



Prayer Guide

Prayer and Fasting

16th - 20th October 2023

and

Corporate Prayer Day

19th October 2023

Greetings from the Prayer Coordination Group

We bless the Lord as we conclude our **last Season of Prayer and Fasting for 2023**. We give thanks to the Lord for the many people who have come into the Kingdom, especially through our Ministry.

Romans 4: 20-21 "Abraham did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what He had promised"

Fasting

This can be a full fast, a partial fast or a fast from an activity to give you more time to pray. Your choice is between you 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.

Feedback

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

Biggie Paul
Prayer Coordinator

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

"It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without heart."
"Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him." "Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of
Containing God's gift of Himself."

Greetings

Our theme for our 4th Prayer Season is **Evangelizing the Youth**. I was recently reflecting on John's admonition to the youth: I write to you young people for God's word dwells in you and you have overcome the devil (1John 2.14). So, young people are expected to overcome the evils in this world and better still destined through Christ to be overcomers! This of course is not the narrative out there.



*AE International CEO
Dr. Stephen Mbogo*

Today's youth face a myriad of complexities. However, every generation of young people has faced its share of evils and the Bible and history points to many that have prevailed, from David, Joseph, Daniel and multitudes of young people's accounts available in books and online!

May we be audacious to pray that young people will be confronted by God's truths and power and that many by so turning to Christ will be an inspiration to other youths! It is said most revolutionaries got inspired and began revolutions by the age of 27th! May the Lord raise in our day, youths that will change the youth for Him that died for them! Oh Lord raise many youths this day to yourself!



Foreword

Melody Mwangi
PA International CEO

In the ever-evolving landscape of our world, where the winds of change blow swiftly and technology shapes the future at an unprecedented pace, our calling as Christians remains steadfast and unwavering: to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to all corners of the earth. Nowhere is this mission more critical than in our efforts to reach the youth of today's modern society.

The task before us is both a great privilege and a profound challenge. The youth of this generation are navigating a complex and rapidly changing world, where influences and distractions abound. Yet, they are also filled with immense potential, curiosity, and a longing for purpose that can only be truly satisfied in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

As we embark on this journey of evangelizing to the youth in the current times, we must equip ourselves with a deep understanding of their unique needs and concerns as well as the timeless wisdom and guidance found in the Word of God. Let us pray that they not only stand strong in their faith but also serve as beacons of hope and inspiration to their peers.



1 Timothy 4:12 (NLT) "Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity."

May this guide inspire you, deepen your faith, and empower you to bring the light of Christ to the hearts of young people. Let us embark on this mission with hope, courage, and a fervent desire to see the youth of our world transformed by the love and grace of our Saviour.



PRAYER IS BATHING YOURSELF IN GOD'S LOVE

"Prayer is the inner bath of love into which the soul plunges itself."

- St. John Vianney

The salt of life is prayer, and without it, we would all perish. Man is wired to pray for the accomplishment of his goals, no matter what they may be. The majority of the time, however, we are unaware of what we should actually pray for, how to pray, or what we can do to make our prayers a powerful dynamic force that could evoke Heaven's mercy.

We are unable to live without prayer since it is the spice of life. Whom do we pray to, though? To the One Supreme God, in whom His power rests and through whom it operates in the world, is the obvious response. There is universal consensus that praying at the seat of the soul and enables one to experience spiritual bliss.

One must really see the beloved in order for the instinct of love to kick in. All prayers are ineffective if we lack confidence in the existence of God since we cannot have it until we witness the Godhead or the grandeur of God. PRAYER is never ineffective. When God is the loving Father and we cannot do without Him at all, prayer must become a part of our very being.

DISCIPLING THE YOUTH

Shadreck Moyo

Foxfire Coordinator, AE Malawi

Leading verse: 1 Timothy 4: 12

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believer, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Discipleship can be defined as the process of giving continued attention to a new Christian until he/she is integrated into the Church, discovers their place of service and helps to build the kingdom of God. A disciple is a learner, student or follower.

Apostle Paul was a great evangelist, teacher and mentor who helped to establish, strengthen & disciple many believers in the early church. Timothy was a young believer who was a companion and a faithful disciple of Paul. As a young Christian leader, Timothy was timid and fearful and needed a lot of encouragement in order to fulfill the work of the ministry. This is why Apostle Paul took it upon himself to train, mentor and disciple Timothy in ministry as his own son.

A lot of efforts are being made through Foxfire ministry to reach out to young people in schools, colleges and other parts of the society but little has been done to disciple these youths. Without proper discipleship of the young Christians, all our efforts will be futile. We therefore need to strategize on how to follow up and disciple young people in order to make a great and lasting impact. Our success will not only be measured by how many youths we have reached but rather by those we disciple & mature in the faith.

Prayer Points:

- Pray that discipleship will become a priority in all AE missions.
- Pray that young people will be properly disciplined in their churches.
- Pray that God should raise up many youth disciples in the body of Christ.

Following Christ in Today's World - The Roadmap

Caroline Mutheu

Fox fire Coordinator, AE Kenya

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17th Oct

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 3:1-35

Many people have decided to follow Christ. However, the question of whether we understand how to follow Jesus in the modern society arises. It is our responsibility to constantly remind ourselves of the example of Jesus' life and how it relates to the modern world. Following Jesus represents submitting to Jesus' lordship and identifying with his life, putting our faith in God above everything else and not relying on our own knowledge. (Proverbs 3:5 and 6).

The Book of Proverbs discusses issues related to morality, values, life's purpose, and living virtuously before God. These characteristics are obviously present in Jesus' life and are described in Proverbs 3 as well. This is explained in a number of examples that show how Jesus lived, conducted his life, and carried out his mission throughout the gospels. To succeed in this world and to affect change in our society, we must emulate the traits of our leader, our guide, and our anchor.

The **first model** of our Saviour's life as guided by Proverbs 3 is Love and Faithfulness. Jesus was filled with compassion for the masses (Luke 8:36). He won favor with God and man. He was faithful to God's assignment till the end and always sought God's direction.

The **second aspect** is Courage and Wisdom- He demonstrates courage to do what is right even when it is unpopular and applies wisdom (The wisdom from James 3:17) while at it.

The **third area** is in Sacrifice and Honor – we are to sacrifice our time to serve others, to show God's love, to be a blessing, and to impart God's knowledge to those who don't know Him. We are to honor God by making him known.

The **fourth approach** is in Living by Faith and in the fear of the Lord– This is relayed by having a faith that can be felt, can be upheld, can be taught to the younger generation and can populate God's kingdom.

May we not be afraid to live and portray Jesus in who we are and what we do through our daily lives. May we be reminded that Jesus has already left us a roadmap for us to thrive in today's world.

Prayer Points:

- May we not tire of working with God and in Him in setting the world ablaze for his glory.
- May African Enterprise be a voice and guide of Jesus' model of living to generations upon generations to come.
- May God help us be courageous and grant us wisdom to portray his love faithfully, through sacrifice and honor and a faith that is forever alive.

SHARING OUR STORIES FOR EVANGELISM

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18th Oct

Zweli Sokele

Foxfire Coordinator, AE South Africa

Scripture Reading: John 4:28-30

There is one thing that one can't argue with, is your life changing moments when you encountered God. People see what you were and what you become after your life have encountered Jesus Christ. Look at the woman at the well, "The woman left her water jar and ran back into town, where she said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! Could he be the Messiah?" Everyone in town went out to see Jesus." John 4:28-30 CEV).

Everyone has a story to share, but the one that reveals the deepest purpose is the most original and profound. Jesus' presence restores and gives us a feeling of purpose. The three things that people need to take away from our tale are as follows: What was your life like before Christ, then what happened (the encounter), and finally, what has changed or how is your life now that God is in it? When you share your testimony with others, the door is opened for the enemy to use your history or take advantage of your flaws to his advantage. People will hold you accountable for how you conduct your life if they know your story.

The power of sharing your story is that when people hear how God changed your life, they are encouraged to trust our God for their lives. In the book of Revelation 12:11 it says "And they overcame and conquered him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, for they did not love their life and renounce their faith even when faced with death." (AMP) In light of this verse, we can see that sharing how God's word has transformed your life and sharing it allows us to experience the Holy Spirit's empowering presence in your life, which results in triumph. Therefore, your life narrative is God's tale, not simply any story.

You can share your testimonies with one person, a small group, or even a huge group. According to my observations, God transforms us so that we can proclaim his majesty and the way he delivers his people.

Prayer Points

- **Pray against fear from sharing our God story.**
- **Pray for courage to testify so to unlock people's hearts to receive the gospel**
- **Pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit when we share our testimony.**

Young people also need God...

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Anne Mercy Amito

Communication and Marketing Coordinator, AE Uganda

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Evangelizing youth involves reaching out to young people with the message of faith and spirituality. Here are some brief steps on how to do it effectively:

1. **Understand Their Needs:** Recognize the unique challenges and concerns that young people face in today's world. Understand their questions and doubts about faith.
2. **Build Relationships:** Establish meaningful and trusting relationships with youth. Listen to their thoughts and feelings without judgment.
3. **Engage in Relevant Activities:** Organize events and activities that appeal to youth, such as youth groups, retreats, workshops, or community service projects.
4. **Use Technology:** Leverage technology and social media to connect with young people where they are most active and provide online resources and discussions.
5. **Share Personal Stories:** Share your own personal faith journey and experiences in a relatable way. Authenticity can be a powerful tool in connecting with youth.
6. **Encourage Questions:** Create an environment where it's safe for youth to ask questions and seek answers. Be open to discussions about faith and spirituality.
7. **Teach in a Relatable Manner:** Adapt your teaching style to be engaging and relevant to the youth's interests and concerns.
8. **Foster Critical Thinking:** Encourage critical thinking and help youth explore their beliefs in a thoughtful and respectful way.
9. **Provide Mentoring:** Pair youth with mentors or role models who can guide them on their spiritual journey.
10. **Be Patient and Non-Judgmental:** Understand that each youth's spiritual journey is unique. Avoid imposing beliefs or being judgmental if they have different perspectives.
11. **Prayer and Support:** Pray for the youth and offer emotional and spiritual support during their ups and downs.
12. **Create Inclusive Spaces:** Ensure that your evangelization efforts are inclusive and welcoming to youth of all backgrounds and identities.

Remember that evangelizing youth is an ongoing process that requires patience, empathy, and a genuine desire to help young people explore and deepen their faith in a way that resonates with their experiences and needs. The Bible provides guidance on sharing the teachings of faith and wisdom with younger generations.





Here are a few verses that can be applied to the idea of evangelizing youth:

1. **Proverbs 22:6 (NIV):** "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it." This verse emphasizes the importance of teaching and guiding young people in a righteous path.
2. **Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (NIV):** "These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." This passage emphasizes the continuous teaching of faith and values to the younger generation.
3. **2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV):** "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." This verse underscores the importance of using Scripture to teach and guide young believers.
4. **Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV):** "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." This Great Commission from Jesus encourages believers to share the teachings of faith with people of all ages, including the youth.
5. **Ephesians 6:4 (NIV):** "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." This verse emphasizes the role of parents in teaching their children about the ways of the Lord.

While these verses don't explicitly mention "evangelizing youth," they underscore the importance of instructing and guiding young people in the ways of faith and righteousness, which aligns with the broader concept

Prayer Points

- Pray that God would destroy every spirit of weariness and tiredness in the life of our youth.
- Pray that God would guide and protect our young people from the path of destruction and deliver them from the spirit of worldliness.
- Pray that God would make the youth relevant in their generation to preach the gospel.



SHARING OUR STORY FOR EVANGELISM

Shared Stories Impact Lives...

Georgiana Collington

Former Foxfire - Alberta, Canada

Scripture: Revelation 12:11 NKJV

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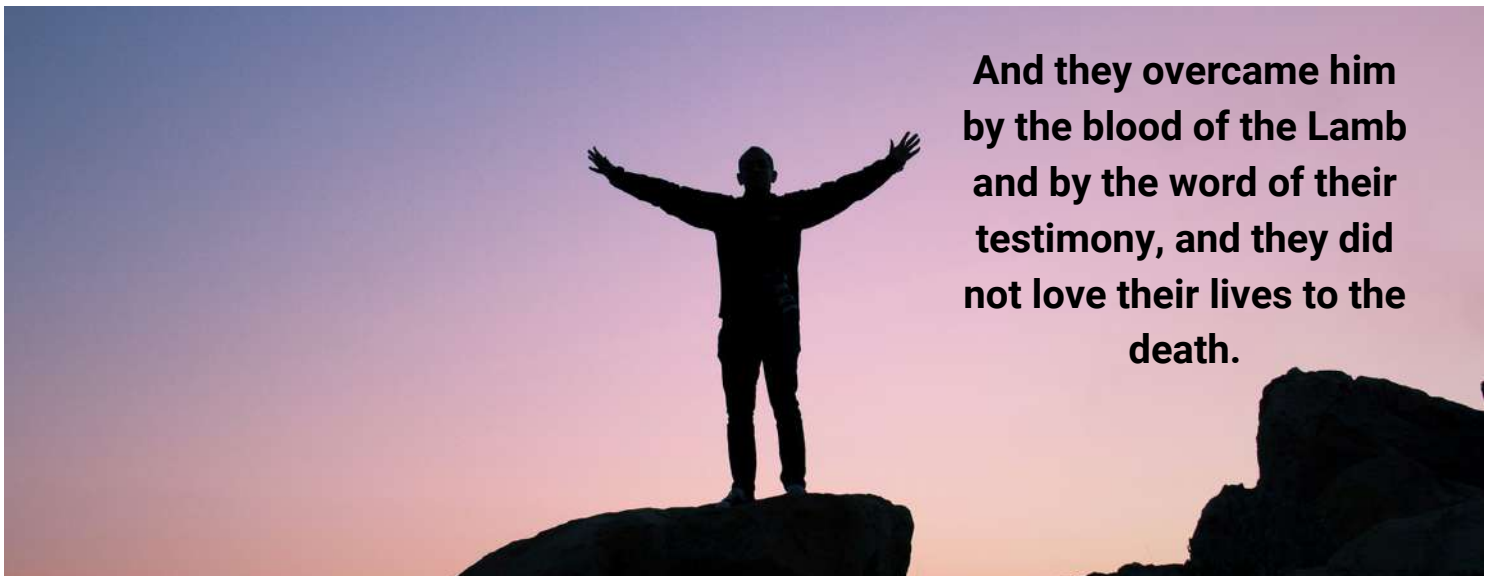
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"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" Romans 10:14 KJV

"Whosoever, therefore, shall confess me before men, he will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven." Matthew 10:32 KJV

Since people have been exchanging stories since the dawn of time, it should come as no surprise that the Bible is the best, most influential, and most transformative storybook ever produced. In addition to providing directions on how to live, serve, worship, and honour God and one another, it also contains narratives of unwavering love, miracles, healings, forgiveness, hope, mercy, grace, and extraordinary favour. However, what I like reading about the most in the Bible are the many life experiences of individuals who are portrayed and how they might apply to us now and future generations.

We hear narratives of outstanding men and women of God who triumphed and overcame difficulties in life. Many of which we still employ today to motivate us as we travel through life. The "black sheep" of his family, David, was not even taken into consideration when the Prophet Samuel arrived at their home to anoint the new King as God had commanded in 1 Samuel 16. Those he loved rejected him, passed him by, and showed no appreciation for him. He was also there among others but was not seen. In David's story, he faced and conquered many obstacles, made many blunders, and accomplished immense success. All things considered, God described him as a "Man after His own heart" in 1 Samuel 13:14 and Acts 13:22 because he was a worshipper, a guy who never shied away from confessing his sins, someone who loved God and had a respectful awe of God. This is a great reminder for us that we can and will be rejected by man, however, it is far better to be accepted and loved by God.



**And they overcame him
by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their
testimony, and they did
not love their lives to the
death.**

The account of the first female evangelist, The Woman at the Well of Sychar, found in John 4:4–42, is another that I consider and share. Prior to her meeting with Jesus, she had been searching in all the wrong places and with all the wrong people for happiness, love, and satisfaction in her life. John 4:13–19 He told her everything about her life. She could not control her amazement at what she had heard and the effect He had on her life; she had to tell everyone in her neighbourhood about it. The lady then abandoned her waterpot and made her way into the city, calling out to the men, "Come, see a man, who told me everything I ever did: is not this the man who told me everything I did? "Is not this the Christ?" John 4:28-29 KJV. In today's world, she was spilling the tea or giving the 411 on her encounter with Jesus or in other words using her testimony to evangelize to others...

Our life stories are important and intricately orchestrated by our Heavenly Father, the divine author of our lives. Our lived experiences matter and they contribute to our growth, allowing us to teach or share the lessons learned with others to encourage them on their life journey... We can go through life because of the greatest story told - of Jesus Christ our Saviour, Lord and soon coming King. His death and resurrection give us hope and a future, knowing that we get to live with him in eternity.

Our lived experiences matter and they contribute to our growth, allowing us to teach or share the lessons learned

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Our Heavenly Father, the divine author of our lives, has meticulously planned and crafted our life tales. Our lived experiences matter and help us evolve, enabling us to impart knowledge or share lessons learned with others to motivate them on their life's path. The greatest narrative ever told—that of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our King—is what allows us to navigate life. Knowing that we get to spend eternity with him because of his death and resurrection gives us hope and a future.

As you reflect on today's message remember that your story and willingness to share may be the key to helping unlock someone's destiny. Sharing our stories or testimonies, impact lives. Your story matters, won't you share it and impact someone today?

Prayer - Dear Heavenly Father, please help me to have the courage to share my story to help someone on their life's journey reminding them that they are not alone and that they are loved by you, Amen.



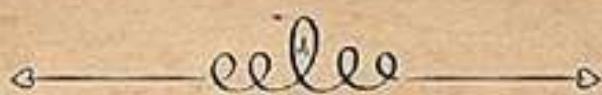
EVERYONE
HAS A STORY

Prayer Points

- Pray that God would use our stories to impact people
- Pray that we would live the story of Christ so that others may read our narrative and be changed by it.
- Pray that God would create opportunities for us to share our stories.
- Pray that our stories will be used to glorify God and not self.



Share your story



Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

LORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE:
WHERE THERE IS HATRED, LET ME SOW LOVE;
WHERE THERE IS INJURY, PARDON;
WHERE THERE IS DOUBT, FAITH;
WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR, HOPE;
WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS, LIGHT;
WHERE THERE IS SADNESS, JOY.

O DIVINE MASTER, GRANT THAT I MAY NOT SO
MUCH SEEK TO BE CONSOLED AS TO CONSOLE,
TO BE UNDERSTOOD AS TO UNDERSTAND,
TO BE LOVED AS TO LOVE.

FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE,
IT IS IN PARDONING THAT WE ARE PARDONED,
AND IT IS IN DYING THAT WE ARE BORN TO
ETERNAL LIFE.

Amen.





To fall in love with God is the
greatest romance; to seek
him the greatest adventure;
to find him, the greatest
human achievement.



SAINT AUGUSTINE

Prayer for African Enterprise

- 1) Give thanks for all those that came to faith through the ministry of African Enterprise**
- 2) Pray that God would give us a new zeal and new passion to preach the gospel and to serve each other in the Ministry**
- 3) Pray that God would resource the vision of AE financially and with other resources to sustain mission and evangelism**
- 4) Pray that the Holy Spirit would reveal God's Strategy for generations to come**
- 5) Pray that we will create a culture of Evangelism in our everyday lives**
- 6) Pray that God would give us opportunities to witness in our daily walk with the Lord.**
- 7) Pray that God would open doors to reach the unreached cities in Africa.**
- 8) Pray for AE partnerships especially with the churches, to be a true partnership with each party faithfully playing its role**
- 9) Pray for our Founder Michael Cassidy for good health and strength.**
- 10) Pray for our CEO Dr Stephen Mbogo as he gives leadership to the Partnership. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance.**



Thank you for your Prayers

**Next Prayer and Fasting
8th January 2024
to
28th January 2024**

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