

# 21 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 - 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023

# **Corporate Prayer Days**

- 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023
- 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023

#### PRAYER IS NOT COMPLICATED

Prayer isn't a ritual that depends on closing our eyes and putting on holy faces. We don't have to kneel or sit. We can pray while walking, driving, or working. God responds to a two-word cry for help in the middle of a busy afternoon, just like He does to a focused prayer time after reading Scripture in the morning. Praying doesn't have to be complicated. God delights in any simple words we offer Him.

#### Greetings from the Prayer Coordination Team,

As we come into this time of Prayer and Fasting for the start of 2023, let us pray that God would kindle in us a mighty flame of Evangelism so that many can be reached with the Gospel

#### A New Year's Prayer

Lord, you make all things new You bring hope alive in our hearts And cause our Spirits to be born again

Thank you for this new year For all the potential it holds Come and kindle in us A mighty flame So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God And live forever to praise Your glorious name

Amen

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#### Fasting

This can be a full fast, a partial fast or a fast from an activity to give you more time to pray. The choice is between yourself and God alone.

#### Prayer

We encourage each office, Board, intercessory group, spouse and volunteer of African Enterprise to determine your way of spending this time with God. We encourage you to involve the prayer groups around you, both within and outside of AE.

#### Feed back

Please let us know if you have any God-given messages for the organisation. All comments can be sent to prayer@aeint.org.

Blessings,

#### Biggie Paul Prayer Coordinator

on behalf of Stephen Mbogo, Emmanuel Kwizera, Salome Mumbi, Joan Addison, Joana Amegashi, Esther Chongo and Melody Mwangi as the Prayer Coordination Team



#### **Foreword & Devotion** *Rev. Dr. Stephen Mbogo, CEO AE International*



#### **New Beginnings**

Happy New Year and a warm welcome to you all!

I am grateful to the Lord for granting us yet another opportunity for a new beginning. In 2022, we saw His goodness, mercy and provision in mighty ways. In moments when we were not sure in which direction to go, or how we would accomplish the plans we had set, we leaned on the truth that He prepared everything in advance for us to succeed in what He called us into.

I have learnt that the best preparation for a successful new beginning is to set our hearts to trust God in whatever we hope to achieve. In Ecclesiastes 3:11, it says that *"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end."* We know that His plans for us are good, therefore we can rest knowing that the end has already been determined, and He will guide our steps to a victorious end.

When we read Solomon's story in the bible, we can testify of the grand works he did and the achievements he made for the Lord. The Bible tells us that all his work was prepared in advance from the day of laying the foundation until the day it was finished. "Now all the work of Solomon was prepared unto the day of the foundation of the house of the Lord, and until it was finished. So, the house of the Lord was perfected." (2 Chronicles 8:16 KJV) Similarly, for us, may we trust that the Lord has prepared everything in advance, from the beginning to the end. Our part is to follow His lead in the lane He has assigned to us.

Doesn't it bring great freedom and comfort to know that we don't have to figure out all the steps on our own? It is enough to know our why (our vision and missions) and the Lord will always take care of our how.

My prayer for us, therefore, as we embark on a new year is that God will renew our strength and joy, that we will soar like eagles in all areas of our lives, that we will run and not grow weary, and we will walk and not be faint. As we continue working towards the Great Commission, we trust the Master Builder and His plan for us; we will sail the uncharted waters because the One Who calms the storms is in our boat. Amen.

Grace and peace,

#### Stephen Mbogo



- We pray for God's Spirit to lead us each step of this new year.
- We pray that God would guide all our decisions and turn our hearts to desire more of Him above all else.
  - We ask God that He will open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut.
  - We pray that He will make us strong and courageous for the road ahead.



# An Enduring Conviction About The Reliability Of God

Paul Wasswa Ssembiro - AE Uganda

Day 2

"In the city belonging to our God, the LORD is great and so worthy of praise! His holy mountain 2 is a beautiful summit, the joy of the whole world. Mount Zion, in the far north, is the city of the great king. 3 God is in its fortifications, revealing himself as a place of safety. 12 Walk around Zion; go all the way around it; count its towers. Examine its defences closely; tour its fortifications so that you may tell future generations: 14 "This is God, our God, forever and always! He is the one who will lead us even to the very end." Psalm 48:1-3, 12-14 CEB

The sons of Korah had an appreciation of the presence of God in Zion. That this city had its advantage over other cities because God inhabited this city. An evangelistic organization like AE has lasted these 60 years only by the help of God. It is Him who gave the vision, raised evangelists over the years, gave us partners in His work across the globe and provided the resources we have used from time to time.

As the origination grows in its structures and as we adopt contemporary organization leadership strategies, the temptation is to look to how well we do what we do and forget that God has made the difference and that all fruitfulness must be attributed to God.

In this Psalm we see a few things which should enhance our faith and dependence on God. What makes any organization or Church special and impactful is the presence and blessing of God? His help towards His people draws the attention of those who do not know the LORD.

What God has done must be told to the next generation there by ensuring that future generations remain bound to God. We must move forward in what God has called us to do with the conviction that the Almighty and unchanging One will be with us to the end.

14 "This is God, our God, forever and always! He is the one who will lead us even to the very end."



- Take time to remember and thank God for what He has done through your country team over the years.
- Pray for Board members and staff to be strengthen in their faith.
- Pray that the next generation of evangelists have a shared conviction of the dependability of God, no matter how tough the world economy may get.
- Respond to VERSE 14 of this psalm, with a prayer of commitment to trust in the Lord for yourself, family and ministry.

# **Obedient To The Heavenly Vision**



Michael Cassidy - Founder African Enterprise

When St. Paul was standing before King Agrippa to make his defence, he told how Jesus had given him a task to carry out and a mandate to obey couched in these terms---"to open their eyes (the Gentiles), that they may turn from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me." (Acts 26:16-18).

An extraordinary mandate, you will agree. Yet in reality not different from the mandate given to AE 60 years ago to take this Gospel and this challenge to the cities and leaders of Africa.

In Paul's testimony to Agrippa he went on to say, surely with great credibility, "AND I WAS NOT DISOBEDIENT TO THE HEAVENLY VISION."

Now, beloved brothers and sisters, precious colleagues, dear fellow-partners in the Gospel, and committed sharers in the calling of AE, here we have both our mandate as couched in Pauline terms, AND the proper response required of us, namely that we NOT BE DISOBEDIENT TO THE HEAVENLY VISION.

Our calling is holistic evangelism in the cities of. AFRICA. And we must be obedient and get on with the job in all haste, as the times are urgent, and the needs of Africa are desperate. So we need to be energetic in constantly exploring new opportunities, prising open new doors, researching where we have not yet been, and then pressing in to possess the land. Africa is ours. Africa is our parish. It has already been given to us. And the Lord has said GO. And go we must and " work while it is day, because the night is coming when no one (including no one in AE!) can work." (John 9:4)

In her great prayer bulletins our sister Biggie Paul lists a key African city for us to pray for each day. I use this religiously and unfailingly EVERY NIGHT. Tonight it's Addis Ababa & the beloved Mel, last night it was Accra, tomorrow night it's Algiers. And so on throughout the month. If you are not doing this, I urge it on you. The big thing is that it reminds us daily of the heavenly vision and the mandate we have as AE members. As I pray I also register how many cities we have NOT YET been to, and I call on the Lord to open those doors to those cities. To be sure, there is much land yet to be possessed.

Brothers and sisters, please join me in cultivating this habit and in resolving every day or night that, along with St. Paul, we will NOT BE DISOBEDIENT TO THE HEAVENLY VISION



- We pray that we will not be disobedient to the heavenly vision.
- We pray that we will minister in God's way to places of assignment according to God's timing and the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray that God would give us new ministry opportunities.
- Pray that God would open doors to the cities of Africa who has not yet been impacted with the Gospel.

# Authentic Obedience To God 1 Samuel 15.1-35



#### Rev. Canon Dr. John Senyonyi - AE Uganda

A 5-year old repeatedly circled the neighbourhood until a neighbour asked, "What are you doing?" He answered, "I'm running away from home!" She asked, "Why do you keep circling the block?" He answered, "Because mum and dad won't allow me to cross the road by myself!!"

You can run from God without moving or changing your job, church, or your ministry. You're running away if God calls you into His Mission but you're glued to your seat or are busy with your own pastime.

It is impossible to walk with God without obedience. Samuel told Saul: **"Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has also rejected you from being king."** 

Obedience is never dormancy. When you don't go, you disobey. **Doing nothing is as bad as doing the wrong thing.** Some suffer judgement for doing nothing!

God's Grace saves us, but God judges us by our obedience. **Saved by Grace through Faith NOT by our Works, but Faith must Work.** 

Doing a good thing does not equal obedience. Obedience takes God at His Word, doing His Word.

Authentic obedience has these characteristics: **A heart devotion to God's will.** Check your attitude toward God's law – Is your heart true to God?

**Devotion to God's Word**. Delight in God's Law to obey it. Saul thought it was a recommendation to annihilate the Amalekites! His failure produced Haman in Esther! "A Bible that is worn and falling apart from use usually belongs to someone who isn't."

**Brokenness of heart,** The continual surrender of your will to God's will. The Word becomes life when we are broken from our own ways to God's Way. **Broken people repent quickly and easily.** 

Authentic Obedience results in a Transformed Life. Obedience hates evil and loves righteousness. The result is Christ-likeness.

Your authentic Obedience makes God's Word supreme in our life.

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- May our actions be aligned to God's will and purpose.
- Pray that we will tune our ears to listen to the voice of God.
- May the word of God shine as a mirror into our hearts and reflect our thoughts and failures.
- Pray that we will surrender to God's will in our lives.

#### Ichabod Rev Nil Amoo - Board Chair AE Ghana



There is, taking place in the world, fast changing trends in our age and time for which we in African Enterprise, should not lose sight of. It requires for us to be informed and knowledgeable about and act promptly as World-Christians. We ought at a time such as this, be like the sons of the tribe of Issachar; men who understood the times with knowledge of what Israel should do (1 Chronicles 12:32).

The Reverend John Wesley once said, "The world is my Parish" and which ought to be so for all of us Christians. We are living in a global world which is becoming smaller and smaller by the day, through technology and other forms of advancements. It is indeed a worrying trend that is taking place in our world which requires the attention of all evangelically-minded Christians, especially those of us involved in world evangelization.

Back then, Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom in 2016, declared, "we are a Christian country and proud of it". In 2019, then UK Education Secretary, Damian Hinds said, "This is a Christian country...it still has, at the core of its institutions, traditions which are rooted in Judaeo-Christian traditions".

One wonders if these assertions are still true today for the United Kingdom with the current realities on the ground; with a Hindu Prime Minister who has described the UK as a secular country. He, in the month of October knelt down at the gate of 10 Downing Street which serves as the residence of the Prime Minister and raised Hindu altar and marked Hindu worship of Diwah in the sight of the open public in late Queen Elizabeth's Great Britain.

Hindu Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak who is a devoted Hindu, a religion that does is opposed to the worship of the true God but instead worship animals and rats is now head of government business of the United Kingdom. Jeremiah 2:11 state, "Has a nation ever changed its gods? (Yet they are not gods at all.) But my people have exchanged their glorious God for worthless idols".

This is ICHABOD, the glory of the Lord has departed as it was in the days of 1 Samuel 4:21, when the glory of God departed from Israel with the capture of the ark of God by the Philistines.

The United Kingdom is falling apart and it requires all of us to raise prayer to God on her behalf. What is going on will eventually affect all the Commonwealth nations of which many such nations are within the remits of African Enterprise nations. Our Founder has his roots from there, with relatives still domiciled there. Our sister Lynn is a proud citizen and we all witnessed how badly she was affected with the demise of the Queen. We can't sit back and say this doesn't concern us. If UK is captured by the devil, most of our African countries will go down with it.

Meanwhile, Islam is making inroads with the 4 million Muslims in the UK, they now have Muslim Majors in 9 major cities including London; 3000 Muslim mosques; over 130 Muslim Sharia courts in the UK; over 50 Muslim sharia Councils and have succeeded to get all UK schools to serve only Halal meat.







- Let us pray for Prime Minister Rishi Sunak. God is able to change his heart. Remember the heart of the King is in the hand of God and He is able to turn it into whichever direction He pleases.
- Let us pray conviction for the Church in the UK and elsewhere to wake up from our slumber.
- Let us pray for boldness in Evangelism.
- Let us pray for God's standards to be held up as the model of righteousness.



# **The Radical Gospel** Jonathan Addison - Former Board Chair AE Australia



Dear Friends,

For this reflection I am encouraging us to be Radical Disciples. Also encouraging all of us to use the peculiar gifts given to us by God's grace. To begin I refer to three short passages of scripture:

Luke 16: 19-31: This parable is, on a quick look, quite challenging, the story of the rich man and Lazarus. <sup>1</sup>The final verse reads: **"31 "Abraham replied, 'If they won't listen to Moses and the Prophets, they're not going to be convinced by someone who rises from the dead."** 

1 Timothy 6: 17-19: Here Paul is further instructing Timothy and advises him to rely on grace and remember that our riches are not of this world: **17-19 Tell those rich in this world's wealth to quit being so full of themselves and so obsessed with money, which is here today and gone tomorrow. Tell them to go after God, who piles on all the riches we could ever manage—to do good, to be rich in helping others, to be extravagantly generous. If they do that, they'all build a treasury that will last, gaining life that is truly life. God's abiding love.** 

In the view of John Wesley, and unlike Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion or Luther's Small Catechism, theology is not something meant to be kept in isolation in an ivory tower. Rather, the faith of the Church is meant to be lived out, both in corporate worship and in the everyday life of the believer. Perhaps this conviction is why William Willimon writes in his book, United Methodist Beliefs: A Brief Introduction, *"John Wesley praised theology that was "practical," that is, belief put into practice, belief in motion. Doctrine ought to be performed as a sign of our faith in a Lord who invited and commanded, "Follow me."* 

In a sense this has also formed part of the AE vision to spread the Gospel through Word and Deed. Similarly, the Uniting Church in Australia states in its Basis of Union *Wherein we agree that Christ Rules and Renews the Church and all of us are called to witness the power of The Holy Spirit through Word and Action.* If writing today, I would add one additional word: through word and action/deed and attitude. In other words, we should seek to live out our Christian experience in walking carefully in the sandals of The Carpenter of Nazareth. In how, we talk the Gospel, our deeds and importantly; in how we interact with all people we encounter. Each person is created in the image of God, and loved/cared for by Him.

John and Charles Wesley have been ascribed as setting out three principles for the Christian life, 'Do no harm, do good and attending upon all the ordinances of God.' Grace and responsibility are key components of Wesleyan Christianity. For John Wesley, God's grace must have practical application. Grace is not an idea, but a free gift and experience we can cultivate through practices designed by God. Jesus explains that the entire Law can be summed up in this: *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength, and love your neighbour as yourself."* 



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Lazarus means El-azar, "God has helped."



In John Stott's book "The Radical Disciple" he makes several points:

He starts by reminding us that the church (all of us) has a double responsibility:

We are neither to seek to preserve our holiness by escaping from the world nor to sacrifice our holiness by conforming to the world

This attitude reflects Paul's words in Romans 12:2<sup>2</sup>

So, we could say that for our purposes, it is an outward change that reflects an inner reality after being with someone. The someone in our case is God. George Fox the founder of the Quaker Movement, or Society of Friends, was such a radical. In 1652 whilst standing on Pendle Hill in Lancashire he looked out over the County to the sea and saw, *"A people in white raiment, coming to the Lord."* The vision signified that proclaiming Christ's power over sin would gather people to the kingdom.

He exhorted seekers to heed the voice of Christ within, to be honest in business, compassionate to the needy, and to share in the free ministry of the true church. At the time these thoughts were considered radical and non-conformist and annoyed the hierarchy.

The same could be said of Jesus. Let's cling to the Great Commission <sup>3</sup>

The church, including AE should apply its theological understanding to the world around it. Our theology has a valuable contribution to make in the world. In other words, we should be prepared to be radical from time to time, but this should be theologically based.



#### **Prayer Points**

- That AE affirms and concentrates on good, godly governance and leadership that seeks to God's blessing to The Cities of Africa.
- The greatest of these gifts is sharing God's abiding Love. Let's pray that AE can live and share this love.
- That we all may be radical in promoting the Gospel through the grace of The Holy Spirit.

<sup>2</sup> "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God"
 <sup>3</sup> Matthew Chapter 28:19. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

# **Passion** Mike Odell - Former Team Leader & Board Member



AE South Africa

Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction. 2 Tim 4:2 (read verses 1-5)

New Years are always a time of excitement as we look forward to new ministry opportunities. Having rested over the Christmas season we are refreshed with fresh energy to bringing the good news to our continent.

- 1. Be Prepared. Paul exhorts Timothy to be prepared in verse 2. We should also be prepared. Effective evangelism always begins with prayer. We need to take time to humble ourselves before the Lord recognising that we are earthen vessels, and need to be fit for the Masters use. Taking time also to allow the Lord to renew our passion for evangelism and reaching the lost.
- 2. In Season and out of Season. In the parable of the sower some seed (word) falls on good ground and produces a good crop, but other seed falls on hard ground. We are living in world and especially the Western world that is reluctant to hear the word. In their blindness they are heading to a dead end, but Paul admonishes us to persevere even out of season. Africa has the opportunity to preach not only in our own continent but also to take it to the rest of the world.
- 3. With great patience and careful instruction. This means we need to love those who are lost. Not only do we need to be prepared in prayer but also in our study of the word and understanding the times. Like the men of Issachar who had understanding of what needed to be done, (1 Chron 12:32) we need to understand the challenges of our postmodern world.



- Search me O God and see if there be any wicked way in me. Allow the Lord to cleanse our hearts from any known sin, and recommit ourselves to the task of evangelism.
- Pray for a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit. That he would guide us in everything we do.
- Pray for a renewing of our love and passion for His word and for preaching.
- Pray for a new love for those who are lost and have lost hope.
- That the Lord would open many doors for the AE Ministry this year.

# Praying Through the Scriptures

Pastor Greg Smerdon – Former Team Leader AE South Africa



Hello dear friends, often the struggle of everyday life and the attacks of the enemy can bring us to a place of spiritual exhortation and discouragement.

The accompanying emotional and physical strain can cause our faith to wane, pressing us to the point of doubt and even unbelief in the promises and protection the Lord Jesus assures us. Elijah "was a man just like us" who walked with God and witnessed His presence and power first hand (1 Kings 18). He understood the intensity of the enemy's attacks even to the point of praying a suicidal prayer under the broom tree:

#### "...I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestor..." 1Kings 19:4 (NIV)

You may have or are presently feeling this way. If so, be encouraged to look fully into the face of Jesus. You may ask How? The Holy Spirit will lead you to target seven key areas you need to regain confidence in our Abba Father. Then start "calling the things that are not as though they were" by praying the scriptures out aloud. The inherent power in the Word will quicken you to move away from a "shopping basket" prayer approach guiding you to a biblical prayer framework, the way the Lord would have us pray.

Consider the seven scripture references below and begin reading and praying out aloud right away:

- 1. Barrenness to Fruitfulness
  - Isaiah 54:1-2, Psalm 113:7-9 (NIV)
- Capacity to manage Stress, Anxiety and Worry
  Matthew 6:26-34 (NIV), Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)
- 3. Healing of all Sickness
  - James 5:13-16 (NIV), 1 Peter 2:24 (NIV)
- 4. Open Doors for Ministry
  - Romans 1:10 (NIV), 1 Corinthians 16:7-9 (NIV), Proverbs 18:16 (NKJV)
- 5. Financial and Material Breakthrough
  - Philippians 4:19 (NIV), 1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV)
- 6. Fresh Vision
  - Genesis 12:1-3 (NKJV), Proverbs 29:18 (NIV)
- 7. Protection for you and your Family
  - Psalm 91:1-6 (NIV), Job 1:10 (NIV)



Now that we have prayed the Lord's Word back to Him, we rest, waiting in expectation for "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." **II Peter 3:9 (NKJV)** 

#### **Prayer Points**

Please pray according to the article as outlined above.

# Are you ready for your Euroclydon?



John Reynolds - Board Chair AE Canada

#### Acts 27:14

The story of Paul's journey to Rome is an adventure that might easily read in pace and danger to that of an "Indiana Jones" movie. The journey starts off well enough, but soon seasonal winds cause delays. First gentle winds from the South, and soon after the "northeaster", or the hurricane force wind named the "Euroclydon."

As seasoned sailors, they used all their experience to protect the ship and those on board. Ropes were used to hold the ship together, and they even trolled a heavy anchor on the sea-bed to control the ship's course (we read later they had four anchors and 270 people were on board, this was a big boat!) This sea adventure ultimately ends with a shipwreck on the shores of Malta. After a stay of three months in Malta, Paul completes his sea journey to Rome.

Here are many principles in this epic sea story for us as followers of Christ, specifically that of Paul's. In the midst of the storm, Paul responds by:

- (1) testifying to the sovereignty of God;
- (2) by being an encouragement to the sailors, and
- (3) by recognising their human needs (they had not eaten for 14 days).

When "headwinds" come our way in the form of challenges to our faith, our experience, our work, our family, or Church, how do we respond? Is our response similar to that of the sailors to depend on what we know or have experienced, or knowledge? Or is our response to listen for the word of God? The obvious answer is obedience to God's voice, but like the sailors, this is not always our first response.

May we then, when facing the headwinds and storms of life, listen for God's voice, knowing that God is still in control and He is there to encourage us, protect us, and to provide for us, if we would only listen and surrender to His commands.



- Pray that God would give us the strength in dealing with the storms of life.
- Pray that Prayer will be the foundation of the AE Ministry uniting us in spiritual maturity for the glory of God.
- Pray that as we spend time with God we would be transformed into his likeness.

# Out With The Old, In With The New!



Gavin John - Communications AE South Africa

#### If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17

All glory to God for yet another new year!

We generally usher in each new year with the optimistic expectation of 'a better year than the last one' and enthusiastically set about making new year resolutions (usually diet related!) doing our best to stay the course – well at least until the end of January that is! Perhaps they are better termed 'new year revolutions' as many of us hopefuls slump back into the same old routines of yester-year, lugging its baggage behind us and, hamster-like, feverishly spinning the wheel of life but actually getting nowhere.

Or perhaps we should give this new year resolution thing a re-think and shift focus away from the natural but towards a spiritual resolution – now that's a revolution we definitely need!

2 Corinthians 5:17 (quoted above) tell us that whoever believes in Jesus has new life; that faith in Jesus is not an add-on to our lives or an accessory we can put on and take of whenever we choose every once in a while. Rather, that our faith in Jesus is meant to transform our entire being so that we are changed from the inside out and become newly born, newly created. As creatures of habit, we find security in comfort in what is familiar but Jesus calls us out into the unfamiliar, the uncomfortable, so that we trust in Him and Him alone. We take on new life in Him, we become 'new wineskins' into which He pours 'new wine' through His Life-giving Spirit.

# You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds. (Ephesians 4:22-23 KJV)

Even if we have a personal relationship with God, given our lives to Him, accepted Him as our Lord and Savior and consider ourselves 'born again' as it were; we should never become complacent in our faith thinking that we've 'been there and done that' and are now immunized against the challenges, trials, temptations of daily living and the guiles of the evil one. By our very nature we must constantly be renewed and refreshed by the Holy Spirit. Rebirth in Christ is not a one-time event; discipleship involves a continuous dying and rising with Christ. As we grow in faith, Jesus cleanses us from sin and reshapes us in his own image. Again and again, we must allow Him to reshape our priorities, change our attitudes, and empower us for service.

A relative of mine would always respond to his birthday wishes saying, 'every day is my birthday because it is a gift from God.' Let us resolve to seek out the Lord daily, to spend quality time in His presence, to allow Him to renew and refresh us as He gives us each new day. 'The 'steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end, they are new every morning!'

May you daily be refreshed, renewed, reshaped daily in this new year of 2023 - for worship, for witness and for service!





#### **Prayer Points**



- For all believers to have Intentional quiet time with the Lord.
- For renewed energy, both physical and spiritual to minister throughout the year.
- For Christian wisdom, knowledge and discernment to meet the challenges of modern society.
- For Godly intervention in opposition to the moral decay, unethical conduct and corruptive forces that rob nations of justice, peace and concord.

*Ephesians 4:22 KJV* That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;



# Devotion: AE International Institute Of Evangelism (AEIIE)



#### **Emmanuel Kwizera - AE International Mission Director**

Today we are praying for the African Enterprise International Institute of Evangelism and I would like to invite you to use one of the most famous scripture in the 2 Timothy 2:2 "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others".

The question we have today is How do we make disciples? Yes, we may come up with different strategies of how we do it however I would like to highlight two ways that Jesus Christ used:

- 1. Modelling evangelism that everyone can imitate through his lifestyle and spending time with his disciples
- 2. Teaching and demonstrating the gospel of the kingdom of God.

Please let's pray for the African Enterprise International Institute of Evangelism - AEIIE to be the AE strategy to raise *disciples who make disciples*. The vision of this Institute is to be a center of excellence for equipping Evangelists for Global Mission and the mission is to equip evangelists theologically and holistically for Global Mission. In Africa, as many as 90% of church leaders may never have received even a single day of formal training.

A lack of formal training of Evangelists continues to have a negative effect on the church, which could lead to them being theologically unsound and preaching a false gospel and most of theological seminaries are not evangelistic oriented.

I like what James Denney points out that "If Evangelists were our Theologians or Theologians our Evangelists, we should at least be nearer the ideal church".



- As we start to identify recruits for the AE School of Evangelism pray that the Lord will enable each team to get faithful men and woman that are dependable.
- Pray that the institution would be the "Centre of Excellence for equipping Evangelists for Global Mission.
- Pray for the Advisory Board and staff of the Institute to continue listening from God for the development of this vision.
- Pray for the 400 pastors and evangelists who will be trained as the first cohort in 2023.
- Pray for needed finances and strategic partners with churches and different organization who will partner with AE in this endeavor.

# What Will Distinguish Us From The World...



#### Curt Du Preez-Miles – South Africa

The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?" Exodus 33:14-16 (NIV)

In Exodus 3: 2-6, God meets with Moses in the most supernatural of ways – a bush that was burning. God spoke to him from a bush that was burning! I've been picturing what this might have looked like. How big was the bush? Does that matter? How loudly did God speak? Was that important? Probably not. The fact is that God stopped Moses in his tracks and the presence of God in that moment was so overwhelming, that the Bible says that "Moses hid his face, afraid to look at God." That's the majesty, power and mightiness of our God.

In Exodus 33:11-23 we read that inside the tent of meeting, The Lord would speak to Moses face to face. That's intimacy right there, isn't it? It continues on that Moses asks the Lord about who was going with them to the Promised land and how was the Lord going to organise it all. Doesn't this sound like us a lot of the time? But God you said... God, what's the next step, show me... God, you promised... Let me just say, these are not bad things to say or ask... in fact, this part of the story is all about the relationship that Moses has with God is reflected in how he has the conversation with God. And this is what God says to Moses:

#### "...For your presence among us sets your people, and me, apart from all other people on the earth."

This is what sets us apart... His presence among us... His presence with us, His presence upon us. I heard someone say "His presence IN us is for us, and His presence UPON us is for others." God's heart is that all people encounter His presence, enter into conversation with Him and respond.

This is the way we have been DESIGNED to live – in His presence and with His presence resting upon us. When God talks about His presence going with us, He is not referring to some mystical cloud that hovers above us. He is speaking of One who is very actively participating in our day to day struggles and being the answer for every one of those struggles. We must actively keep ourselves in His presence. Saying yes to God and obeying all He requests is how we surrender to Him. In this way we are not worried, fearful or anxious because we are trusting Him for good results. Our trust in Him becomes a resting place of quiet, peaceful living.

The presence of God is the manifestation of who He is. His presence manifests every quality and characteristic He has. In our moment of need His presence is our help as it presents the solution that we need in the moment.





#### **Prayer Points**

- Pray for God to be more real to us.
- Pray to the Lord to reveal himself to us through His Presence.
- Pray that the Lord will reveal himself in real ways to those whom we minister to.
- Pray that we may grow and mature in our relationships with the Lord.
- Pray that His Presence go with us in all we do even the most menial task so that Glory will be brought to His Name.
- Pray that we practice the Presence of God in our daily lives and ministries.
- Pray that Gods Presence will pervade nations, cities, towns and places of ministry as we preach the Gospel (Evangelism) and do Mission

AND HE SAID, MY PRESENCE SHALL GO WITH THEE AND I WILL GIVE THEE REST. -EXODUS 33:14



# "God is Faithful" Psalm 89

Day 13

Rev. Canon Dr. John Senyonyi AE Uganda

Christians hold that 'God is faithful'. It is an important affirmation following AE's recent Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

Have you prayed for a relative/friend to be saved, and nothing seems to change? Have Christians exemplified the opposite? Or your experiences appear to defy this truth.

Wayne Grudem says, "**God will always do what He has said and fulfil what He has promised.**" Johnson Oatman composed, "Count your blessings, count them one by one" meaning, look back and reflect on your life's track – He has provided, carried you over pitfalls, brought supportive people to your hour of need.

The Psalmist too thought God had abandoned His covenant. But he remembers six grounds to assure us, **God is faithful.** 

**Our God is faithful because He is Eternal.** His 'time' never lapses to fulfil His Will! It is said George Muller prayed for his brother's salvation for over 50 years. His brother was saved at Muller's funeral!

**God is faithful because He is ABLE!** Nothing is impossible with God. The storms that buffet cause Him no anxiety! **Jesus slept through a storm!** 

God is faithful because He holds all the resources. "... every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills, ...". He does not run out of resources and does not take out a loan!

**God is faithful because He loves you.** The most vivid expression of His love is the Cross of Jesus. He has good thoughts for me.

"God is faithful because He never changes. Yesterday's Word from God is as true today! He "... is the same yesterday and today and forever" ....

God is faithful because He speaks the truth consistently. *"He is the True God, ... His knowledge and words are both true and the final standard of truth."* We can take God at His word and trust Him!

Hallelujah! God is faithful.

- Praise God for His faithfulness of sustaining the ministry for 60 years.
- We praise God for all the resources that were provided for missions.
- Pray that AE would remain faithful to their core values and beliefs.
- Pray that God would help us to fulfill the call to evangelize the cities of Africa.

## **Dependent on the Spirit** Michael Cassidy – Founder African Enterprise



If there is any truth which is vital for the evangelist, it is that of our dependence on the Holy Spirit when we proclaim the gospel. St Paul says in 1 Corinthians 12:3, "No one can say that Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit."

This is a remarkable utterance. And it means that neither you nor I, nor any of our family, nor anyone we brought to Christ was ever able to say, "Jesus is Lord", except through the inner working of the Holy Spirit within them. It was not our work, our eloquence, nor our persuasive powers which brought anyone to Christ. It was the Holy Spirit at work in the hearts of our listeners.

The 16th Century Reformers called this doctrine, 'The Illumination of the Spirit'. This meant that the Holy Spirit worked to illuminate the minds and hearts of those hearing the gospel so that they had the capacity to respond positively to Jesus Christ, discern his Lordship, and then receive Him as Lord.

While a student at Fuller Seminary I read James Packer's book, Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God. This book expounded the truth I am talking about and underlined its importance, stressing that, "...it prevents us from inflation when we see results and from deflation when we don't."

In that first mission to Pietermaritzburg in 1962, the initial responses were considerable. But then they tailed off. The Director of Counselors challenged me: "Young man, when are you going to produce? Many of my counselors are not even being used." At that point, this doctrine and Packer's book rescued me. I told him that results were the work of the Holy Spirit and looking to Jesus only, and not to me nor any given evangelist.

I then challenged him and his lead counselors to join me and our team for a night of prayer when we would get our eyes fixed on Jesus and get ourselves dependent on the Holy Spirit only. And we did just that.

The following night the City Hall was packed beyond capacity, the atmosphere was electric, and all our team and the counselors were looking to Jesus and the Spirit and not to Michael. The response was overwhelming and so great that there were not enough counselors to cope with it! That made me rejoice. And chuckle!

Beloved colleagues, please take this truth ever more deeply into your hearts and minds as you proclaim the gospel to the cities of Africa.



- Pray for the fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for Christians to be clothed with power and to have boldness, to speak the word of God that comes from the fullness of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for the church to repent of disobeying and quenching the Holy Spirit.



# **Pleasing God** John Reynolds – Board Chair AE Canada



#### Luke 9:51

I believe that if we asked Jesus what His "mission statement" was for His life on this earth, it would be one word, Jerusalem!

For Jerusalem was the city where He would die for our sins, and Jerusalem was where He was going to conquer death and rise from the dead. From His birth in a stable in Bethlehem, to His resurrection at Calvary, nothing distracted Jesus from His final journey to Jerusalem. Satan tried to stop Him through temptation, Gethsemane was the place He prayed for the cup to be taken from Him, but nothing stopped Him - He stayed firm in His mission so that today you and I can shout, "He is risen!"

I wonder what your mission or purpose given by God might be? Perhaps it may be as simple as just pleasing God on whatever journey of life He has planned for you. I know it is a struggle for me to stay focused on pleasing Him with the daily distractions of responsibilities, work, family, church commitments, and many other "good" things we feel we need to accomplish.

Being anchored or tethered, to the single purpose of living each day to please Him, by standing firm regardless of the distractions, has to be the reason we continue to breathe and live on this earth. We must be continually faithful and committed to growing our personal relationship with Jesus to glorify and please Him. Pleasing God is not an option if we with integrity call Him Lord. Our Lord Jesus is asking each of us with every breath to make a choice: pleasing Him, or pleasing others. The answer to this call is to stand firm in pleasing Him - not easy in the busyness of life but essential if we are to walk in the light!



- Thank God for dying on the cross and saving us from sin and shame.
- Pray that our lives will be pleasing to the Lord.
- Believe and claim every promise that God has spoken over your life as well as the Ministry of African Enterprise.

# Not Ashamed Of The Gospel

Dr Nii Amoo - Board Chair AE Ghana



# *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile."*

In the wisdom and economy of God, it takes only the GOSPEL to save lost lives that have gone astray. Scripture says, we have all sinned and fallen short of God's glory and that the wages of sin is death (Romans 3:23; 6:23a). Sin is so destructive and powerful that it required something more powerful to deal with it. Sin kills and for sin to be dealt with, it requires something that has life in it. That is why God forbid the eating of blood for according to Leviticus 17:11, life is the blood and it has been given by God to us for the atonement of our sins on the altar.

The blood of goats and bulls, we are told in the book written to the Hebrews, could not deal completely with the sins of the people of Israel at the time (otherwise it would not have been necessary for the same ritual to continue to be performed year after year.) It required therefore, blood coming from an unblemished person to completely atone for human sins and that necessitated the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to live a holy life and to offer Himself unblemished for His holy blood to atone for our sins (Philippians 2:5-8; Hebrews 7:26; 913; 10:1-5).

In our attempt to preach the gospel for the Holy Spirit to convict lives unto repentance leading to salvation, we must be careful to prayerfully, always preach the gospel as stated in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, which states the coming of our Lord and dying for our sins according to the Scriptures (2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 9:22; 1 Peter 2:24) and was buried, and resurrected according to the Scriptures.

Two other needful things to do as we go about preaching the gospel are the following:

1 Thessalonians 1:5 states, "For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction...". We will always need to depend on the Holy Spirit and on His power to deliver our messages for it to have the needed effect. For the Lord Holy Spirit uses the gospel to convict of sin, righteousness and judgment (John 16:8).

That therefore, makes the second needful thing relevant as stated in Isaiah 52:11. It states, "Depart, depart, go out from there, touch nothing unclean; go out of the midst of her, purify yourselves, you who carry the vessels of the Lord ". There is the need for us who carry the vessels of the Lord with the water of life, to endeavour to live holy lives. God is holy, His word is holy and the Spirit of God is holy. We cannot be relevant messengers of the gospel if we are not holy. The holy God will not use an unholy vessel (2 Timothy 2:20-21).

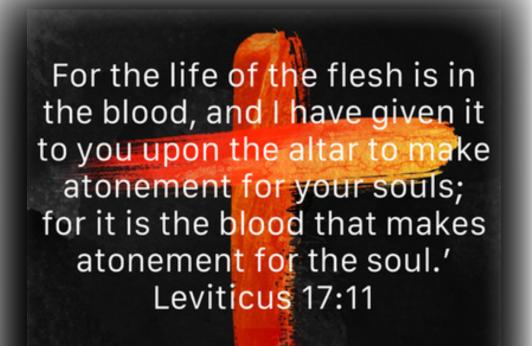
Our changing world needs the unchanging gospel for it to be saved. The onus is on us to strife to be relevant to the cause of the kingdom by taking note of these essential stated above.







- Let us pray for us in African Enterprise to remain true to the course of the kingdom.
- Let us boldly declare the gospel wherever our Lord leads us.
- Let us avail ourselves for the use of the Holy Spirit as we endeavour to live holy lives.
- Let us never be ashamed of the gospel knowing that without it, our world is doomed.









Dear Friends

For this reflection I'm looking at the power of prayer to change us. We should also remember that if we look at the great leaders in the Bible we see that:

#### God does not call the qualified He qualifies those He calls.

In this I refer to 1 Timothy 4 - In praying we often ask God to change things, for us, or greater things. Almost like a shopping list; we want things the way we see them.

However, would it not be better to ask God to change us so that we might make changes in our lives and the way in which we pray for one another. Can we be changed within ourselves and our attitudes to seek the wisdom to change what we can, and be at peace with those we can't?

In the scripture referred to above verses 13 and 14 read:

13 Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. 14 Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

Timothy was given a gift that changed him so that he could change others.

If this seems a little esoteric, look at this way. When we seek to bless somebody, should we not be seeking to offer God's Blessing. We should pray for our leaders, at work, at church and especially political leaders. Can we pray for leaders; we may disagree with or we feel they are misdirected, that God would enter those lives and give them the wisdom to do a great job? In today's world it is challenging. Can we, for example, pray for a leader like Vladimir Putin, or others you may think of, that the Spirit of God will so bless him/her and grant them wisdom to be a wise and compassionate leaders and to genuinely seek wisdom? We are not blessing them for what they are doing; but seeking God's Blessing so that they may change.

In 1 Kings 3:9 Solomon prayed: "So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

Solomon sought wisdom; and God approved of this prayer.

Again, in James 3:17 we read: "But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace - loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. 18 Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness."





Speaking personally, I wrote a piece on this topic back in September, I then prayed and prayed, until one night in a dream I felt I had been released from the past. I was free.

At that moment I totally "got" the words of Charles Wesley in his hymn "And Can It Be":

#### My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

#### No condemnation now I dread;

In Ephesians Chapter 1 and verse 7 We read: 7-10 Because of the sacrifice of the Messiah, his blood poured out on the altar of the Cross, we're a free people—free of penalties and punishments chalked up by all our misdeeds. And not just barely free, either. Abundantly free!

For us individually and for organisations such as AE this is a mighty challenge.

In the final stanza of the piece, I Wrote in September I said:

Our mission then, is to listen for God Through the gift of the Holy Spirit To accept the peculiar<sup>4</sup> gifts He gives us And then to take the Gospel into the world By our words, our attitudes, and actions This Gospel can then transform, individuals, Communities, and even nations. We can pray that God will change US So that we can change the world we see.



#### **Prayer Points**

- That AE and its people both corporately and privately may seek to use our individual and God Given gifts to assist in making changes around us under God's guidance.
- That because of the gift of Jesus' sacrificial life we can be abundantly free.
- That we all may be radical in promoting the Gospel through the grace of The Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Peculiar Belonging specifically to one person or group, special, unique

### **Vision** *Mike Odell - Former Team Leader & Board Member AE South Africa*



And pray for us also, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison, 4 that I may make it clear, as I ought to speak. Col. 4:3 (NIV)

From the moment that Paul knew that his calling was to preach the Good News to the Gentiles (Acts 9:15) he never looked back. Enduring all kinds of hardships and persecution reaching the Gentile world became his vision.

As Paul set about on his missionary journeys, he constantly looked for new ways and opportunities to preach the gospel. On his way from Asia the Holy Spirit cautioned him and, in a vision, directed him to go to Macedonia instead. (Acts 16) A complete change of plan, but Paul was flexible and obeyed the Spirit.

Paul wrote to the Colossian's while in prison in Rome knowing that he was probably nearing the end of his life, but he had not given up on his vision of reaching the world with the gospel.

As we read in chapter 4:3 he is asking for prayer to continue to be able in some way to preach the gospel and 4 that I may make it clear, as I ought to speak. Col 4:3 Another version says. Please pray that I will make the message as clear as possible. (CEV)



- Give thanks for God's faithfulness in 60 years of preaching the gospel in Africa
- Pray that the Lord would give a renewed vision for evangelism to the urban complexes of Africa.
- Pray that the AE Team leaders would be guided by the Holy Spirit as they plan and strategize for the coming year.
- That they would flexible and open to new and innovative ways to preach the gospel.
- Pray for courage and strength to meet the challenges of twenty first century with its conflicting ideologies.
- That at all times they will be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

# SHINE YOUR LIGHT!

#### Gavin John – Communications AE South Africa



# *"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven." – Matthew 5:16 (NIV)*

What is light? Well, apart from the very scientific description, I would imagine most of us lay-persons to say that, in the literal sense, it illuminates so that we can see what we are doing and where we are going; and that, in the figurative sense, it represents knowledge and wisdom, even understanding ('I saw the light!'). Biblically speaking, light is always a symbol of holiness, goodness, knowledge, wisdom, grace, hope, and God's revelation; by contrast, darkness is associated with evil, sin, and despair.

The Apostle John goes beyond this to describe Light as LIFE – "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4). Later in his Gospel account he quotes Jesus as saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12). The Apostle Matthew records in his Gospel account, Jesus' emphatic declaration to those who have chosen to follow Him - "You are the light of the world." (Matthew 5:14)

Having thus 'delivered' on His promise, Jesus calls us into action to be the light to those around us; to share our faith with everyone; whether or not they are believers or are from the same background as ours, and despite their past actions. When we are a light to others we are acting as disciples of Christ, not from self-righteousness or a personal perception of what is right and wrong - no - we are the light of the world insofar as we have truly invited Jesus to live within us in spirit. We are led by Jesus' example to treat others with kindness and equality, to give them hope in Him, and of course to do all this in humility and not boastfully: giving them a chance to commit fully to God. God does not teach us to force His Word upon others but to teach it gracefully and with compassion, love, patience and understanding.

Jesus tells His followers to "let your light shine before others," calling on us to live an active faith, not a passive one. Our circumstances are an opportunity to shine brightly for the Lord and to share God's overcoming truth with those around us. By growing in relationship with Jesus every day and following Him step by step, we partner with Him in spreading the truth. As His ambassadors here on earth, we shine even when we don't know it.

Your family and community can tell **what** you believe by **how** you live. So, put your light on its stand; and let it shine to the glory of God!

> May we be a shining light to the nations A shining light to the peoples of the earth Till the whole world sees the glory of Your name May Your pure light shine through us!

- For courage to share our faith in all circumstances and with all people;
- For gentleness of spirit to encourage those around us;
- For personal growth in our relationship with God;

# "Be Ye Holy for I am Holy"

Curt Du Preez-Miles - South Africa



#### "Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be "holy" for I the LORD your God am holy." Leviticus 19:2 (KJV Old)

Leviticus 19–20 records the Lord's emphasis on being holy. The word for holy in Hebrew is "qadash," which means to be sanctified, consecrated, and dedicated or to be separated from the world and worldliness. Not only did the Lord command the Israelites to be holy, but in these two chapters He gave specific examples of things they could do in their daily lives to obey this commandment.

Each of these specific practices helped remind the Israelites to separate themselves from the world and its ungodly practices. Jesus later explained the basic principle behind holiness when He taught His Apostles that He would not take them out of the world but would keep them from evil (see John 17:14–16). As you read, determine the principle behind each commandment the Lord gave. In what ways has He asked us to live these principles today as we strive to be "not of the world"?

The Lord expects us to be holy because He is holy and abides in us. <u>Jesus Christ</u> is the perfect example of one who walked in holiness. If we look at how He lived and exemplified holiness, we see a life committed to honouring God, showing love, honouring parents, serving others, and keeping the body holy. Let's look at 6 ways we can "be holy" just as Jesus was holy and we are called to be.:

**Honour God** -If we want to be holy, we must honour and reverence God. Without reverence of the Father, we won't be able to live holy.

**Show Love** God is love (1 John 4:8). Love is the foundation upon which everything else is built. 1 <u>Corinthians 13:1</u> teaches that without love, the work we do isn't profitable for us. Thus, love is essential to holy living. The love that flows from Christians should be pure, without hypocrisy, a healing balm that soothes the tired, angry, depleted soul.

**Honour Parents** Jesus Christ was the Word of God in flesh (John 1:14), and even He honoured His parents continuing "in subjection to them" (Luke 2:51). Loving our parents and forgiving them, despite their shortcomings and flaws, is an excellent way to be holy because God is holy.

**Serve Others** Matthew 5:16 tells us to, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Being holy glorifies the father. Jesus Christ emulated the Father by serving others.

<u>Abstain from Sin</u> Our bodies are God's temples (<u>1 Corinthians 6:19</u>). We need to keep our temples holy because God's Spirit abides in our temples.

Marketplace Conduct Those who desire to live holy will reflect that desire in their conduct everywhere they go (see <u>2 Peter 3:11</u>). Therefore, being holy includes our conduct or behaviour at the places we visit most frequently: stores and our jobs.

**Equipped for Being Holy** And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness," (Ephesians 4:24). Being holy isn't natural, and it isn't something we can do under our own strength. Walking in holiness requires the Holy Spirit received when we become "new creations." When we accept the Lord Jesus Christ into our hearts, we become new creatures (<u>2</u> Corinthians 5:17).





Holiness is only possible when we put on the new self and live life as the new creatures God ordained us to be. Although holiness isn't natural to us, we are instructed in Scripture to follow or pursue holiness.

- Pray that the Lord reveals the areas of our hearts that we need to surrender to Him in Holiness.
- Pray to the Lord that He reveal to us the character trait of His Holiness.
- Pray that in all we do we will do it according to the standard of His holiness without compromise.
- Pray that we will submit to the Holiness of God in doing Evangelism and Mission.
- Pray that Holiness will pervade our daily lives in all we do.





# **Corporate Day Of Prayer**



#### Culmination of 21 days of fasting and prayer

#### Prayer for African Enterprise

#### Prayer Points

- 1. Give thanks and praise for the AE Ministry Teams in Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, DRC, Ghana, Rwanda, Tanzania, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Zambia and South Africa
- 2. Pray for Rev Stephen Mbogo for God's wisdom and guidance as he gives leadership to the Partnership internationally
- 3. Give thanks for the support offices in: USA, Canada, Australia/ New Zealand/ Hong Kong, Europe and Ireland for new ways to fund raise
- 4. Praise God for the African Enterprise Institute of Evangelism. Pray for the vision to be the "Centre of excellence equipping Evangelists for Global Mission to be achieved
- 5. Commit all our Missions, Social action Projects and training to the Lord

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6. Give thanks and continue to pray for the Good News that was given to us for our salvation and for the salvation of the lost to be spread

#### **Closing Prayer**

God of Love, You are with us in every Transition and change As we enter into this new era with Excitement and even some anxiety We recall your deep compassion, Presence, and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents And skills with which you have blessed us We thank you for the experiences That have brought us to this moment We thank you for the work of others that Gives breadth and depth to our own work Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing With you supporting one another We ask this in your Holy Name (Joseph P Shadle)

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# **Next Prayer and Fasting Season**

