

2021 Week of Prayer Monday 18th - Friday 22nd January

Wednesday 20/1/2021

Let us start this evening by appreciating God; for our salvation, for our daily provision and protection so far. He is a mighty God, loving father, everlasting Father King of Kings Lord of Lords. Lord we glorify your name; we magnify your Holy name.

Psalm 34: 3. Glorify the LORD with me;
let us exalt his name together.

Offer your quiet prayer of thanks to God as you listen to this song by Benjamin Dube and the South African Gospel & Praise choir)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sUFExff_7hk

This evening's Key Bible Verse is : Deuteronomy 31:8 The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

This evening's Prayer Focus is :

- Praying for the Leadership Team
- praying for small groups.

What the bible says about Praying for Leaders

When it comes to praying for our leaders, the bible gives us direct instruction.

1 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, 4 who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:1-4 (NIV)

Colossians 1:9 This is one of Paul's prayers, for the church of Colosse.

"For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding..."

The leadership Team at VPBC

(Toks, Pauline, Hilary, Liz, Bolaji, John and Becky)

The leaders have kept things going since Jane left 18months ago; and we give thanks to God for the blessings we have received. It's not been plain sailing and the pandemic has made things even more difficult.

Issues they face which need your prayer:

1. Decisions on major issues- appointing a new minister, roof, access, loans,
2. Keeping things running at church- when to open or close building, booking visiting preachers, checking if message is suitable, covering when there is no speaker, managing user groups, the manse, etc
3. Keeping up with spiritual development through meeting regularly for prayer and pastoral care.
4. Balancing our work, home and family demands on our time and still finding time to share in tasks that a minister would be doing.

We need wisdom, spirit of discernment, good health,

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Please Pray

Praying for Political Leaders.

When we pray for our leaders, we take part in advancing God's kingdom on this earth. Here are some of the ways to pray for those in leadership that can impact God's influence on the earth:

- Pray for our leaders' salvation and/or heart change.
- Pray for wisdom in making good decisions according to God's leading.
- Pray that their decisions and influence have a positive impact on our families, cities, churches, laws, schools, and more.

Romans 13:1 acknowledges that those who are in positions of power may have been allowed there by God for a specific purpose. When we pray for them, we are praying that God's will be done.

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. [Romans 13:1](#)

Our leaders need God's wisdom and to be covered in prayer. Especially in the midst of transition of leadership.(USA) The simple act of praying for our leaders can help them step into God's will for their lives, and ultimately the people they serve. **Please Pray** ☐☐☐

(song) Waymaker by Sinach

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4XWfwLHeLM>

Small Groups at VPBC : Mosaic; Green group, Kingfisher, Worship group

The bible on small groups:

[Hebrews 10:25](#)

Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

[Matthew 18:20](#)

For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

Getting involved in a small group or **Bible** study can help enrich our lives as Christians and develop our faith. For some, joining a small group can seem intimidating, time consuming, or simply not important compared to other obligations. Life is busy with our families, careers, and the long list of tasks we are responsible for. Committing to a small group may often fall at the bottom of one's list of priorities for a variety of reasons. You may wonder if being part of a small group is worth it.

But, there are benefits, for some there is feeling of being more connected to their church, some find ways to serve, and others gain a support system they can depend on for prayer and encouragement. When we look to the Bible, we find guidance and insight into the significance and benefits of being part of a godly community of believers.

Lets pray that small groups at VPBC will flourish and go from strength to strength and will be a tool in growing our church. **Please Pray** ☐☐☐