

Today's Quote

"Beware in your prayers, above everything else, of limiting God, not only by unbelief, but by fancying that you know what He can do. Expect unexpected things, 'above all that we ask or think'. Each time, before you Intercede, be quiet first, and worship God in His glory. Think of what He can do, and how He delights to hear the prayers of His redeemed people. Think of your place and privilege in Christ, and expect great things!"

Murray, Andrew

Today's Scripture Reading

Psalm 69 (1-33)

¹ Save me, O God,
for the waters have come up to my neck.

INTRODUCTION

This Psalm encourages us in the midst of our troubles to cry out to God. As you begin to read you might relate to the Psalmist's 'sinking feeling' (vs. 1, 2 & 14), whether personally or more wider a field as you look to the community surrounding you. Certainly as we approach the national issues we have been praying for we can all relate and cry out to the Lord together:

¹³ But I pray to you, O Lord,
in the time of your favor;
in your great love, O God,

answer me with your sure salvation.

¹⁴ Rescue me from the mire,
do not let me sink;

WEEK FIVE



Take time to bring before the Lord issues that seem beyond hope, out of control. Yet as Andrew Murray says let us bring them before the Lord and expect great things.

Read through the areas below, there is much to pray about. If there are enough of you, break into small groups and pray for the categories separately. Come together again for a time of feedback and closing.

FOCUS SUMMARY

**AVC Kwazulu / Natal Region
Church Planting Task Force
Poverty – particularly children
Mozambique**

CONCLUSION



Verses 30-33 are a great way to end the time of prayer together. As we have prayed for our country and children living in poverty, we can close as we proclaim vs 32 together.

³² The poor will see and be glad—
you who seek God, may your hearts live!

PLEASE TURN OVER FOR MORE DETAILS



FOCUS FOR WEEK FIVE



the Movement

As we have previously mentioned, we want to focus our prayers on different regions within the country as well as specific task forces. This week we are calling you to pray for the broader Kwazulu-Natal region as well as the Church Planting Task Force.

Kwazulu-Natal Region & Church Planting

Brett Nixon James heads up the AVC in KZN as well as the church planting task force.

- Please pray for all the churches in this region.
- Pray for the pastors and leaders of the local churches.
- Pray also for Brett & Leanne Nixon James at Morningside VCF and Brett's role as APC for the region.
- Pray particularly for the 'Soul in the City' Durban 2009 - pray for the events leading up to 2009, enthusiasm, excitement, team work, and a sense of anticipation.
- Pray for the Church Planting Task force as it travels to the different regions to promote church planting
- Pray for a stirring up of church planting throughout the movement.



the Country

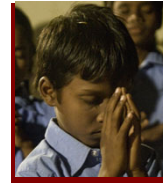
Poverty

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY: Three out of every four children live in poverty. Over 11 million children in South Africa are currently living in abject poverty, according to UCT's Children's Institute. This means that there are 11 million children living in households that survive on less than R245 a month. If the figure is raised to R490 per household, the number of children living in households below the absolute poverty line jumps to 14,3 million.

Suggestions:

- Pray for the role of Government and NGO's in our country. That funds and resources would reach the children who need it.
- Pray for the Social Services who are as the Psalm implies, literally drowning under the load.
- Pray for feeding schemes at local schools and perhaps the churches involvement with these.
- Pray for ministries you are aware of that are reaching out to children. Ask for God's favour on them, for him to release funds and skilled resources for them.

**To read more on the Giants identified by SACLA or for other suggestions regarding praying for poverty go to www.sacla.za.net*



the Continent

Mozambique

- For each pastor & church
- For emerging leaders & church plants to be raised up
- Healthy & vibrant churches
- Incoming & outgoing ministries: reaching the lost & building the Kingdom
- For a strong partnership with PAVLN (Pan African Vineyard Leader's Network)
- For the provision of resources from partners
- The nation & government

