



Today's Quote

"You must pray with all your might. That does not mean saying your prayers, or sitting gazing about in church or chapel with eyes wide open while someone else says them for you. It means fervent, effectual, untiring wrestling with God...This kind of prayer, be sure the devil and the world and your own indolent, unbelieving nature will oppose. They will pour water on this flame."

General William Booth

Today's Scripture Reading

Psalm 50

¹ The Lord, the Mighty One, is God,
and he has spoken;
he has summoned all humanity
from where the sun rises to where it sets.
(NLT)

INTRODUCING 40 DAYS OF PRAYER

If you are only coming on board now, welcome to our 2nd annual 40 Days of Prayer. During this period we are encouraging everyone throughout the Vineyard family in South Africa to devote themselves to a special season of prayer - for our movement, our country and our continent. We are also suggesting that Thursdays be set aside as a day for fasting and corporate prayer, but we would also encourage you to use these outlines by yourselves, in small groups, and wherever else you have the opportunity. Please continue to feedback to us your testimonies and suggestions through Anri at the National Office.

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PRAYING THIS WEEK



The Mighty One, is God

Take time to read through Psalm 50. As we gather together to pray the problems of our country loom large. Psalm 50 reminds us that God is in charge and that He will call the world to account.

Read the Psalm aloud (taking turns with each verse if you are in a group). Allow verses or themes from the Psalm to draw you onto God's presence in worship and adoration. Spend the first unhurried moments together in worship, whether in song or in prayer.

As you come to the focus for this week, allow the Lord to lead you and highlight specific areas of need. Use the details on Page 2.

Focus

New AVC PAVLEN Partnership & South Africa.

CONCLUSION



²³ But giving thanks is a sacrifice that truly honors me.
If you keep to my path,
I will reveal to you the salvation of God."

Give thanks for where you see signs of God's hand of salvation, in your church, your community, and other churches in your area. Remember that as we pray during this period, we are praying with the whole church.

PLEASE TURN OVER FOR PRAYER FOCUS



FOCUS FOR WEEK TWO



Praying for the Movement

New Pan African Vineyard Leaders' Network

The Vineyard in Africa has been in the process of strengthening partnerships and forming a team of leaders to work together in the region. We are no longer seeing the Vineyard in South Africa in isolation but as part of a broader family working together in Africa. The new partnership that is being formed is currently known as PAVLEN (previously SADEC).

A core group of leaders will meet in Ndola, Zambia 18-21 February.

Please pray:

- For each leader as he/she travels to the meeting,
- For a strong bond in Christ & unity in purpose for those at the meeting,
- the presence & power of God to be in their midst as they meet,
- wisdom & direction from God.

Costa & Lorraine Mitchell

Please continue to pray for Costa and Lorraine, specifically for their health and protection.

East Africa

Please continue to pray for a suitable pastor/pastoral couple for the positions open at VCF Dar es Salaam, Tanzania & VCF Karen, Nairobi Kenya. There is a couple exploring the position currently, and we desire God's leading & wisdom. (More info on www.avc.org.za)



South Africa

South Africa – The Real State of the Nation.

As we are preparing this bulletin the newspapers and media are abuzz with anticipation for Thabo Mbeki's state of the Nation address. By the time you read this, the contents of his address will be old news, but it does remind us to pray for our country. I guess the real question that we should be asking ourselves is:

"What does God think of the state of our nation?"

The headlines and news of late has been particularly bleak. The national power crisis, predictions of economic recession, and this all added to the usual statistics.

The 40 Days before Easter are traditionally a time to reflect, to examine our lives and repent. Let us use this opportunity to reflect on our nation, to pray, repent, and cry out to God.

Here are a few suggestions:

- Pray for the current and anticipated leaders of our country. At present we are struggling with a crisis of leadership. Pray that the leaders would lead!
- This could apply to other sectors, not just political but economic, social, etc.
- With the situation of the Scorpions, pray for the judiciary. That we would have a strong, independent judiciary.
- Consider praying into some of the other 'Giants' as identified by SACLA
Crime / Poverty & Unemployment / Racism / Education / HIV-AIDS.

