

PRAYER WORKBOOK FOR PRAYER & FASTING

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2014

A YEAR OF AMAZING GRACE AND THE RETURN OF GOD'S GLORY

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Introduction

Before any major project, it is essential to inquire from the Alfa of all things what the future holds for that project and what direction one should take. David the “man after God’s Heart” (Acts 13:22) demonstrated this seven times in the book of Samuel where he consistently “enquired of the Lord”

1. 1 Samuel 23:2 “Therefore David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the LORD said unto David, Go, and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah”
2. 1 Samuel 23:4 “Then David enquired of the LORD yet again. And the LORD answered him and said, Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into thine hand. “
3. 1 Samuel 30:8 (Ziklag) “And David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? Shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.”
4. 2 Samuel 2:1 “And it came to pass after this, that David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the LORD said unto him, Go up. And David said, whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto Hebron.”
5. 2 Samuel 5:19 “And David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? Wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto David, Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand.”
6. 2 Samuel 5:23 “And when David enquired of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up; but fetch a compass behind them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees.
7. 2 Samuel 21:1 Then there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year; and David enquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he slew the Gibeonites”

David was wholly and entirely depended on God. He won all the battles where he “enquired of the Lord”. When Jesus was about to commence His ministry, he went into a 40 day fast, to inquire of the Lord. Moses spent a total of 80 days on Mount Sinai, inquiring of the Lord concerning the journey to The Promised Land and the construction of the tabernacle. The early church was so dependent on God through prayer and fasting such that Acts 4:33 records that “And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all”. Inquiring from the Lord through prayer and fasting attracts great power and manifests God’s amazing Grace in your life. 2014 is a year of the return of God’s Glory. Great power can only be effectively manifested when believers are locked up in His Glory which results in the manifestation of Great Grace.

As we enter this year, you may belong to either of the following groups of people.

1. Very busy with school, kids, spouse, work, business to such an ‘understable’ extent that it is impossible to “enquire from the Lord” how your year will turn out to be. You’ll then regrettably settle for a year where you are caught in a vicious cycle where you are at the mercy of demonic forces and chance.
2. Prioritise “enquiring of the Lord” concerning 2014 regardless of the “understable” personal commitments of school, kids, spouse, work, business etc. You’ll then be amazed at the directionality and order in your life- how He will “make you lie down in green pastures....and lead you through the quiet waters”.

We encourage you to choose the second option. This workbook will be a prayer guide

throughout the 19 days of prayer and fasting. We look forward to having you in the evenings at 630pm for prayer as we break the day fast. Morning Prayer will be there as well to cater for those that won't make evenings due to work commitments.

God bless you

Bishop Sbanga & Thembi



PRAYER THEME: RELATIONSHIPS

PRAYER ITEMS:

- Growth in your personal Relationship with God
- Significance of the Blood of Jesus in dealing with Sin
- Developing a personal dependence on God
- Personal understanding of the message of the Cross

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- Romans 5:8 “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us”
- John 15:13 “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends”
- Ephesians 2:19 “Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone”

BRIEF SHARING

Salvation or being born again is an event in one's life but Christianity is a lifestyle. Your understanding of the significance of this relationship with Jesus Christ will affect the way you will live your life. Many Christians actually think they can do without Jesus, a very sad deception that result in living a miserable and defeated life. Today, consider grasping these fundamental truths.

- The relationship you have with Jesus Christ is because of the sacrificial love that He demonstrated when He died for you sins on the cross. Justification is a gift that is given as a result of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ (Romans 4:25). Crucifixion took away the power of all sins- past, present and future (1 Peter 2:24) while resurrection transformed us into new spiritual beings (2 Cor 5:17).
- Sin is a deterrent before the Lord and only the Blood of Jesus Christ is enough to wash our sins away. It is a transgression of the law (1 John 3:4), and the law is whatever we are commanded to do by God. Sin separates us from God, but the Blood reconciles us with Him.
- The Word of God, the Bible, is the Only True reference known to man that will make it easy to know who Jesus Christ is. Developing a daily devotion of reading about Him in the Scriptures and talking to Him in Prayer will cement my relationship with Him. This builds Faith, and allows us access to God the Father through Faith (Romans 5).
- The message of salvation, the message of the Cross is foolishness to him that perishes. I know I'll appear foolish if I continue devoting myself to the Lord and it's not a problem. I commit my life to sanctification (to be set apart, cleansed and be made holy) 1 Thessalonians 5:23

Understanding these fundamentals of Sin, Faith, Justification and Sanctification will ensure that your Christian life is that of Total dependence on God.

PRAYER THEME: THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST

PRAYER ITEMS:

- Make Jesus Christ the true Lord of my life
- Allow His Will to override my Will
- Renewing of my mind
- Make His Word a daily instructor

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- Colossians 3:17 “And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him”
- 1 Kings 18:32 “With the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs of seed.”
- 1 Peter 2:15 “For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.”
- Romans 12:2 “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will”

BRIEF SHARING

When we receive Jesus Christ at Salvation, we receive Him as “Lord and Saviour”. Saviour in that he has saved us from imminent eternal death because of Sin. We do not work for salvation. It is by Grace through Faith (Ephesians 2:8-9). Grace is favour that we have not laboured for. The second aspect is what becomes key in the life of a believer. The lordship of Jesus is not instant at salvation, it is developed over time.

The term Lord comes from a Greek word “Kurios” which means the possessor and disposer of a thing, the owner; one who has control of the person, the master in the state: the sovereign, prince or chief. Making Jesus Christ Lord of your life means you give up your own will and you allow His will to take pre-eminence. This can never happen to anyone unless you have fully understood and are in agreement with the prayer items and teaching of yesterday. Appreciating the magnitude of Jesus’ sacrifice when He died for you will mean that you can readily allow Him to be Lord of your life. Lordship of Jesus Christ in your life means that His Word is the final authority over your life. It is not questioned; it is law in its own right.

Allowing Christ to be your ‘owner’ means there has to be a change of the way you think. You have to start thinking the same way He thinks. This means that reading His word and continued obedience to the Scriptures allows you to grow in allowing Him to be your true Lord over every area of your life.

PRAYER THEME: FORGIVENESS

PRAYER ITEMS:

- Confess and thank God for the forgiveness of sins
- Purposefully forgive people that wronged you – Pray for their success
- Ask for a heart that forgives in 2014

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- 1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- Matthew 6:14 - 15 "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."
- Ephesians 1:7 "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace"

BRIEF SHARING

There are more than 7000 promises we find in the word of God and these are applicable in our lives under the banner of forgiveness. Jesus gave an astonishing answer when quizzed how many times one should forgive someone. His answer is simple summarised as "live a life of forgiveness". In Luke 17:1 Jesus says that offences will always come. People that will offend us will always be there. Failure to deal with unforgiveness becomes a direct hindrance to an answered prayer. We forgive because Christ forgave us a bigger debt of sin.

What if people take advantage of you forgiving them? Surely you are justified to retaliate...No you're not. If you do you, you have your reward already. Romans 12:19 says "Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord." You may appear stupid not holding things against people, but you're creating room for God to show up. Stephen in Acts 7:60, after being stoned and dying made a prayer for those who were persecuting him "...Lord, do not charge them with this sin..." what a heart of forgiveness! Saul understood this ministry of forgiveness because he consented to the death of Stephen, and when he got saved himself he had to live a life of forgiveness.

You forgive because:

- God forgave us of a bigger debt of sin
- Unforgiveness hinders all your prayers and retards your progress
- Unforgiveness opens a door for demonic activity
- You love.

Today, consider taking time to reflect on people you never forgave this past year. Ask God to give you the grace to forgive. Search His Word on scriptures about forgiveness. The internet can help you to locate most of those scriptures.

PRAYER THEME: SPOUSE OR FUTURE SPOUSE

PRAYER ITEMS:

- Spiritual growth
- Divine health & mental strength
- Financial Prosperity
- Love to prevail between the two of you

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- Ephesians 5:25 - Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her
- 1 Peter 2:2 - Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation
- 1 Peter 3:7 - Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.
- Proverbs 31 – whole chapter

BRIEF SHARING

Marriage is the only institution that the Bible uses to illustrate the relationship between a God and the church. It is the only institution that a family begins from. A great family begins with a great marriage. Gary Chapman, in his book 'The five love languages' identifies that love reception is different for all people. A giver of love may express their love for someone yet the receiver of love does not perceive it is love being communicated. He discovered five love languages as follows:

1. Words of affirmation – simple like “this is the best meal I’ve ever had! You’re such a good cook”
2. Quality time – for example just sitting on the couch, relaxing and talking or a stroll in the park
3. Receiving Gifts – the gift doesn’t have to be expensive, a \$5 rose from woollies is also good. Always the thought behind the gift
4. Acts of service – doing the dishes when really you didn’t have to
5. Physical touch – cuddles, hugs and random touches which are not sexual

Whether you’re married or not, take time to cover your spouse or would be spouse with the blood of Jesus and ask the Lord to help you identify that which makes them feel loved. Take a step today and communicate love to them in a way that ministers to them. If you don’t have a spouse/would-be spouse take time and do something beautiful that would minister to your local church.

PRAYER THEME: CHILDREN (OR WOULD BE) & SIBLINGS

PRAYER ITEMS:

- Godly, warm relationship between you and your siblings
- Godly relationship between you and your kids
- Your kids may grow as God fearing
- Your kids may grow to excel and prosper in all ways

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- Psalm 127:3-5 "Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. ... 5 blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court
- Genesis 27:41 - From that time on, Esau hated Jacob because their father had given Jacob the blessing. And Esau began to scheme: "I will soon be mourning my father's death. Then I will kill my brother, Jacob."
- Ephesians 6:4 - Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord
- Colossians 3:21 - Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged

BRIEF SHARING

Esau and Jacob were in conflict because of a blessing stolen. Sibling rivalry is a common thing which, sadly, can get out of hand and lead to murder and deep hatred as we see with Cain and Abel. When siblings work together, the level of grace is amazing. Moses did so with Aaron and Miriam. He was the prophet, Aaron the High Priest and Miriam a prophetic worshiper. Together they pastored the church in the wilderness. Jethro Moses' father in law was a great adviser. This story shows the power of family working together.

When siblings are in conflict, it brings disunity within the family unit which leads to lack of progress and festering hurts. It is important to resolve sibling conflict is resolved so that energy is expended on that which builds. Dialogue is the best way to start. Consider shouldering the blame so that peace may prevail. Pray for your family regularly, particularly your siblings and allow the precious Holy Spirit to minister to you and them.

Children are a great resource that can be harnessed for the good. They are like empty computers where we can either install good or bad software. Every word uttered or action displayed before a child is permanently deposited in them. So godly parents will ensure their kids get the good exposure they need to flourish. And that good is in the Word of God. If you have kids, pray for them today, one by one. Spend hours on each child and envision their future as you pray. Ask God to give you the grace and wisdom to minister to them. If you don't have any, why not pray for your friends' children. They will surely appreciate it.

PRAYER THEME: SOLID FAMILY STRUCTURES

PRAYER ITEMS:

- Spirit of tolerance, Love and affection
- Sound Financial vision & Discipline
- Sound Spiritual Vision
- Against Spirit of abusing family privileges

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- Ephesians 4:2 - With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love
- Psalm 133:1 - A Song of Ascents. Of David. Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!
- Luke 14:28 - "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?"
- Proverbs 29:18 - When people do not accept divine guidance, they run wild. But whoever obeys the law is joyful

BRIEF SHARING

Things that divide family can be summarised as follows

1. Mis-directed passions – emotional, sexual, physical
2. Greed & the love of this world resulting in violence

Things that unites godly families

1. Our unadulterated Faith in God through Jesus Christ
2. Love between husband and wife – affection/intimacy
3. Natural relationships – children born
4. Our Goals

Our faith in Jesus Christ is the rock or foundation upon which our families are built. This allows all decisions of life to revolve around this foundation. The Word of God to be the final authority whenever there is conflict or a loss of direction; and everyone in life goes through such. When this is not so, then misdirected passions and greed take over families and the result is always grief, hatred and families backsliding in their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The early church thrived on family. Your family can also thrive in this season of amazing grace and return of God's Glory.

PRAYER THEME: INCREASED MOVES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

PRAYER ITEMS:

- Physical evidence of this move in our church & lives
- Miracles, signs & wonders being the order of the day
- Gifts of the Holy Spirit in manifestation regularly
- A major outpouring of the Holy Spirit

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- Acts 2:2 suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.
- Acts 4:33 - With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all
- John 3:8 - The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit."

BRIEF SHARING

The apostle Paul was one man who moved mightily in the Holy Ghost. Being a former murderer of Christians, he understood Grace more than a lot of people would. 2014 is a year of the return of God's Glory, and the moves of the Holy Spirit are always associated with the Glory. These moves will only happen to us when we begin to open our hearts and have a hunger for God, pursuing to know the heartbeat of God. This happens when we allow His Word to grow in our hearts and start prevailing. This means allowing it to have pre-eminence in everything we do.

Increased moves of the Holy Ghost happen when we become more aggressive and bolder in our faith, daring to do what others are scared to. One man God used in the last century was Smith Wigglesworth; he used to say "if the Holy Spirit doesn't move, I move the Holy Spirit", and he would do so by faith – now that's hunger for Him!

In Acts 2:17 there was such an outpouring out of the Holy Spirit to the extent that signs and wonders became the order of the day. The Old Testament records that Moses longed to see a day God would pour out His Spirit to his people – read Numbers 11:29. Today, we have the rare privilege to have the Holy Spirit in us.

PRAYER THEME: REVIVAL

PRAYER ITEMS:

- People coming back to God – a major harvest of souls
- Prayer becoming a priority
- The Word of God being given its rightful place in Christianity – key authority on all matters
- People of God to develop a soft spot for Jesus Christ & the Holy Ghost

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- 2 Chronicles 7:14 - if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.
- Psalm 80:19 - Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!
- Psalm 85:6 - Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?
- James 4:8 - Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

BRIEF SHARING

Psalm 23 is one chapter of the Bible that carries revival. The writer portrays a lifestyle of total dependence on God for all things. His confidence is not in his abilities, but those of God. Today as we pray for revival, have a personal meditation of this chapter, and consider memorising it. It will change your life...

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, **he leads** me beside quiet waters, and **he refreshes** my soul. **He guides** me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **You prepare** a table before me in the presence of my enemies. **You anoint** my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Key words are what revival is all about; Jesus Leads, refreshes, guides, prepares and anoints you! How good is that? We need revival indeed. Since revival is of God, we should pray for it. But how? The Bible teaches us how to pray; Isaiah 63:15-64:12 is a biblical prayer for revival.

PRAYER THEME: THE RETURN OF THE GLORY OF GOD

PRAYER ITEMS:

- Recognise our need for God's Glory
- Atmosphere in the City of Brisbane to embrace seasons of change
- Habitation of Glory, not just a visitation
- Favour that comes with the Glory

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- 2 Corinthians 3:18 - So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord--who is the Spirit--makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image
- Ezekiel 43:1-12
- Luke 9:32 - Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

BRIEF SHARING

The word glory appears frequently in the bible. In the Old Testament it is the translation of the Hebrew word kabod, when speaking of God's glory. The Aramaic word for glory, Shekinah, has become the word used for God's glory by the Jews. When the Old Testament was translated into Greek, the writers used the word doxa for glory; a word which encompasses a much broader meaning and which brought the words kabod and shekinah together, as the translation for both. Glory can be defined as "the invasion of God's reality into the human sphere".

Ezekiel's account of the return of God's Glory into the temple was not referring to Solomon's temple because it had already been destroyed. It was not referring to Herod's temple either because not much has been said about it having God's Glory. The description of that temple is actually different from any other temple. Considering the time of the vision, it is possible the temple referred to is our bodies as the new temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:9-10).

God is intending to invade our lives and occupy us and do great and mighty things on this earth. He is ready to use anyone anyhow as long as they are willing. As a church we need a habitation not just a visitation. That we may be a hub of God's Glory and it be noised abroad that He is around (Mark 2:1).

Today consider experiencing His Glory at home as you pray. When we gather, let's see His Glory overtake His church.

PRAYER THEME: GREAT FAITH & GRACE

PRAYER ITEMS:

- Faith in God to grow exponentially
- Believers to dedicate themselves in Studying God's Word
- Glory of God to be sustained by His Word
- Believing God for the Impossible

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- Hebrews 11:6 - But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.
- Matthew 17:20 - So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you
- Romans 10:17 - Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

BRIEF SHARING

Hebrews 11:1 gives us a definition of faith as the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see. Faith is contrary to the way life runs in the modern world. For example you can't buy a house by faith, you need proof of finances and a history of savings. The word here is proof, physical reality that you can afford. Faith is unnatural, making it supernatural. Faith is assured of an outcome and begins to behave as if it is so when in actual reality it's not. God finds pleasure in people who have faith. Verse 6 of the same chapter says "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

It takes faith to attract the Glory of God to your life. When the glory comes, unmerited favour commences. Great faith is not a coincidence. You work hard to have faith. The more you hear the word, the more faith will grow. 2014 will require you to have extraordinary belief systems that make you believe the impossible, and that activates God's power and Grace for you.

PRAYER THEME: FINANCIAL ABUNDANCE

PRAYER ITEMS:

- Personal financial health
- Family Financial health
- More streams of healthy financial income
- Grace for giving

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- Ecclesiastes 7:2 - Wisdom is a shelter as money is a shelter, but the advantage of knowledge is this: that wisdom preserves the life of its possessor.
- Proverbs 17:16 - Of what use is money in the hand of a fool, since he has no desire to get wisdom?
- 1 Samuel 2:7 - The LORD sends poverty and wealth; he humbles and he exalts

BRIEF SHARING

God's desire is for us to be financially free and have more than enough for us to spare for others. Financial lack is not God's plan for our lives. Joseph demonstrated in Egypt that a slave can exercise his God given gift and result in being the prime minister and financial planner for the whole nation.

God fed the Israelites manna for 40 years in the wilderness and after those 40 years they were still disobedient and God destroyed them except Joshua and Caleb whom He promised that they would see the Promised Land flowing with milk and honey – Read Joshua 5:5-9. In verse 9 God said I am rolling away the reproach of Egypt from you, in 2014 God is rolling away all reproach, everything that discredited us from receiving a financial breakthrough. We are stepping into a new season of abundance; into new seasons where our resources will no longer be rationed like the manna the children of Israel received from heaven which was just enough for them to get by the day. It's a season of an overflow.

Today we should apply God's biblical principles to financial prosperity. As we believe this, we need to commence applying these Bible-based principles, some are as follows:

- Don't love sleep – Proverbs 20:13
- Work hard, don't be lazy – Proverbs 14:23
- Invest & exploit your resources – Matthew 25:14-30
- Seek first the kingdom – Matthew 6:33
- Give abundantly – Luke 6:38

PRAYER THEME: LOCAL CHURCH

PRAYER ITEMS:

- Financial Abundance for New Building
- Financial & Human Resources for the work of Ministry
- Grace for Ministry – ability to minister well in all areas
- Financial Grace for whoever makes HHI their home

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- Exodus 36
- Acts 5:1-11 – Ananias & Sapphira
- 1 Corinthians 16:2

BRIEF SHARING

The local church is the highest institution that God ordained to advance his kingdom. People are saved, delivered, empowered and later released through the ministry of the local church. The local church embodies the anointing. God links the biblical prosperity of an individual with needs of the local church. The local church will always be an institution that needs resources in order to fulfil its mandate. The Bible shows that the biggest financier of the local church is the church member. Through various avenues of giving ranging from tithe to freewill offering, the local church member takes responsibility to participate in financing the vision of the local church.

Moses called an offering in Exodus 36 until he had to stop the congregants because they had given more than enough. In the early church the apostles collected an offering to advance the gospel. People sold lands and brought the money to the apostles. Ananias and Sapphira also participated in this although half-heartedly.

PRAYER THEME: LOCAL CHURCH

PRAYER ITEMS:

- Church Numerical growth
- Raising a quality of leaders
- Raising balanced believers who are strong in the Word & Spirit
- Influence the city

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- 1 Timothy 3:15 - if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth
- Acts 2:47 - praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved
- Matthew 16:18 - And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

BRIEF SHARING

God ordained the local church to be a spiritual institution where saints are built up. In Ephesians 4:11-12 God entrusted individuals with various gifts towards a specific purpose- to equip believers to eventually serve. So the local church is a place where people are taught, empowered and equipped and later released to do the same as God's kingdom grows. This translates to numerical growth of members (disciples) and not converts or just visiting people. Our local church embraces all people, including those on the move but encourages all to be established and rooted to add value to what God is doing.

Not all people are gifted the same. Even the pastors are not gifted in all areas. Their great responsibility is to fan into flame the gift of God in them and in others. At HHI there are two types of members: the partner and the dream team member. The partner's level of accountability allows them to serve in various areas of need while the dream team member takes on more accountability in the work of advancing of the local church vision. We desire and encourage everyone to consider church membership in the capacity of the dream team. The dream team are like the "mighty men of David", men who risked their lives to advance what they believed in. our local church needs more people as these.

PRAYER THEME: LEADERS

PRAYER ITEMS:

- Apostle Colin & Sarah Nyathi
- Bishop Sbanga & Thembi
- HHI Eldership team
- HHI Brisbane leadership team

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- Zechariah 13:7 - "Awake, sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is close to me!" declares the LORD Almighty. "Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn my hand against the little ones
- 1 Timothy 2:1-4 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people--for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.
- Proverbs 11:14 - For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers.

BRIEF SHARING

In the olden days when an army went to the battle front, the battle was declared won if the king or the leader has been killed. Consequently, very strong security would be put around the king to ensure the enemy has little or no opportunity to strike him down. When King Saul was killed in Battle, the greatest possession in Israel, of the ark, was taken away bringing great sorrow to the whole nation. In Matthew 12:29 Jesus says "'Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can plunder his house". A leader is a strongman in any organisation, and more so the church. His wellbeing means the wellbeing of the church.

Zechariah highlighted this important point when he says "Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered..." Paul writing to Timothy also emphasises the importance of praying for those in leadership positions "...so that we may lead peaceful and quiet lives". Your life, and indeed your spiritual wellbeing, is intricately linked to the decisions that your local pastor and leaders make. They need godly guidance in all those decisions and so praying for them is vital. Apostle Colin & Sarah provide the entire HHI Vision while Bishop Sbanga & Thembi pastor the local church and provide vision oversight over all the churches in the Asia Pacific, Middle East and England. The eldership and local leadership teams provide oversight leadership in various areas of the church. Today we want to commit these to the Lord that they do not tire in doing good and to be anointed mightily as they carry out their roles.

PRAYER THEME: FUNCTIONAL DEPARTMENTS

PRAYER ITEMS:

- All departments – check website for full list
- Volunteers
- Divine strength to serve with dignity
- Serve God by serving others

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- Colossians 3:23-24 - Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters
- Ephesians 4:11-12 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up
- Acts 20:28 “Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.”

BRIEF SHARING

One thing that makes the body of Christ unique is the different abilities and talents that various people have. When these are harnessed and brought together within the vision of the local church the outcome is phenomenal. After Moses had been called by God to set the children of Israel free from the clutches of Egypt, he saw two Hebrews fighting. As he tried to bring peace to them, one of them ranted and said in Exodus 2:14 “who made you ruler and judge over us...” the attitude of serving should always go beyond the natural person we see with our eyes who is flawed in many ways. Paul affirms this when he says ‘Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters’. Our various departments and service people need this.

Time keeping, excellence and joy in service, radiance of God’s love, mercy, faith, patience and tolerance are some of the virtues that departmental personnel need to have. This work was never said to be easy but when believers embrace these virtues, it becomes the most satisfying work ever. One word that governs the work of departments is sacrifice. For the local church work to excel, there has to be some level of sacrifice on everyone. If Jesus sacrificed his life so you can sacrifice at least a few hours in a full week to ensure our local church excels in its calling.

PRAYER THEME: GRACE FOR GIVING

PRAYER ITEMS:

- Growth in giving culture
- Understanding various types of Giving
- Spirit of extreme generosity
- Readiness to give when an opportunity presents itself

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- 2 Corinthians 9:6-9 - Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times; having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 9 As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."
- Deuteronomy 8:18 - You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.
- Proverbs 3:9-10 - Honour the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine

BRIEF SHARING

The entire Bible from the Old Testament to New identifies four key types of giving as follows: Tithing, First Fruits, and Giving Alms and Sowing seeds. From these four types will come other sub-types which we can't exhaust here, however, giving comes from a Greek word called koinonia, which means "sharing". So Christian giving is about sharing resources. As Christians shared life in Christ, their family relationship (In Christ) was expressed by a sharing of financial and material resources. 2 Corinthians 8 highlights the importance of giving out of "willingness". Tithing is about obedience. Obedience that comes with tithing ensures God holds back the devourer (Deuteronomy 14:23-24). Grace is required for anyone to obey this that existed way before the law came with Moses. First fruits is the first increase that you get when you're blessed (Ezekiel 20:40). It is more of generosity and display of your thanksgiving attitude to God. Alms giving is motivated by compassion (Luke 11:41). Sowing as a type of giving carries with it an expectation of reaping/reward; it is an act of faith! This is where the Bible will teach about the 'measure' or quantity of what we give being matched by God in the reward.

In 2014 we desire that spirit of generosity, grace to give at all times so that you may be blessed in all occasions. Grace for giving ensures the work of the local church progresses faster. Consider making 2014 a year for giving.

PRAYER THEME: SOUL WINNING

PRAYER ITEMS:

- Natural burden for souls
- Grace to compel people to salvation
- Addition of souls daily
- Soul winning to be a culture of Harvest House

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- Luke 14:23-“Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.
- Proverbs 11:30 - The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and the one who is wise saves lives
- John 4:35 - Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

BRIEF SHARING

The western culture has a deep entrenched non-compelling culture founded on the principle of democracy and human rights. It simply states that human beings can make decisions on what they want to believe without being compelled. Jesus puts us on a collision course with this ideology. He instructs us to compel people to come in that his house may be filled. The word compel means “force or oblige (someone) to do something”. God is concerned and desires His House to be full of people (Luke 14:23). The amazing thing is that Jesus says that the harvest of souls is ready. What is needed is those that would go out and compel others to come in.

Today we do not only want to pray for souls, but to reach out and compel someone to come with you to the house of the Lord. They may refuse, threaten you, make you feel bad but ultimately you may win them over. Let God use you today. Jesus never promised they will agree with you right away, most likely they will make you feel awful. Don't give up too quick, keep compelling them they will give in later. Remember, the Holy Spirit is backing you all the way.

PRAYER THEME: AMAZING GRACE

PRAYER ITEMS:

- Grace at your workplace – promotion/salary reviews/performance
- Grace in your business – more paying clients/trustworthy partners
- Grace in your health – divine health/no sickness/mental health
- Grace in your relationships – spouse/children/church members
- Grace in your studies – good passes/scholarships

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- Romans 12:18 - If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone
- 2 Corinthians 12:8-9 Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me
- Hebrews 4:16 - Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- Acts 4:33 - And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all

BRIEF SHARING

Grace means to get something that you do not deserve; unmerited favour. Mercy means you do not get a punishment that you deserve; compassion, forbearance. God is abundant in grace and mercy and we can read about it in the Bible. His greatest act of grace is the gift of salvation that is available for all people through faith (Ephesians 2:8-9). As you dedicate your life to serve God this year, you'll attract undue attack from the enemy in various aspects of your life namely work, business, relationship, health, education etc. instead of giving up and blaming God for such, let us ask God for His tender mercies. He said to Paul “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” So you don't need to worry about what Satan has laid up against you, but more on the grace the Lord has as your provision. It is my conviction as your pastor that if you put all your trust in Him, you'll do well in 2014.

The apostles had great grace upon them. I prophesy amazing grace upon you in this New Year. Tomorrow is the last day for this prayer and fasting. You've done well fasting and praying through, now we await to see the God of the supernatural demonstrate His Grace and the return of His Glory.

PRAYER THEME: THANKSGIVING

PRAYER ITEMS:

- Thank God for Salvation & Grace
- Thank God for special people in your life
- Thank God for material blessings
- Thank God for answering all your prayers for 2014

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- Ephesians 5:4 - Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving
- Philippians 4:6 - do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God
- Colossians 4:2 - Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving
- Jonah 2:9 - But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the LORD!"

BRIEF SHARING

Jesus healed 10 lepers in Luke 17:12-19 and yet only one decided to come back and give thanks. Jesus had not demanded that they come back but he had expected them to. Jesus fed thousands of people that were hungry in John 6. Later they followed him for more food but Jesus began to teach them the word, and they were offended at him. Instead of giving thanks they took offense. It is evident that this year the Lord will bless you and supply your needs until you overflow. When His word comes, that will challenge you, will you take offense? Or you will stand out and offer thanks? Today consider giving Him a sacrifice of thanksgiving. Remember, it's a sacrifice! Sacrifice has pain associated with it.

Tonight as we conclude this special time of prayer & fasting, put aside a thoughtful seed & thanksgiving offering. The purpose of this offering is to empower the local church to advance the work of the kingdom. Yet it is also a great opportunity for you to water your prayers and believe God for a massive harvest. Bring something to share with everyone as we break this fast.

Thank you for taking time to join us we sought God this January. Stay strong and keep believing, God is on your side.

KEY EVENTS FOR 2014

Make sure you have a copy of the 2014 Calendar with you. We have printed it so that you can stick it on your fridge at home. Kindly consider planning your life around church life. Below are Key events not to be missed:

- Music Conference with Kevin Bond Friday 21 to Sunday 23
February
- Revival Nights with Bishop Ntobeko Wednesday 26 – Sunday
30 March
- Our Church Our Pride Service Sunday 18 May
- Open Heavens Conference 2014 1-6 July
- 7th anniversary service Sunday 16 November
- Christmas Vision Dinner Friday 21 November
- Christmas @ Dutton Park Friday 28 November
- Crossover Watch Night Prayer Service Wednesday 31 December
(9pm to 1am)

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VISION SCRIPTURE - ISAIAH 61:1-3

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BY THE RETURNING OF GOD'S GLORY**

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1. Year of the Increased Moves of the Holy Spirit.
2. Returning to the Fundamental Doctrines of Jesus Christ.
3. Year of Solid Family Structures.
4. Year of Perpetuating the Spirit of Sonship and Leadership.
5. Year of Soul Winning and Evangelization.
6. Year of Financial Freedom and Empowerment.