

JESUS, OUR VICTORY – 1 CORINTHIANS 15:57

30 DAYS OF PRAYER AND A 2 DAY FAST – NOVEMBER 2016

Please read the daily scripture reference/s and then use the guide prayers to aid your individual, family and group prayers.

1st NOV: **Senior Pastor** – Lord, I lift up my pastor to You. Thank You for his servant's heart. Keep him from losing heart when ministry gets tough. Help him prove faithful with the things you have entrusted to him. Teach him Your ways so that he knows You and finds favour with You as He leads us. Keep him open and honest before You and help him to represent the truth plainly. (2 Corinthians 4:1; 1 Corinthians 4:1-3; Exodus 33:13)

2nd NOV: **Ministers** – Lord, I lift up our Ministers to You. Help us respect and honour them as they direct the affairs of our church. May they wholeheartedly give their attention to prayer and ministry of the Word. Keep them above reproach, devoted to their families, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable and able to teach. May they be gentle and honest as they deal with people. (1 Timothy 5:17; Acts 6:4; 1 Timothy 3:1-2; Titus 1:7)

3rd NOV: **Church and Pastors' Council** – Lord, I lift up our CPC to You. May they walk worthy of respect with sincere hearts. Keep them from indulgence and greed. Help them keep hold of truth. May they keep short accounts with You so that their conscience is clear. Bless their households with peace and respect. Fill them with Your Spirit and let them operate in wisdom as they carry out their responsibilities. (1 Timothy 3:8-9,12; Acts 6:3)

4th NOV: **Adults** – Lord, I lift up the adults in my congregation to You. May they live worthy of Your call on their lives. As they respond to that call, fulfil every purpose, every faith-filled act of service by Your power. May our adults be clothed in righteousness, with hearts that sing for joy and delight greatly in You. (Ephesians 4:1; 2 Thessalonians 1:11; Psalm 132:9; Isaiah 61:10)

5th NOV: **Seniors** – Lord, I lift up the senior members of our congregation. Thank You for every gray hair attained by righteous living. We are blessed by their example and ability to train us. Help us to be humbly submissive as we benefit from their wisdom and understanding. Help them receive the strength and power You've promised to the weary and weak. May they put their hope in You and be renewed in the process. (Proverbs 16:31; Titus 2:4; 1 Peter 5:5; Job 12:12; Isaiah 40:29, 31)

6th NOV: **Children/Youth** – Lord, I lift up the children and youth in my congregation to You. May the little ones remain humble examples of what adults need to become in the kingdom. Let their conduct always be pure and right with reputations that show that they remember You, Creator God. Teach them to declare Your marvellous deeds. May they flee evil desires and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace. (Matthew 18:3-4; Proverbs 20:11; Ecclesiastes 12:1; Psalm 71:17; 2 Timothy 2:22)

7th NOV: **Unsaved loved ones** – Lord, I lift up our unsaved loved ones. Let the gospel be presented to them in meaningful ways, so they are deeply convicted by the Holy Spirit. Teach us to make the most of every opportunity to share Your salvation. Help us to be the fragrance of Christ to them. We stand against the enemy and his attempts to keep them blinded to Your truth. (1 Thessalonians 1:5; Colossians 4:5; 2 Corinthians. 2:15 & 4:4)

8th NOV: **Music Ministry** – Lord, I lift up our Music Ministry. Increasingly reveal to them the splendour of Your holiness and praise You out of that understanding. Help them lead us faithfully in thanks for Your enduring love. Use their praise to defeat the enemy. May they be the true worshipers You are looking for who worship in spirit and in truth. Let them glory only in You, Jesus, so that they put no confidence in their own flesh. (2 Chronicles 20:21-22; John 4:23-24; Philippians 3:3)

9th NOV: **Preachers/Teachers** – Lord, I lift up the preachers and teachers in our church. May everyone who holds that position—Ministers, Sunday school teachers, Care Group Leaders, guest speakers—rightly divide Your word of truth. Let them admonish and teach with wisdom. Reveal the mysteries of Your word to them and encourage them to speak those mysteries courageously and fearlessly. Let them speak with a spirit of faith that springs from their relationship with You. (2 Timothy 2:15; Colossians 1:28; Daniel 2:47; Philipians 1:14; 2 Corinthians 4:13)

10th NOV: **Men's Ministry** – Lord, I lift up our Men's Ministry to You. Use this ministry to build our men in their faith. Teach them to be in right relationship to You and each other. May the married men love their wives sacrificially and instruct their children with patience. Encourage all our men to hold each other accountable as they carry each other's burdens. May they speak the truth in love to each other even when it is challenging. (Jude 1:20; Titus 2:2; 1 Timothy 5:1; Ephesians 5:25 & 6:4; Galatians 6:2; Ephesians 4:15; Proverbs 27:6)

11th NOV: **Women's Ministry** – Lord, I lift up our Women's Ministry. Encourage our older women to train the younger in family issues. Teach our women to be virtuous—women with gentle and quiet spirits who put their hope in You. Let this ministry produce women who feel Your passion for them and who choose to spend time at Your feet. Train them to contend for the gospel side by side with the men. (Titus 2:4, 5; Proverbs 31:10; 1 Peter 3:4, 5; Psalm 45:11; Luke 10:38-42; Philipians 4:3)

12th NOV: **Youth Ministry** – Lord, I lift up our Youth Ministry. Let these young men and women set an example in their speech, life, love, faith and purity. Cause them to be strong, alive-in-the-Word overcomers. Help them to have discernment as they deal with the young people in our church. Help them to notice any youth who lack judgment, so they can teach them to value Your life-giving principles. Pour out Your Spirit on our young people. (1 Timothy 4:12; 1 John 2:14; Proverbs 3:21, 7:7 & 7:2; Joel 2:28 & Acts 2:17).

13th NOV: **Workers** – Lord, I lift up our workers who often work behind the scenes at our church. Thank You for our Church Secretary & Treasurer, Caretakers, Ushers, Crèche Workers, Cleaners, volunteers, etc., who have devoted themselves to the service of the saints. Bless them for the obedience and generosity they have displayed—may You receive praise as a result! Keep them in an attitude of humility that comes from wisdom and wholehearted service to You. (1 Corinthians 16:15; 2 Corinthians 9:12-13; James 3:13; Ephesians 6:7)

14th NOV: **Children's Ministry** – Lord, I lift up our children's ministry to You. Create an atmosphere here that encourages our children to find You. Let the teachers be careful to remind each child of the marvellous things You have done. Cause everything they learn about You to become a part of them forever. May they consistently choose life and blessing each day because of the training they receive in our church. Keep them walking in the truth. (Mark 10:14; Deuteronomy 4:9; 29:29 & 30:19; Proverbs 22:6; 3 John 1:4)

15th NOV: **Prayer focus** – Lord, I lift up the prayer focus in my church. Make us into a house of prayer. We desire to be clear-minded and self-controlled so that we can pray first, always, continually and thankfully. May everyone recognise that this is Your desire for all and not just a few. Use us to stand in the gap for others. Let there be prayer ministry among us that is powerful and effective. (Mark 11:17; 1 Peter 4:7; 1 Timothy 2:1; Ephesians 6:18; 1 Thessalonians. 5:17; Philipians 4:6; Psalm 32:6; Ezekiel 22:30; James. 5:16)

16th NOV: **Spiritual level** – Lord, I lift up the spiritual level of my church. Revive us! Give us singleness of heart and action so that we always fear You and follow Your precepts. Pour out a spirit of Josiah on us so that we turn to You - heart, soul and strength. Open our minds to understand Your Word so that our hearts burn within us. (Psalm 85:6; Revelation 3:14-18; Jeremiah 32:39; Psalm 111:10; 2 Kings 23:25; Luke 24:45, 32)

17th NOV: **Spirit-led** – Lord, I lift up the issue of our willingness to be led by Your Spirit. Holy Spirit, show us any way we are grieving, quenching or resisting You. Help us to cultivate and exhibit the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Reign in us so that we experience Your freedom. Lead us into grace, life and peace. (Ephesians 4:30; 1 Thessalonians 5:19; Acts 7:51; John. 16:8; Galatians 5:25; 2 Corinthians 3:17; Galatians 5:18; Romans 8:6)

18th NOV: **Spiritual Gifts** – Lord, I lift up the use of spiritual gifts in our church. We eagerly desire spiritual gifts that You have given for our common good. Help us understand the various gifts and how they work. Teach us to use what we have received to serve others and faithfully administer Your grace—whatever form that takes. Help us exercise our gifts in love. Remind us to keep fanning into flame the gifts You have entrusted to us. (1 Corinthians 14:1 & 12:4-7; 1 Peter 4:10; 2 Timothy 1:6)

19th NOV: **Love/Unity** – Lord, I lift up our love for one another as a body. Help us purify ourselves by obeying the truth so that our love for each other will be sincere, deep and from the heart. May our love for one another prove that we are Your disciples. Give us a spirit of unity so that we may glorify You with one heart and voice. Help us accept one another as we clothe ourselves in love. (1 Peter 1:22; John 13:34-35; Romans 15:5-7; Colossians 3:14)

20th NOV: **Food Bank/Soup Kitchen/Prison Ministry/Mission** – Lord, I lift up our outreach programmes. Remind us to do good and share with others as a pleasing sacrifice to You. Keep us outwardly focused so we do not become self-absorbed. Help us teach one another to be faithful ministers of Jesus. Enable us to meet people wherever they have a need. Help us minister faithfully as we proclaim the gospel so that the ones we reach might become an acceptable offering to You. (Hebrews 13:16; Philippians 2:4; Colossians 1:7; Jude 1:23)

21st NOV: **Finances** – Lord, I lift up our church finances. May we sow generously into our church without reluctance or compulsion. Make all grace abound so we have all we need for every good work You have assigned to us. Make us rich in ways that result in generosity on our part, so that You will be praised. Help us to give as in the example set by Abraham, who was blessed in all things. (2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Hebrew 7:1-2, 13-17; Romans 4:12; Galatians 3:29)

22nd NOV: **Single parents/carers** – Lord, I lift up the single parents in our church. May they know You as father to the fatherless and defender of widows! Let us be a real family to them when they are lonely. Show us ways to include them and minister grace to them. Stir up practical ideas in us that show Your love and care. Help them relax in Your grace and provision which is more than enough for every weakness and need. (Psalm 68:5, 6 & 25:16; Matthew 25:35-40; 2 Corinthians 12:9; Philippians 4:19)

23rd NOV: **Help for the hurting** – Lord, I lift up those who are hurting right now. May they come to know You as El Roi, the God who sees them. For every situation of rejection, help them to sense sonship. Bind up the broken-hearted! In every area of bondage, set the captives free; in every case of mourning, replace it with Your oil of gladness. Comfort them so that they will have a ministry of comfort to others. (Genesis 16:13; Romans 8:15; Isaiah 61:1-3; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

24th NOV: **Freedom from besetting sins** – Lord, I lift up every one of us who struggle with sin issues. Keep us from the enemy's scheme of condemnation. Grant us repentance so that we can escape the trap of the evil one. Thank You that sin was done away with on the cross and that we are no longer slaves to it. Help us to throw off everything that entangles—help us run the race with perseverance. (Romans 8:1; 2 Timothy 2:25, 26; Romans 6:6; Hebrews. 12:1)

25th NOV: **Connectivity with the Church in our nation and around the world** – Lord, I lift up the Church universal. Father, we claim the power of Your name over us so that we will be one, as You and Your Son are one. We want Your joy in full measure just as Your Son, Jesus, prayed for us. Help us live as though we are not of this world; sanctify us by Your word. May we be brought to complete unity so that the world will know the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ. (John. 17:11-23)

26th Nov: **Protection from the enemy** – Lord, I lift up our need for protection. Protect and deliver us from the evil one. Help us be as wise as serpents and as innocent as doves as we deal with the false prophets around us. Show us how to test every spirit to see if they are from You. Help us recognize the enemy's disguises and schemes so that he will not outwit us. (John. 17:15; Matthew 6:13 & 10:14; 1 John 4:1; 2 Corinthians 11:14 & 2:11)

2 DAY FAST

Sunday 27th November – Fasting and Extended Sunday Service:

Kingdom focus/priorities – Lord, I lift up our priorities as a congregation. Give us ears to hear what Your Spirit is saying to our church. Open our eyes to see things as You see them. Help us move beyond issues of immediate need to pursuing Kingdom issues. Bring us to a place where “Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven” is more than just words we say.

(Revelation 3: 22; 2 Kings 6:17; Matthew 6:25, 33, 10)

Monday 28th November – Fasting and Prayer:

Our neighbourhood – Lord, I lift up our community, especially the people in our surrounding neighbourhood. Let us love them as we love ourselves. May our concern for their needs override trivial things that consume our time and focus. Rebuild and restore areas that have been devastated. Renew our community—send Your peace and prosperity into this place where You have planted us. Bless each individual home and family. Build each house from the inside out; watch over our city. (Galatians 5:14; Proverbs 3:28; Isaiah 61:4; Jeremiah 29:7; Luke 10:5-6; Psalm 127:1)

29th Nov: **Connectivity with the Church in our city** – Lord, I lift up the Church of Jesus Christ in our city. Thank You for creating the body as one unit made up of many parts. Help us understand the value of each part as You have arranged them. We confess that we have undervalued other parts. Forgive us, for we are all baptized by one Spirit into one body. Help us to work at being one: concerned about one another—suffering with and rejoicing with other congregations as appropriate. (1 Corinthians 12:12-26)

Wednesday 30th November – Prayer Meeting:

Growth through evangelism – Lord, I lift up our church growth to You. Add to our number daily through new believers. Birth spiritual children through us. Let our actions win people over without words. Use us as Your agents to rescue people from darkness and bring them into Your Son's kingdom. We long to be worthy ambassadors in this ministry You have entrusted to us: that of proclaiming Your message of reconciliation to a lost world. (Acts 2:47; 1 Corinthians 4:15; 1 Peter 3:1-2; Colossians 1:13; 2 Corinthians 5:20)

*The month of prayer and the 2 day fast will culminate
with a time of thanksgiving, praise and celebration!*
Isaiah 58:6-12

