Not everyone likes sitting down and praying through a list. This booklet provides various creative ideas that will assist the prayer ministry within the local church.

It can be used by the youth groups or weekly home groups. It will also be very meaningful to display on the overhead before church services on a Sunday or to print in the weekly church bulletin or even to send out on social media platforms used in your congregation.

You may also consider using it as part of your devotional times, speaking God's blessing over your community and mentioning the different points of need before His throne of grace.

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# ***Prayerwalking Tips***

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## ***Where did the idea of a prayerwalk originate?***

The desire for people to do something practical while praying is a valid one, and especially so for the younger generation. They would more likely partake in a prayer action or Prayerwalk, than simply go to a prayer meeting at church or in someone's home. Biblically, the idea of walking in prayer and praise around a city, is taken from the Israelites who by faith in God, circled the city of Jericho once a day for six days, and then seven times on the seventh day before the Lord stepped in and gave the city into their hand. (Hebrews 11:30). (The authors, Steve Hawthorne and Graham Kendrick, wrote a valuable book on this topic, called , [\*Prayerwalking: Praying on-site with insight\*](#). This resource is highly recommended for further reading.)

## ***How do you prepare for a prayerwalk?***

1. Gather as a group to pray together in one place, before you go out for the prayerwalk.
2. Confess any sins the Holy Spirit shows you.
3. Ask the Lord to fill you with the Holy Spirit, to give you wisdom and knowledge about what to pray everywhere you go.
4. Take along your Bible. Read and proclaim different verses as the Lord brings them to your mind everywhere you go. His Word never returns empty. (Isaiah 55:11).
5. Do not go out on a prayerwalk by yourself. If possible, be at least two or three together. Larger groups are advised to split up into smaller groups of two and three.

6. Ask for the Lord's presence to convict people of sin and His love for them. Pray and declare God's blessing on people and surroundings.
7. You may pray both silently or out loud.
8. Also look for opportunities to speak to people. If someone approaches you, explain that you're praying for people in that area, and ask if there is anything that person would like you to pray about for him or her. Pray with them for the requests they mention.
9. Should it happen that someone asks you about your faith, be willing to share a brief testimony about what Jesus has done in your life. Do not overwhelm them with your whole life testimony! Then ask if they mind you praying for them.
10. Pray with trust and anticipation, expecting God to answer your prayers. Also ask for the Lord to transform you, as well as those you are praying for. Be open to what the Lord will teach you through the process of prayerwalking.
11. Invite people who have never done a prayerwalk to go with you. Do not only do a once-off prayerwalk. Keep saturating your community or work environment with prayer.

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# Weekly Prayer Guide

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## 1. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Community

*Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling.* (Psalm 2:11). Try to always be attentive to your surroundings, whether you walk, drive or take a taxi to wherever you go – work, shops, to drop children off at school, etc. Pray a blessing over your community, as the Holy Spirit prompts you. Lift up to God in prayer your neighbourhood, community, town/township/city/farms, countryside, shopping mall, business district, industrial area, etc.

## 2. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Pray Scripture

*Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.* (Psalm 1:1). Take a prayerwalk with a friend. Pray for the present needs of people and places you see. Read Scripture aloud from your Bible, smart phone or a book. Turn biblical phrases into prayers. Ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes so you can pray according to the Father's heart. Address your prayers to God when contending with evil. Ask God to restrain spiritual enemies, so people can be redeemed.

## 3. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Local congregation

*For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.* (Psalm 1:6). Take special effort this week to drive or walk past your local congregation. Walk around the premises if possible, asking for God's Holy Spirit to touch the lives of everyone in that congregation, for the pastor to hear His voice and everyone to grow spiritually in their relationship with the Lord Jesus.



Pray for each ministry in the local church, e.g. children's church, worship team, outreach teams, Bible study groups.

#### **4. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Churches**

*To the LORD I cry aloud, and he answers me from his holy hill.* (Psalm 3:4). As you travel to different places, cities or towns today, be attentive and pray for the churches you pass. Ask the Lord to visit the congregations with revival. Pray for the leadership in each church to be in unity. Ask for their protection, and for the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Cross and His blood to be preached. Pray that righteousness and justice will be the foundation upon which every congregation is built.

#### **5. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Other religions**

*From the LORD comes deliverance.* (Psalm 3:8a). Make a habit of praying attentively this week for those going to pray in mosques, temples, synagogues and other religious institutions. Pray for them to have a deep personal encounter with the living Lord Jesus Christ. Ask for a hunger and thirst after God's Word to grow in their hearts.

If you are not sure where they are, do some research about the location of local Masonic lodges, sacred and/or religious sites, as well as monuments of African traditional religion. If possible, go and pray 'on-site' at these places. Pray for the revelation of the Lord Jesus as the 'Way, Truth and Life' to every individual worshipping there.



## 6. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Ministries

*Know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD will hear when I call to him.*

(Psalm 4:3). Do you know of any Christian ministry, theological seminary or mission bases in your area? See if you can obtain the locations and information of different ministries, e.g. the Bible Society. Consider going to pray at these places as a home group, one week per month. Pray for those working inside to clearly hear the voice of the Holy Spirit leading them, to live holy lives and to prosper in their ministry.



## 7. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Government institutions

*Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray.* (Psalm 5:2). Do some research to find out about different government institutions in your area.

You may know some of those working at these institutions. Pray for each person by name. Ask for them to minister to the needs of those they serve, to walk in integrity and to be faithful in their everyday work.



## 8. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Municipality

*The arrogant cannot stand in your presence; you hate all who do wrong.* (Psalm 5:5). Consider initiating a community project, while praying for those in your residential area. Join with other congregations in your area and organise a general clean-up of your whole community: pick up the rubbish, clean graffiti from the walls, remove old posters from poles, etc.

## 9. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Police stations and prisons

*But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy.* (Psalm 5:11a). Consider visiting your local police station and the prison closest to where you live. Get the names of police officers and prison wardens, and pray for them in person by name. Encourage your local congregation to start a prayer group that regularly visits your local police station or prison and prays on site.



## 10. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: High places

Proclaim the blessing of the Lord over your community, as well as over your city/town. Go to the highest physical place in your area and read out loud the 3 blessings from Numbers 6:24-26, Matthew 5:2-12 and Ephesians 1:3-4. Also proclaim this over the nation.

## 11. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Justice system

Pray this Scripture, and ask God to give us men and women who will execute righteousness and justice:

*"Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens".*

(Exodus 18:21). As far as it is possible, visit your local magistrate's offices, chambers of advocates, lawyers and judges.



## 12. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Financial institutions

*I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin.*

(Psalm 38:18).

We pass by banks, financial institutions and business districts almost every day. Be attentive





to pray right through the day for managers, businessmen and - women, labour unions, reps, etc. to walk in uprightness before the Lord, to hear His voice and to honour Jesus in all their daily activities. Pray for their salvation.

### 13. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Business centres

*I proclaim righteousness in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, as you know, O LORD.* (Psalm 40:9).

As you visit the local mall, shopping centre or business centre in your area, remember to pray for management, business owners, retailers, vendors, shop assistants, cashiers, cleaners, etc. Ask the Lord for their salvation and that their lives will bear fruit and testimony to the glory of the Father.



### 14. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Infrastructure

*Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust.* (Psalm 40:4a).

Give thanks to the Lord for infrastructure that makes life easier, such as roads, airports, harbours and railways. Pray for each person involved in the building of new infrastructure, as well as those who perform the maintenance work. Ask for them to encounter the Lord Jesus daily, as people share testimonies about His love and pray for them. Ask the Holy Spirit for someone to cross your path whom you can pray for daily.



### 15. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Deep cast and open mines

Many mines have closed in the past few years due to financial reasons. Most mines still have mining capacity, however. If there is any mining activity in your area, consider doing a prayer walk around the area. Ask the Lord for His mercy and



intervention, for possible sustainable re-opening of the mine, as well as job creation and economic growth in the area. Pray for the salvation of those working in mines in the nation, as well as for the existing operating mines to continue their operations and to show a profit.

## 16. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Environmental awareness and reserves

*Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. (Genesis 2:15).*

Water shortages, especially in large cities, have caused people to rethink environmental management concerning water preservation and purification, sanitation, prevention of the spread of diseases, etc. Consider visiting local water resources, sanitation plants, game reserves, mountain resorts, beaches, parks, dams, rivers, etc. in your area and pray there, declaring God's blessing over nature. Ask for wisdom for those administrating these resources, to do so effectively and sustainably.



## 17. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Bless the land

*He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, and vegetation for the service of man, that he may bring forth food from the earth...*

(Psalm 104:14). We often lay hands on one another to pray for God's blessing. Today,

consider laying your hands on the soil, whether at home, on your farm, in the city square or centre, at a local hospital, police station etc. Ask the Lord to bless the land of South Africa. Thank Him for rain, snow, dew and for bringing forth fruit in all of the agricultural environment in our nation.



## 18. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Agriculture and farming communities

*O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions...* (Psalm 104:24). Pray, especially, for the blessing of God on local farming activity in our nation.



Ask for wisdom to manage all agricultural activity in the nation, which includes farms, smallholdings, plantations, abattoirs, grain silos, wine cellars, fruit industry, etc., as well as the numerous agricultural hubs and depots. If any of these places are close to where you live, invite some friends to go with you and pray there, asking for God's blessing on all agricultural activity.

## 19. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Teachers

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

Teachers and principals face overwhelming challenges every day to further education in our schools. Consider starting a prayer group with friends or other parents at one or more of the schools in your area once a week. Find out what the specific challenges are in these schools, and pray Scripture into the situation. Pray also for the salvation of learners.



## 20. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Tertiary institutions

*How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.* (Psalm 119:9). It is said that those who turn away from the Lord during their time on campus will not easily return to follow Christ later in life. Do a thorough search, and list all your local colleges, universities, training and research institutions. Begin to pray, by name, for each



institution, for students to come to Jesus and remain in Him, and for lecturers to profess the love of Jesus openly.

### 21. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Childcare

*Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, because of Your enemies, that You may silence the enemy and the avenger.* (Psalm 8:2).



Pray by name for nurseries, pre-primary schools, day-care facilities, etc. (any place where babies, toddlers and young children are taken care of while their parents are at work). Pray for the carers to do their work with good character, passion for the Lord Jesus and with integrity. Ask for every form of abuse against the little ones to be exposed. Consider starting a prayer group at such a facility at least once or twice a month. Pray for many ministry opportunities to arise from such a project.

### 22. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: On the run

As you commute to work today, ask the Holy Spirit to prompt you to pray for the people you see. Focus, especially, on praying for every child or young person that you see or meet along the way. Bless them by praying Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJV): *"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."*



### 23. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Hospitals

*The spirit of a man will sustain him in sickness, But who can bear a broken spirit?* (Proverbs 18:14).

So many in hospitals and other medical care facilities are in real need of prayer and personal ministry of the love of Jesus. Consider visiting such institutions regularly and praying on



site. Whilst visiting the facility, pray for patients, as the Lord leads you. Such institutions may include hospitals, after-care facilities, clinics, pharmacies, psychiatric institutions, etc.

#### **24. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Who will cry out?**

*For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb.* (Psalm 139:13). This well-known Scripture shows that a fetus is already a human being. Please search to find the locations of local abortion clinics. Do take special effort to go and pray at all these places on a regular basis. Pray for young mothers who consider discarding their babies, to have an opportunity to meet Jesus and reconsider.



#### **25. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Every tribe and tongue**

*For You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation...* (Revelation 5:9b). Jesus paid for all people from all races to be saved and reconciled to their heavenly Father. Pray for someone today who does not belong to your tribe, race or nationality. Bless them in the Name of Jesus Christ.

#### **26. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Aaronic blessing**

Scroll through the contacts on your phone today, and send this blessing to those whom the Holy Spirit leads you to send it to. In the name of Jesus Christ I bless you with the priestly prayer: *"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."* Numbers 6:24-26, (NKJV)

## 27. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Facetime

Most Christians spend a large portion of their prayer time focusing on personal matters. Yet, it is such a blessing when we intentionally speak or pray a blessing over others! Today, consider sending this blessing to all your social media friends: "I bless you to know how dependent you are on God, for to you belong the kingdom of heaven. I bless you if you mourn, for you shall be comforted. I bless you with meekness, for then you shall inherit the earth. I bless you to hunger and thirst for righteousness, for you shall be filled. I bless you to be merciful, for you shall obtain mercy. I bless you to have a pure heart, for then you shall see God. I bless you if you are persecuted for righteousness sake, for yours shall be the kingdom of heaven. I bless you when people revile you and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for the sake of Jesus Christ. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you (Matthew 5:2-12)."

## 28. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Media

*The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD makes His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.* (Numbers 6:24-26). Conduct a search to find out about every local TV station, radio station or newspaper office in your area. As you write down the names of these places, take some time to pray Numbers 6:24-26 over them, their broadcasts and personnel. If possible, go and pray near these media institutions. Even consider going inside and praying for presenters, reporters, journalists etc. in person.



### 29. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Communications

Lift up in prayer all local communication institutions. Pray for the operations to run smoothly at your local Post Office. Prayerwalk the streets and pray at mobile phone towers, post boxes etc. for a blessing on our communications system. Write a letter containing the three blessings of Numbers 6:24-26, Matthew 5:2-12 and Ephesians 1:3-4 and put it in the post boxes of everyone in your street.



### 30. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Sports fields

Almost all cultures love sports. Practice sessions, contests and matches of different sport types take place in almost every community and schools weekly. Consider this week, as you go to participate in or watch such events, to intentionally pray on the grounds. Also ask the Lord each morning with whom you can share a testimony and the gospel that day. Visit and pray for children/people at a local match this week. Bless the players of both teams.



### 31. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Pubs and clubs

*Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful.* (Psalm 1:1). Almost every



neighbourhood in South Africa has a local pub or club where people come together to eat and fellowship, and where some indulge in drinking or other immoral behaviour. This week, consider taking a walk, drive or cycle through your neighbourhood. As you pass these places, stop for a moment and pray for those gathered there. Ask for their salvation, and for a desire to surrender and return to the Lord Jesus.

### 32. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Historical sites

*For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.* (Psalm 1:6). Historical sites in South Africa show a record of what has happened in our nation, good and bad, positive and negative. As you go about normal life this week, and you pass any museums, cultural building or historical monuments, parks or statues, pray that people from all cultural backgrounds will realise that God the Father wants us to be reconciled to Him through His Son, Jesus Christ. Pray for wisdom for leaders to learn from the past and dedicate their lives and work to the Lord in this generation.



### 33. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Tourism

*Salvation belongs to the LORD.* (Psalm 3:8a). Tourist sites include historical places, natural treasures like: Table Mountain, Golden Gate etc. as well as the rich animal and floral heritage of our nation. Many tourists visiting South Africa might only have this one opportunity during their lifetime to hear the gospel of Jesus. This week, consider walking or driving by different tourist sites in your area or pray for the most significant ones in your province. Pray that Christians, yourself included, will boldly approach tourists, and seek out opportunities to witness and share the love of Jesus with them.



### 34. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Arts and culture

*Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, For to You I will pray.* (Psalm 5:2). Pray today, for people with a heart for the arts and the cultural sphere of society or who have a career in this sector. Pray for specific artists of all kinds as you pass by art shops, galleries or sculptures in parks. Ask for them to encounter the Lord through their art, to seek His face and to surrender their lives to Him.



### 35. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Entertainment industry

*Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. (2 Timothy 2:22).* Daily exposure to the different forms of media and entertainment, dulls all hearts and minds to the gentle voice of the Holy Spirit. Some people watch at least one movie per day. Lift up in prayer all nearby theme parks, drama theatres, movie theatres, dance clubs, etc. Ask for the Holy Spirit to pierce the darkness of this world in hearts and minds with the love of Jesus.



### 36. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Dark places

*Who can say, "I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin"?* (Proverbs 20:9). In every city/town there are areas where all kinds of evil are at the order of the day. Ask the Lord to show you some of these places in your area, and take special effort to go and pray on site: Bars, shebeens, adult entertainment sites, gambling-houses, casinos, drug-hotspots, brothels, game-centres, human-trafficking hotspots, escort agencies, night clubs, etc.

### 37. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Reach out

Who of us know our neighbours down the street or on our floor? Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how you can reach out and contact your immediate neighbours, in ways that will create opportunities to share testimonies of the Lord Jesus with them. Start by asking them questions about their lives. Then, at the right moment, ask what they would like prayer for. Be faithful in prayer, and ask how they are doing later in the week. Bless them with this blessing: *"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD makes His face shine upon you and*

*be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace."* (Numbers 6:24-26).

### **38. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Fathers**

*And he [Elijah] will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.* (Malachi 4:6). Not every father knows how to be a good one!



Let us pray today, by name, for the fathers we know.

Ask for them to be instruments in God's hand, and for mature fathers to actively father and lead our nation. If you are a father or grandfather, please pray today for the children around you and bless them, especially those who do not have a father.

### **39. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Mothers**

Pray and bless the mothers and grandmothers around you. Pray for them to be strengthened in the tasks of bearing and raising children. Pray for pregnant mothers among your friends and family. If you are a mother or grandmother, pray today and bless the children and grandchildren God has entrusted to your care. Pray this blessing of Jesus over them: "I bless you to know how dependent you are on God, for you belong to the kingdom of heaven. I bless you if you mourn, for you shall be comforted. I bless you with meekness, for then you shall inherit the earth. I bless you to hunger and thirst for righteousness, for you shall be filled. I bless you to be merciful, for you shall obtain mercy. I bless you to have a pure heart, for then you shall see God. I bless you if you are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for yours shall be the kingdom of heaven. I bless you when people revile you and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for the sake of Jesus Christ. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your

reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you (Matthew 5:2-12)."

#### 40. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Marriages

*Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband.* (1 Corinthians 7:3). Much is said



about the responsibilities of a husband and wife in the Bible, but this verse expects the same from both, without exception. Affection is easily rendered when mutual respect is shown. Pray today, for couples to consider the respect and affection they show one another intentionally. Pray for the grace to forgive, and for trust to give their hearts to each other once again. Pray for those whom you know of who are divorced for God to heal their wounds, restore them to full intimacy with Him and bring reconciliation in their families.

#### 41. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Lonely people

*My soul, wait silently for God alone, For my expectation is from Him.* (Psalm 62:5). One of the greatest struggles people face is loneliness, especially when amidst a group of people. One of the most precious things you can do today is to touch the life of a lonely person by reaching out to them in simple ways. As you walk through shopping malls or public parks and walkways, notice people who are sitting on their own. Ask the Holy Spirit for opportunities to minister to them, make a kind remark towards them or help them if in need.



#### **42. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Unwanted babies**

*Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven.* (Matthew 18:10). Daily, newborn babies are disposed of in the most horrific ways in our country. In some cities, however, unwanted babies can be placed in a baby bin anonymously. Please pray for young mothers who feel they cannot keep their babies, to have compassion on their newborns and deliver them safely to a church or baby bin. Pray also for more churches to have baby bin strategies.



#### **43. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Orphans**

*Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble...* (James 1:27a). Despite an increase in childless couples who adopt children, literally thousands of orphans remain in often questionable circumstances in orphanages and children's homes in South Africa. Do a thorough search of all orphan child-care places in your area and ask the Lord how you can become actively involved in the care of orphans. This week, intentionally pray for volunteers and funds to raise these orphans, for these children to know Jesus and have a hope and future.

#### **44. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Street children**

*He will save the children of the needy, and will break in pieces the oppressor.* (Psalm 72:4b). The number of children on the streets of South Africa is steadily increasing. Older children often use younger children to beg on their behalf, sometimes through intimidation. Street children are mostly



unschooled, and they often die in accidents or from malnutrition or other illnesses. Please pray today for local churches to join forces in their efforts to set up shelters in real and meaningful ways to help these children and to stop the cycle of begging and life on the streets.

#### **45. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Night shelters**

*God sets the solitary in families; He brings out those who are bound into prosperity...* (Psalm 68:6a).

Much has been done in South Africa to reach those begging at street corners more effectively, by equipping them with skills and creating job opportunities. The role and impact of night shelters have been amazing! Find out where the different night shelters in your area are and visit them sometime this week. Make sure you adhere to the Covid-19 protocols and that you are healthy when you go there. See how your specific gifts and skills can be used to touch the lives of those who stay in shelters.



#### **46. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: The poor**

*Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me."* (Mark 10:21). Giving to the poor may sometimes feel like a bottomless pit, but Jesus reveals that by doing so, we lay up for ourselves treasure in heaven. Those who give to the poor, lend to God. Ask the Holy Spirit where you can help, support or give to someone in need today, especially if they are unable to repay you.



#### 47. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Serving

*But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing... (Matthew 6:3).*

It is especially valuable in the eyes of the Lord when we are helping others. Perhaps you feel that your life is not making a difference? Pray today, and ask the Holy Spirit to show you how you can become involved in serving the needs of others, especially those unable to repay or reward you. Perhaps pray for the sick in hospitals, offer a lift to someone, help the elderly, shop on behalf of someone, paint someone's home, clean up the neighbourhood, help at a special needs children facility, etc?



#### 48. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Service delivery institutions

*He who walks with integrity walks securely, but he who perverts his ways will become known. (Proverbs 10:9).*

One main reason for protest marches in South Africa is bad service delivery in local municipal areas. Consider gathering a group of intercessors and weekly pray at one or more places in your area providing different services to the community: Fire department, police, traffic, municipalities etc. Ask for those working there to be free from corruption, taking/paying bribes, and to do their work with a servant heart attitude. Pray for God to change every institution and department to display excellence and His glory in their work.



#### 49. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Informal settlements

*You shame the counsel of the poor, but the LORD is his refuge. (Psalm 14:6).* Lift up in prayer, by name,

every informal settlement in your area, as well as any others that come to mind. Pray for the government to find solutions to accommodate the influx of



foreigners, refugees and those who have flocked to the cities looking for work. Perhaps join a program at your church that reaches out to meet the needs of local informal settlement residents, and volunteer some of your time every month.

## 50. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Different churches



*...to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.* (Ephesians 3:21). We are prone to pray only for our own church and its activities. Please take a moment to list all the other churches and different denominations active in your area. It may seem difficult at first, but begin to pray for the Lord's blessing over their activities as well, asking that souls will come into His kingdom every week in the 'church' in your area/city/town.

## 51. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Prisons and rehabs

*I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'* (Matthew 25:36). Lift up in prayer by name every prison, rehabilitation centre, alcohol and drug rehabilitation centre in your area. Consider visiting each of them at least once a year, and pray for the personnel. Perhaps you or your congregation can become involved in helping out over weekends, praying for those inside these institutions. Continue to pray for testimonies of those who come to faith, to become opportunities for others to also surrender their lives to Him.



## 52. Be prayer-aware-everywhere: Transport facilities

*...pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

(1 Thessalonians 5:17-18). If possible, see if you can pray at a local airport, harbour, truck stop, taxi rank, bus and train station and other similar places from where people travel daily. Pray for godly order and the safety of passengers. Pray for many to have opportunities to hear the gospel. Ask the Holy Spirit where He is calling you to start a small prayer room/facility, where people waiting for a transport connection can spend time in prayer, e.g. at the airport.









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