

# PRAYER AND FASTING

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#### The potter's wheel.... when our Holy God mucks in (Jeremiah 18.1-6)

The work of a potter is a full-bodied, focused endeavour - one of craft, rolled up sleeves and soiled garments. When he fashioned us in Adam it required more than utterances and words like the rest of creation, it took a change of posture, craft and exhalation. It cost even more when He remade us in the LAST ADAM- a life-giving Spirit (1 Corinthians 15.45). Glory!

We arise today in awe of what we saw in Day 1 in Genesis and also in our lives, physically and spiritually, as The Holy Spirit hovered with purpose and intent over our darkness, our voids and our lack of form.

# Praise Him through a Psalm that celebrates His creation or compose your own Psalm to Him.

Psalm 8, 19, 29, 65, 104, 139

# Delight yourself in who He has declared Himself to be to you eternally. Fill in the following gaps as you read through:

1 Corinthians 3.10, Hebrews 3.3. Hebrews 11. 10. Lord you are my.....

Ephesians 2.10. Lord I am your .....

Isaiah 54.16-17. Lord you are my deliverer from other creators that ......Anything that was created is subject to you.

Lord, you have been the .....of my cause (Psalms 9.4) and one that sticks closer than a..... (Proverbs 18.24) when the most well intentioned became weary and no longer saw the point of supporting us (2 Timothy 4.16-18).

# Declare solemnly in faith the success of these next 10 days of devotion asking The Lord that it will be a memorable and fruitful time in His presence. Ask that freak incidents, lapses in our secular duties, demonic distractions and discouragements be forbidden during our time together.

# Ask Him for the grace to utter, to hear, the ability to both will and to do for all participants in this prayer campaign.





# Pray His Gospel and secrets through servants come with much assurances and power continually and that there be no famine of the word.
1 Thessalonian 1.5
Amos 8.11-12
Isaiah 45.19

# Thank Him for that He has willed and insisted on doing for you by decision and not by choice or fate. Ponder on any personal "firsts" and exclusively new things He has done in 2024 or has promised to do in your life. Secondly ask for wisdom and grace to be a worthy trustee and custodian of what He has given to you.



#### The Potter's wheel and the Potters field

Our time of process and thumbing on the potter's wheel may not always feel pleasant but whirring and gooey. This however cannot exceed the permanence of the glory He desires to work into us as earthen treasures. Within us He holds and sometimes hides heavenly treasure.

Judas Iscariot did not yield to reworking and remoulding on the potter's wheel but succumbed in a potter's field instead (Mathew 27.9-19). We are not sons of perdition but lessons of trust abound for us here on what alternatives we have left outside of His workshop and presence.

Let's commence our devotion today by reprising an exchange between The Lord: and Peter his disciple in John 6.66-68: Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life!

# Father, keep us resolute when we encounter a way that seems right to man but the end thereof being death

# We confess that many are the plans in our hearts but it's your counsel that shall stand.

# Pray for abundant mercy and compassion for those OVERTAKEN in spiritual trespasses and an Overcoming grace to simply "go and sin no more".

# Pray also for specific wisdom and guidance for the church as a whole as it seeks to fulfil its mandate in setting people free from both spiritual sin as well as legal offences under difficult regulations and national legislation.

# By extension, ask that saints and ministers in the 7 pillars of secular society and influence will be effectual witnesses, signs, bright lights, spiritual influencers and fragrances of life for their generation and realm of influence. Daniel 8.27 Luke 8.3 Judges 16.26-29





Ask the Lord for a second wind to go a second mile, a fresh wind and fire from His Spirit for those worn down by the grind of process and empty religious formality. Judges 8.4 Mathew 20.12 2 Kings 5.20-27 Ezekiel 1.12 Numbers 10.28-32

**Discussion**: what are the pillars of our society that we should be influencing for The Lord this year?



#### Waging war using past prophecies

As believers, our relationship with the past should be a selective and read-only one that provides discernible connecting dots to our future 2 Peter 1. Today we intend to follow the way of the kingdom like a good scribe that pulls out treasure "both new and old". We will also thankfully remember His promises to **us** and remember our promises to **Him** (2 Corinthians 8.10).

Let us also wage war with the vital prophecies (1 Timothy 1.18) declared over the past 18 months:

# Rehoboth and our God that makes room for us in Genesis 26.22 (from August 2023) in tightening job markets, housing markets, a cost-of-living squeeze and fuel allowance freezes. Giving of thanks for His showing of kindness in a city under siege (Psalm 31.21).

# A time for healing in Malachi 4.2 (from Easter 2024) - prayers for miraculous and sustained healings from afflictions, addictions and self-inflicted troubles in our churches, families and wider groups we represent at our altars.

# Pray and rejoice alongside those that have remained steadfast and fruitful despite long-term conditions.

# A new beginning in 1 Corinthians 5.17 (from August 2024) Offer prayers for those experiencing contentions and blurring encounters between the past and the present reality of their new walk. Ask for courage and conviction to put away the detrimental "childish things" in a timely manner. Secondly, pray for a renewed appetite to crave the things that establish the heart and avoid the empty calories of carnality and leaven of the Pharisees that contend for space.

# Ask for a renewed consciousness of true spiritual health similar to the societal consciousness we currently see in mental and physical health (1 Timothy 4.8) Luke 5.39 1 Peter 2.2



# Pray for the ability to continually institute and recognise Spirit-inspired milestones and Ebenezer moments that will influence contemporary culture. Thank Him for the success of past and future Founders' days.

Exodus 12.25-27 Jacobs well. 1 Samuel 7.12

Discussion: What do the towns of Mizpah and Shen mean to us today (1 Samuel 7.12)?



#### Beautifully Broken -the beauty of the body that was broken for our forgiveness

#### Philippians 3.10

Today we will examine the beauty of The Lord's body that was broken for our forgiveness. In a sense, **the potter** became **the clay** and His destroyed temple was rebuilt in 3 days. He is our great example that learnt obedience through the things He suffered (Hebrews 5.8).

# Proclaim prophetically that His death and resurrection was not in vain for you and those around you yet to submit to His Lordship.

# Rejoice in the mysteries of our victorious faith that remain our unshakeable pillars with unfathomable depths to the enemies of the cross:

HIs virgin birth, His sinless character, His resurrection, His residence in you and His return to reign over all the tribes and tongues of the world. Hallelujah!

# Pray compassionately for those in our midst that are in a place of prolonged waiting for healing, for a critical outcome, a result, a verdict, a godly spouse. Ask The Comforter brings them into a palpable place of rest, peace and fulfilment. Anticipate a holy victory built and sustained on firm, spiritual character - one that outgrows and outlives our temporal afflictions (Romans 5.3-5).

# Acknowledge in the spirit, the specific sacrifice The Father does not despise or ignore - a **BROKEN** and **CONTRITE** heart (Psalm 51.17). Embrace this as one that can come from our repentance from errors and sin but ultimately by practicing sober mindedness and lowliness of heart (2 Corinthians 7.10).





#### Becoming a Vessel of Gold in the Great House

#### 2 Timothy 2.20-22

The Potter's wheel discourse in many ways was a rebuke to the wayward house of Israel. Though we are made from clay and soil, God's long-term perfect will for us is permanent transformation to refined vessels of gold and other precious substances. Lamentations 4.2 says "How the precious children of Zion, once worth their weight in gold, are now considered as pots of clay, the work of a potter's hands"! (NIV).

Clay typically represents us in our rawest form! Our cry is that we be upcycled and repurposed from our dishonourable use and form in Jesus' name! Like natural clay, in 2025 He will leave a glorious IMPRESSIONS on our precious form and we will leave delightful impressions on His hands. Our ADHESIVE properties will also help us CLEAVE and STICK to what is excellent in His sight.

#### Today's Prayer Pulse

Verse 21 assures of the upgrade we receive from PURGING OURSELVES from impurities. It takes the enlightenment of The HOLY Spirit but still involves US to acknowledge what He is showing up in our lives -hidden or presumptuous. In Jeremiah 18, we acknowledge Him as the WORKMAN but in verse 15 of our main text 2 Timothy 2, He reveals that we are also WORKMEN.

# Pray for discernment and courage to deal with historical, longstanding issues that stand against us in judgement. Prayerfully read Psalm 51 in the spirit of our new covenant.

# Ask for a supernatural release from co-morbidities of sin - guilt, shame, trauma, flashbacks, weights (Hebrews 12.1), the high places of idolatry that seem out of reach but still within sight. He is asking today what He asked the woman caught in adultery "where are our accusers"? (John 8.3-11). May we victoriously watch them disappear with their condemning stones.



# Confess by faith your love for righteousness and hatred for sin in themselves -not simply for their benefits even though they are assured us. This was one of the reasons for the exaltation and joy of our Lord Jesus as seen in Hebrews 1.8-9.

# Ask The Holy Spirit for wisdom and practical steps and conversation lines to not just FLEE but also to FOLLOW (see 2 Timothy 2.22 for details on what these are and add your own personal issues to flee and follow)

# Thank Him for His ability to do better and greater as a reward for righteousness using the same symbolic materials Isaiah 60.17. May our work and righteousness be fire resistant and retardant Amen.





#### The power of a SECOND touch from the Lord

Mark 8.22-25

Today we will explore some of the diagnostics of our divine walk and positioning that need a realignment with His path. Ask The Lord for a **SECOND** touch in any areas of our lives and endeavours that no longer or perhaps, have never reflected His brightness and glory.

# From Mark 20. 23, pray for stamina and sensitivity to RETREAT from 2025's noisy CROWDS to access the CLOUD, His secret place where Satan and carnal pressures are never permitted access.

# Ask for grace to do this not just when things go wrong and out of necessity but out of pleasure too.

# Like the blind man, ask The Lord to "**lead you out of town**" too. Pray with simple honesty and correction in His presence when things do not work out as intended including the most well-meaning deeds and plans done in His name. Please read Mathew 17.19-20.

# Ask the Lord for help to scale the high and barbed walls and fences of finding fault, mistakes without learning from them, harmful self-victimisation, ensnaring trauma, offence against Him and unhealed emotional wounds. Blessed are those who are not offended in Him (Mathew 11.6) ad do not default to blasphemous questioning of the maker or His righteous servants (Isaiah 45.9).

# In Jeremiah 18.4, the cause of the ruined clay **was not** the focus - it was the potter's ability to remould it again. There are precious spillages in life that are worth more than the proverbial spilt milk but courageously in faith "ask for more" from our eternal comforter.

# From John 9.2, pray that the **unexplainable** travail and troubles of our lives that others are content to speculate on, will become **unexplainable** works of His glory!

# Following on from John 9.2, read 2 Kings 4.27 and Elijah's response to the death of a child of promise he prophesied and prayed for. It caught him unawares, but He took the





child and the matter "upstairs" for spiritual resuscitation. Declare to the Lord that the secret things still belong to Him but thank Him immensely for the sufficiency of what He has revealed **SO FAR** as we also **take the matters upstairs.** May we likewise find an understanding of our current times and what to do. Declare to yourselves that you will take no thought for tomorrow (Mathew 6.34).



#### Teeing up His vision with our location

May our Father and Great Shepherd of the flock, order our steps in the new heights and the familiar plains of 2025. As we seek what this year **holds**, we rejoice at what our vessels **hold** and will release over this year and generation. We shall both run and desire where He prompts us to **but** it is the mercy He shows that makes the difference (Romans 9.16).

# Praise God for all that will be His good pleasure in 2025 - contacts, clients, ministry partners, neighbours, colleagues and reconciled adversaries that will form part of your testimony and kingdom advancement this year. Pray also for the unity of vision that gets things done and people redeemed in the kingdom (Acts 9.10-11).

# Pray for a hastening of your delayed intentions, pledges and plans that He has ordained. 2 Corinthians 8.10

# Pray for visibility and a recognition of what you already have but have neglected. 1 Timothy 4.14:

To Moses He asked what is in your HAND (Exodus 4.2)

To the indebted widow, Elijah asked what is in your **HOUSE** (2 Kings 4.2-4) To David, Nathan the prophet asked what was the plan in His **HEART** (1 Chronicles 17.2)

# Pray for clarity of the vision that lies ahead amidst the spiritual fog of distractions, seemingly harmless compromises and harmful imagery that hurts our faith. Please see Nehemiah 6.2, Acts 13.8-12



#### Day 8 Are you God's "Go to Guy"?

In 2025, will you be His "go to" and point of reference? Next to trusting in The Lord's **promises**, we desire to be trustworthy vessels and keepers of our **promises** to Him.

# From Jeremiah 18.1-2, we learn of one of The Lord's **trusted** but **unnamed** craftsmen - a potter. Not a Pastor, Vicar or a Priest but a dedicated artisan. Let's start our prayers today pondering on our credibility before The Lord and others in our everyday roles as drivers, teachers, volunteers, carers, fathers, big sisters, treasurers, etc.

# Pray for more effectual grace to be people of His word as well as people of our own word - dependable, diligent in the "small, mundane things" (Luke 16.10). Ask to be discerning and successful in the test of small things that come our way.

# Pray for wisdom, discretion and more discernment to fulfil the Lord's personal mandate to love and to serve in a time of wokeism, intolerance, conflicting regulation, general scepticism and sometimes hostile environments. Please see Hebrews 13.2, 1 Corinthians 16.9, 1 Samuel 17.29

# The Lord's siblings in the days on earth did not immediately understand his mission or calling in the same way Joseph the dreamer lacked the support of his brothers. You may also be standing as a sole light bearers and witness in your family, workplace or social group.

In prayer let us shake off any previous frustration or burden of expectation and declare ourselves as a **FIRSTBORN** of many that will come to His brightness and love in 2025. Pray with expectation for all the James and Judes (*the half-brothers of Jesus*), the Benjamins and Reubens (*the envious brothers of Joseph the dreamer sold into slavery*) that will understand the reason for your hope (1 Peter 3.15). Praise Him for making you the **first of many**. Please see Zechariah 8.23 and 1 Chronicles 5.2.



Forged in the fiery furnace

#### Hosea 7.8-9

The tools of the enemy and the waster are simply corrupted imitations of the tools The Master craftsman uses for our refinement and progress. In the furnace moments of life, we will not **be KILLED** but **KILNED** by His mercies. Hallelujah!

In the moments of reckoning, we will escape the aggressive charring, sifting and ultraprocessing of Satan but remain positioned in his place of refinement and blowtorching that we may come forth as gold. Amen.

# Let us commence with reflection on what The Lord has delivered us from in times past and the valuable lessons we learnt. Who did He use and how can you support others with the experience? Please see Titus 3.14 and Galatians 6.10. The Hosea text emphasises the need for the right positioning and presence that makes us evenly refined cakes on all sides and all matters of life.

# From Ephesian 6.18, pray in the depth of the Spirit for and with all believers everywhere from Gaza to Ukraine and China to Nigeria etc that have sometimes "resisted unto blood " Hebrews 12.4. Their chains, ordeals and afflictions **grieve us** but they also **emboldened us** and compel us to do more (Philippians 1.14).

# Fervently repeat the words of our Lord in His prayer asking He "lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil". Speak these words over any faces or names The Holy Spirit brings to mind - teenagers buckling under peer pressure of vaping, online dangers, gambling, wrong influences, perversion, retail addiction etc. Ask the Lord to fell every high image resident in their young minds with a shattering sound. The name Zerrubabel means "sown of Babylon" but he was saved from Babylonian intents for God's use. Zechariah 4.7.

Pray with an expectation as The Lord is more intent than even we are on not letting them fall prey in the wilderness (see Numbers 14.30)

# In the same spirit of Paul, contradict, denounce and defy the weight of our natural mind and present troubles by resizing the mountains around us Declare they shall be made plain before us! (Zechariah 4.7)



# Speak in faith about taking pleasure in our infirmities and light afflictions which remain temporal. Reaffirm your faith in His "KNOW HOW". 2 Peter 2.9 declares He knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.

# Don't waste a crisis (to reiterate point one). What needs to be reprioritised in our lives whether it be a crisis of our own or someone else's making? Ask the Lord He make our second chance and second touch (see day 6) a sure path to second crown! Glory to God.



## Cultivating the Culture of Christ in our Containers – our Church, our Community, our City and our Country

On this final day, let us declare an overflow of goodness and deployment of grace from the temple into all the world.

Not all the nations we represent are exactly called **by His name** but we still have the royal privilege of **calling on His name**.

In accordance with Acts 10.35, ..." *in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him*", we adopt and co-opt our country and generation for Jesus. In Jesus name we both stand in righteousness and work in it too. The Lord had permitted a measure of righteousness to exalt entire nations even before the New Testament started.

# Our first desire from The Lord is that He continues to make us effective by being in the world yet not of its evolving system that does not honour Him. John 17.15-16

# Pray for the temporary servants (Isaiah 45.1-4), the unlikely hirelings, the contemporary Pharaohs, Cornelius' and Cyrus 'as well as other secular agents of change The lord is in His sovereignty using to bring about His broad purposes today. Pray they would encounter Jesus in powerful circumstances and hasten the spread of His Gospel and His coming.

# Pray for new paradigms in church that **work** without compromising The Lord's message to a remote, post-COVID generation. Enquire from Him about the hidden opportunities that abound in the issues of our time such as mental health concerns, AI, Immigration, cost of living crises, returns to Cultural Christianity etc. Remember to give thanks for what our churches are already doing in these areas.

# Pray for capacity to present yourself as a ceramic vessel for cultivating and grafting of new national groups, fragile seedlings and the "wild olive" groups of this generation with no roots in formal religion but open hearts to receive. Please see Romans 11.17.

# As watchmen and gatekeepers for our society ask the Lord for mercy against national and spiritual decline that has arisen because of godlessness and apostasy.

# Read Titus 1.5-7: The reason I left you in *Crete* was that you might put in order what was left *unfinished* and appoint[a] elders in every *town*, as I directed you.





# Pray for the churches sending (not seating) capacity from Titus 1.5-7. We have likewise been left behind in "Crete" for "unfinished business" and appointed as elders etc not just over churches but over our "cities " and "towns".

