



Today's Quote

Jesus told them a story showing that it was necessary for them to pray consistently and never quit.

Luke 22:1 The Message

Today's Scripture Reading

Psalm 22

¹⁹ O Lord, do not stay far away!
You are my strength; come quickly to my aid!

INTRODUCTION

For many of us Easter starts on the weekend, either on the holiday on Friday or when kids break up on Thursday after school. Yet for much of the church, Easter starts the Sunday before with Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday is the beginning of the most important week in the Christian calendar, traditionally called 'Holy Week'. Churches from different traditions and denominations will hold services all week, sometimes daily till Easter Sunday.

Now why am I saying all of this? Quite simply to remind us that as we pray this week, we are praying with the whole church. As we gather to pray for our movement and our country, we join our prayers with Christians around the globe praying, gathering, preparing, during this important week.

So pray for the church, pray with the church, and pray with the Head of His church!

Maranatha!



Psalm 22 is a key text this week. Some churches will use it during communion on Good Friday. As we consider the national giant of 'The Family in Crisis', this may give us interesting insight and leading for our prayers. Read the Psalm, slowly, even aloud together, and allow it to lead you and shape your prayers.

Consider dividing into groups and pray for the different needs below. Use the second page for more details.

FOCUS SUMMARY
Western Cape Region
Multi Generational Task Force
Family in Crisis
Zimbabwe



We trust that these devotions have been of benefit and motivation to you as we have endeavored to stir up prayer within the movement.

Please would you share with us any testimonies and answers to prayer so that we may share them with others.

Email Anri in the AVC SA Office on vmafrica@iafrica.com





FOCUS FOR HOLY WEEK



the Movement

Western Cape & Boland Region

Costa & John Fischer, together with the APCs Ricky Cupido, Johan du Toit, John Eliastam & David Smit form the leadership team for this region:

Please pray for the region:

- The leadership team
- The churches & pastors in the region
- Unity & Fellowship between the pastors
- Existing & New Plants & Friends
- Emerging leaders
- Relationships & Co-operation with other denominations
- Evangelism & Missions in the Region
- Renewal in the Region

Multi-Generational Task Force

Gareth Burley heads up the team. Here are his requests:-

We are updating our lists of who heads up kids and teens and students in all vineyards according to regions and it is sadly clear that many churches do not have ministries to young people. This is both a prayer need for leadership and vision

The leaders of this team will be meeting in May for a planning and vision time.

Please pray:

- that we rise to the massive challenge of building a multi-generational church
- that the generations would partner together and receive the gift they are to one another [Joel 2:28]
- For the question 'now what?' We have a vision and a philosophy. Where do we go from here so that it becomes part of our way of community nationally.



the Country

National Giant – ‘The Family in Crisis’

Space will not allow us to share all the prayer points for this problem. Here are just some of the headings from SACLA. Allow the Lord to lead and inspire you.

Why is this a “giant”?

There are countless challenges to the structure and prosperity of family life in South Africa today, including violence, poverty, and HIV/AIDS. Since we continue to look to the family as the main source of support, nurture, and development for the society, the threats facing families are indeed threats to nation as a whole.

Suggestions:

- Pray for marriage and the institution of marriage in South Africa. For marriages in your church and community.
- Pray for women-headed households and even child-header households in the country.
- Pray for violence and abuse in the homes and in families.
- Pray for leadership in the Government and NGO's as well as in the church to address some of these issues.

**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

Zimbabwe

Whilst we have prayed for Zimbabwe earlier in the 40 Days a special request has been shared that we continue to pray for the country in the lead up the elections at the end of this month.

