

How to use this prayer guide

This prayer guide can be used for individual or corporate prayer, by individuals or cell/prayer groups of congregations, to intercede for the nation, the area or city.

The individual may or may not have done the sins described in this booklet, but can identify with the sin, on behalf of the community, like Daniel (Dan 9) and Nehemiah (Neh 1). Such a person takes the position of intercessor and approach God on behalf of his/her community, to ask for the forgiveness of sins perpetrated in the community.

This booklet is designed to be used over a period of 50 days, but it is simply a guideline. The information may be used in any other way, for individual or corporate prayer. The prayer guide is not supposed to be used to judge others or to accuse them before God. Be sensitive on how the information regarding the community is shared.

It is our prayer that this booklet will contribute to a deeper and more intimate walk with the Triune God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Offences against God

There is a growing hunger in the hearts of Christians to live in intimacy with God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is expressed in a growing desire to pray and seek the face of the Lord. Many Christians are also expressing their concern about the deterioration of society in our country, as seen in the increase in crime, violence and sinful practices. In times such as these, we need to know the God we serve, for with God nothing is impossible. Our God is a God that specializes in hopeless cases. He has not left us, nor forsaken us, but, according to the Word, has given His Church definite guidelines how to handle situations like what is facing our nations – poverty, disease, lawlessness, etc. One thing God requires from us is to have faith, for without faith it is impossible to please Him. With faith the size of a mustard seed, mountains can be moved.

God acts according to some principles though. He is very clear in the Bible that when there is sin in our lives or when a nation sinned against Him, then He will not answer our prayers or pour out a blessing. The way to draw near to Him in such instances is to come in repentance. God is attracted to repentant hearts. The problem we have in our society today is that we do not know what to repent of anymore. We have become so accustomed to sin that we do not deal with it in Biblical ways, finding excuses and reasons to be involved in things that God hates, and then expecting Him to draw near to us even when we are sinning. God's principles concerning holiness are very clear and we need to look through God's eyes at ourselves and our societies (measuring ourselves and the society we live in against the Word of God) and come in repentance before Him.

The Bible is very clear that the requirement for forgiveness is repentance. Sins of the past that have not been confessed are not forgiven but still have an effect on us today. There are even some sins that have an effect on the land and, according to the Bible, cause the land to be defiled and God to remove His favour from that land. The four areas of sin that we will focus on for this initiative are: Bloodshed, immorality, broken covenants and idolatry. Each category of sin will be discussed in more detail and examples given as how to pray concerning these sins.

Removing the Offences

The reason why Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead was so that repentance and forgiveness of sins could be preached to all nations (Luke 24:46,47). Paul and the other apostles spread this message of repentance as they journeyed through the Roman Empire. In one of the cities, Ephesus, Paul's preaching on repentance brought a massive corporate turning to the Lord and they burned their books and paraphernalia on magic (Acts 19:19). This had such an effect on the society that the adherents to the cult of Diana (Artemis) were shaken and lost their market for idolatry. God's way of turning people to Him and getting rid of offences is repentance.

In the Old Testament God's people had to remove and destroy all those things offending God (Deut 12:2-4) so that they could worship Him only. He promised them that if they should turn from following Him and He punished them for their disobedience, that they had to come back, humble themselves before Him, pray and seek His face and turn from their wicked ways, then He would hear from heaven, forgive their sin and heal their land (2 Chron 7:14). In Hebrew 9:22 we read that almost all things are cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness. In the Old Testament, God gave His people the system of sacrifices to help them if they sinned against Him and against one another. Once a year, the high priest had to bring a special offering, called the Atonement sacrifice (Leviticus 16). The blood of this sacrifice was to make atonement for the Holy Place (before the mercy seat) because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions, for all their sins. After the high priest had sprinkled the blood on and in front of the mercy seat, he had to bring confession for the sins of the people. This sacrifice was to be brought once a year only and was given to protect the people from God's holiness.

In Heb 9:11 we read that Jesus came as High Priest and entered the Most Holy Place on our behalf. He did not come with the blood of goats and bulls, but with His own blood. He does not need to do it often, but did it once and for all. Jesus' blood dedicated the New Covenant (1 Cor 11:25,26) and with His blood He made a way to put away sin (Heb 9:26). The blood of bulls and goats could never take away sins, but the blood of Jesus can. Through the blood of Jesus we can now receive

forgiveness of sins, and we do not need to bring any offering of bulls and goats anymore. After the sacrifice, Jesus sat down at God's right hand, waiting for His enemies to be subdued before Him (Heb 10:12,13). Through what Jesus did, we have full access to the throne of grace (mercy seat) in heaven (Heb 4:16), to find help in time of need. The blood of Jesus that was sprinkled in heaven before the throne of grace is evidence of the forgiveness God has to give when people come before Him in Jesus' Name to bring repentance. When we pray to God for forgiveness of our sins, and the sins of our people, as the priests did in the Old Testament, then God listens to the testimony of the blood of Jesus as it testifies for us before His throne (Heb 12:24). As our prayers of repentance are brought before God (Rev 8:3-5), then God acts on our behalf and all the covenant promises, from the promises God made in His covenant to Adam, Noah, Abraham, David, Solomon, etc. and the promises of the New Covenant with Jesus, become our inheritance. One of them is the promise that if we humble ourselves, pray and seek God's face and turn from our wicked ways, then God will hear in heaven, forgive our sin and heal our land.

Bloodshed (Day 1-14)

The first incidence of bloodshed in the Bible was in Genesis 4, where Cain killed his brother Abel. In the generations after Cain the sin of bloodshed was multiplied through a cycle of vengeance (Gen 4:23,24). God's reaction on this sin was severe. He said that Cain would be cursed from the earth so that when the ground is tilled, it shall not yield the strength it should. The murderer would also become a wanderer and fugitive, unable to settle (Gen 4:11,12). When God gave His law to Moses He commanded that the murderer was to die (Deut 19:11-13). When there was unresolved murder, God asked the priests from the nearest city to deal with the situation (Deut 21). The Bible teaches that any bloodshed, those of humans and animals, caused guilt on the land. Bloodguilt is an inevitable result that is caused by the shedding of human blood or animals sacrificed to idols. This guilt is like contamination that quickly spreads. It can affect the killer and his extended family, the following generation, the city that he lives in, the nation he belongs to and the land he lives in. Right after the flood God also issued a command that forbids the eating or drinking of blood. This command was still honoured by the New Testament church (Acts 15:20). In the New

Testament Jesus took the command concerning murder even further, stating that unjustified anger and anger outbursts is as bad in God's eyes as murder.

Bloodshed is a serious offence in God's eyes. When Manasseh filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, God was not willing to forgive, therefore He exiled His people (2 Kings 24:4). When those who sought after God, had bloodguilt on their hands, God did not want to answer their prayers (Is 1:15; 59:2). In Proverbs He says that He hates hands that shed blood (Prov 6:17). In Joel (3:21) God promised that when He brings restoration, He will pardon bloodguilt, but until then, the land will not conceal the bloodshed (Isaiah 26:21). This blood will continue to cry out to God like the blood of Abel.

South Africans are burdened with bloodguilt because of the innocent blood that was shed in our land. The effect of this bloodguilt can be seen in the increase of vengeance and revenge, the outbursts of anger between people, the unsettled ways of many peoples and the increasing physical need for food to some parts of the population. The only way to deal with this guilt is to appropriate the blood of Jesus on our behalf. How do we do that? We approach the throne of grace with the assurance that we have an Advocate in heaven who intercedes on our behalf. He paid the price for our sins with His blood and we do not need to offer the blood of a bull or goat to ask for forgiveness. The blood of Jesus on the altar in heaven can speak on our behalf (Heb 12:24). Armed with this promise of forgiveness and the surety of the better covenant, we can approach God, repent of the sin in our land, and receive His forgiveness. When sin is not repented of, it is not forgiven. Even time does not erase sin. The only way to receive forgiveness is through repentance. Unrepentant sin, even those of previous generations, still have an effect on the generations afterwards. Just a reminder, we confess the sin before but DO NOT pray for the forgiveness of the ancestors. They had their chance before God. We pray so that God can remove the guilt on our land through the blood of Jesus and also the curse that came because of the bloodguilt. Then we can remind God of His promise in 2 Chron 7:14 "If you repent...then I will heal the land."

Prayers concerning bloodguilt

The following prayers can be used daily in personal devotions and in prayer groups:

Day 1 – Gen 4:10 *The LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground."* Heb 12:24 ...[You have come] *to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel...* Father we acknowledge our **guilt of bloodshed** in our nation. We confess that the voices of many people's blood are crying to You from this land. We repent of the fact that we have filled this land with blood. We ask You for the cleansing of the blood of Jesus, and that the blood of sprinkling in heaven will speak on behalf of _____ (country), to bring forgiveness, healing and restoration in our land.

Day 2 – Lev 17:11 *For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.* Father God, the Author of Life, we acknowledge and confess that we have **treated life with little respect**. We ask for forgiveness and pray that You will restore in us the respect for life and treat people as creatures that carry Your life-giving breath.

Day 3 – Numbers 35:33 *"Do not pollute the land where you are. Bloodshed pollutes the land, and atonement cannot be made for the land on which blood has been shed, except by the blood of the one who shed it."* Judge of the living and the dead, we acknowledge and confess our guilt before You concerning the **bloodguilt** in our land caused by **wars, murders** and **accidents**. We pray for your mercy and that you will forgive us for this sin of polluting the land. We pray that our prayers will be acceptable to you and that you will heal our land.

Day 4 – Lev 17:10 *"Any Israelite or any alien living among them who eats any blood--I will set my face against that person who eats blood and will cut him off from his people."* Psalms 16:4 *The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods. I will not pour out their libations of blood or take up their names on my lips.* Lord God, we confess and repent of any **drinking** and **eating of blood** in our country, whether it be

in worship of false gods, spirits, ancestors or any other being, in any initiation ceremonies or cultural traditions and food.

Day 5 – Luke 11:50-51 *Therefore this generation will be held responsible for the blood of all the prophets that has been shed since the beginning of the world, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, this generation will be held responsible for it all.* Hosea 4:2 *There is only cursing, lying and murder, stealing and adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed.* Righteous One, we acknowledge and confess that the **bloodguilt of the past generations** had not been dealt with and that because of this, bloodshed calls for bloodshed in our country. We pray that You, in Your mercy, will break this cycle of bloodshed in our land through the power of the blood of Jesus Christ.

Day 6 – Psalms 106:38 *They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, and the land was desecrated by their blood.* Father God, we acknowledge and confess that we are guilty of shedding innocent blood at the altars of comfort and mammon through killing the unborn babies in **abortion**. Please extend your forgiveness to _____ (country) for legalizing this sin. We pray for your mercy upon this nation.

Day 7 - Gen 9:5 *And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each man, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of his fellow man.* Lord our Righteousness, please guide our leaders to take up their **responsibility** in regard to bloodshed and help us to again accept the responsibility we have towards life.

Day 8 – Judges 9:23,24 *God sent a spirit of ill will between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech, that the crime done to the seventy sons of Jerubbaal might be settled and their blood be laid on Abimelech their brother, who killed them, and on the men of Shechem, who aided him in the killing of his brothers.* Our Redeemer, You who avenge blood, please remove any spirits of ill will from our nation that may cause people to call for **revenge** because of bloodshed. You have avenged all bloodshed on Jesus Christ when He carried our sins on the cross. Please bring comfort and healing

to those of us who have lost loved ones in conflict and wars, and remove from our hearts the bitterness and hatred towards the offenders, so that we can forgive.

Day 9 – *Ezek 33:25 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Since you eat meat with the blood still in it and look to your idols and shed blood, should you then possess the land? You rely on your sword, you do detestable things, and each of you defiles his neighbour's wife. Should you then possess the land?' Psalm 24:1 The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it, for He founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.* Sovereign Lord, we confess that as different people groups we are fighting for the **possession of land** in this country. We acknowledge today that the land belongs to You and that You are the rightful ruler of this land. Help us to deal with the land issues in Godly ways. May Your Kingdom come to _____ (country).

Day 10 – *Gen 4:10-12 The LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth."* Restorer of all things, please **remove the curse of bloodguilt** from _____ (country), so that the ground will again yield its crops for the people and send both the early and latter rains, according to your promise in 2 Chronicles 7:13. In the Name of Jesus Christ we ask You to remove any alienation that may cause people to become restless and unsettled. Give us Your peace and stability for this nation.

Day 11 – *Heb 9:22 In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.* Lord God, we confess that when we **commemorate bloodshed** (through monuments) in our land, bitterness and hatred filled our hearts towards those who hurt us or killed our families and instead of extending forgiveness we accused and asked for revenge. We now choose to forgive those who caused us pain, just as You forgave us through the blood of Jesus.

Day 12 – Habakkuk 2:12 "Woe to him who builds a city with bloodshed and establishes a town by crime!" Daniel 9:8 O LORD, we and our kings, our princes and our fathers are covered with shame because we have sinned against you. King of Righteousness, we confess that many of our cities and towns were **founded on injustice, bloodshed and crime**. Since the foundation of this nation hundreds of years ago, men (and women) of influence used their power to shed blood. We are ashamed because of our sin. Please remove the bloodthirsty foundations of our nation, cities and towns, and lay a new foundation based on the atonement of Jesus Christ and repentance.

Day 13 – Isaiah 1:15,16 When you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide my eyes from you; even if you offer many prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are full of blood; wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight! Stop doing wrong..." Joel 3:21 "For I will acquit them of the guilt of bloodshed, whom I had not acquitted; For the LORD dwells in Zion." Ancient of Days, **You promised** to hear from heaven when we humble ourselves, seek Your face and turn from our wicked ways. Please hear now as we pray and no longer hide Your face from us. **Acquit** _____ (country) from all bloodguilt; from the bloodshed committed by the first inhabitants who sacrificed to other gods, to the bloodshed at illegitimate altars of today (any sacrifice to idols whether occultic or cultural); bloodshed from ethnic conflict and tribal wars; bloodshed during the colonial years; bloodshed caused by the resistance movements against the ruling regimes; bloodshed caused by murders, killings, accidents, abortions, suicides, poverty and injustices. Allow this land to receive Your healing, cleansing, salvation and restoration. Amen.

Day 14 – Ps 51:12 "Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me." Our Saviour, we rejoice in the power of Your Name. You do all things well. You are the **King of Peace**, the Ruler in Righteousness, the Restorer of all things, the Father of the fatherless and the Defender of the widow. We delight ourselves in You. May Your Name be glorified in _____ (country). May all the peoples acknowledge and praise Your Name. We celebrate Your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of Your Righteousness.

Example of corporate prayer to be prayed at battlefields and monuments to war, sites of conflict, sacrificial worship sites, abortion clinics, sites of accidents, murder, suicide, etc.

Father God, we come to You in the Name of Your Son, Jesus Christ according to the promise in John 16:23. Blessed be Your glorious Name; You who are exalted above all blessing and praise! You alone are the Lord; You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and everything on it, the seas and all that is in them, and You preserve them all. Together with the host of heaven we worship You. We acknowledge today that You are God above all gods, that there is none like You, o Lord. You are the God who made the land we live in. You have also made all the nations of one blood and have determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek You (Acts 17:26,27).

In humility, we, as the Church in _____ (country), submit ourselves before You (James 4:6,7) and bow our knees to You to give an account of ourselves, our people groups and our country (Rom 14:11,12). We have been convicted by the Holy Spirit of our guilt concerning the sin of bloodshed in our nation, the righteousness that You require from us and Your judgment on our country because of our sin. We repent of the fact that we have filled this nation with blood.

Bloodshed of the past: Father, we acknowledge and confess that the bloodguilt of the previous generations had not been dealt with. We repent today of the bloodshed through the wars in our country (e.g. White ↔ Khoi, White ↔ San, White ↔ Xhosa, Xhosa ↔ San, Xhosa ↔ Khoi, San ↔ Griekwa, San ↔ Korannah, Zulu ↔ Xhosa, Zulu ↔ Basutho, Zulu ↔ White, Shangaan ↔ Zulu, Ndebele ↔ Tswana, Ndebele ↔ Pedi, Venda ↔ Pedi, Boer ↔ Brit, name any other battle that was fought in your area _____). We pray that You will pour out Your mercy on us and break the cycle of bloodshed and vengeance in our land through the power of the blood of Jesus Christ. Please bring reconciliation between the different people groups in our country, and let the blood of Jesus Christ restore relationships, heal wounds of rejection, hatred and mistrust. We also confess that some of the monuments we erected to commemorate these battles, were used to stir up hatred, bitterness and racism in our hearts. We confess that we have allowed

those emotions to taint our message of who You are and that we have used the Bible to justify bloodshed. We also confess that some of these monuments (many of them to honour Egyptian and Roman deities) do not glorify Your Name. Please forgive us.

Bloodshed through conflict: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bible tells us that the shedding of war-blood in the time of peace will call for revenge. We confess today that we are guilty of shedding war-blood in peacetimes in our country. We confess and repent of the killings through terrorism, racial conflict and oppression during the liberation struggle. We acknowledge deeds of injustice carried out by those who were to keep the peace and confess it before You. Please forgive us.

Bloodshed through wars in other countries: Father, we confess that we are guilty of shedding blood in other nations too. We pray for the bloodguilt to be removed and for reconciliation to take place.

Bloodshed through murder and suicide: Father, we confess and repent for the bloodshed of murders committed in our country. We also confess our guilt for legalising murder through abortion and the shedding innocent blood at the altars of mammon and comfort through the killing of unborn babies. We repent of anger, hatred and bitterness that lead to massacres on farms, in families and because of racism.

Bloodshed through accidents: Lord, we confess the innocent bloodshed because of accidents on the roads through reckless driving, drunkenness, not abiding by the law and other reasons. Please remove the bloodguilt from our land.

Bloodshed through sacrifice: Father of our Saviour Jesus Christ, we acknowledge the guilt on our land because of the bloodshed of animals (and humans) during the worship of other gods (Satanism, witchcraft, worship of anything or anyone other than God, the Father of Jesus Christ). We confess and repent of any bloodshed in initiation ceremonies, traditional rituals and the eating and drinking of blood in cultural ways.

We pray in the Name of Jesus Christ that You will remove the curse from the land and restore Your favour so that the land will yield its increase

once again. We pray that You will break the curse of alienation and wandering and allow people to settle in the land You've given them.

We ask for the cleansing of the blood of Jesus Christ, and that the blood of Jesus on the altar in heaven will speak on behalf of _____ (country) today (Heb 12:24), to bring forgiveness, healing and restoration in our land. AMEN.

Sexual Immorality (Day 15-21)

Genesis 6 tells about the first incidence of immorality in the Bible. Although the Bible is not clear about what exactly took place during the time before the flood, one of the results of the sexual interaction that took place was that the whole earth was filled with violence. The degradation of mankind through perverse sexuality is described in Romans 1. The ultimate effect was that people became haters of God, and the judgment (vs 32) is deserving of death, which was precisely the judgment God pronounced on the generation before the Flood. Immorality as sin is described in Leviticus 18:6-23 and covers instances such as incest in the family, intercourse during menstruation, adultery, homosexuality, bestiality and prostitution. In the New Testament Paul describes sexual immorality as sin against one's own body (1 Cor 6:18). In Leviticus 18 sexual immorality is mentioned as one of the causes why people loose their land. Some of the other consequences of sexual immorality in a land is: a reduced lifespan; loss of authority in spiritual matters; lust for power; lack of servant-spirit; lack of humility and sexual lust that opens a way for demonic oppression. Jesus, in Matt 5:28, went even a step further to say that even if we harbour lustful thoughts in our hearts, we have already committed adultery. So it is not just the act of sexual immorality that causes defilement, but also the pollution of our thought-life through pornography and the media. In 1 Corinthians 5, Paul explicitly warned that the Church should not tolerate sexual impurity amongst her members and in Romans 1 he said that the judgment will not come only on those who commit these acts but also on those who approve of those practising it.

If we look at our nation in the context of what the Bible speaks about sexual immorality, then we are guilty before the Lord for allowing this sin to spread and contaminate our society. The only people who can come

before the Lord to ask for cleansing and restoration of our families, marriages and society, are those who are in relationship with God the Father, through Jesus Christ and who have dealt with all sexual impurity in their own lives.

Prayers concerning Sexual Immorality

The following prayers can be used daily in personal devotions or in prayer groups:

Day 15 – Lev 18:6 *“No-one is to approach any close relative to have sexual relations.” I am the LORD.* Father God, we confess the sin of **incest** before You. We acknowledge that we have not treated our family members with respect regarding sexuality. We pray for cleansing of families, for healing of broken lives and for the restoration of sexual purity in family relationships. Please heal our memories and emotions that were damaged by this betrayal.

Day 16 – Lev 18:20 *“Do not have sexual relations with your neighbour’s wife and defile yourself with her.”* Mark 10:12 *He answered, “Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.”* Matt 5:27,28 *“You have heard that it was said, ‘Do not commit adultery.’ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”* Faithful God, we acknowledge and confess that _____ (country) is guilty of **adultery**. We ask forgiveness for being unfaithful, even though it may be just in our hearts. Please heal marriages and help us to become faithful to our promises.

Day 17 – Lev 18:22 *“Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable.”* Rom 1:26,27 *“Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.”* Holy Father, we confess our nation’s sin of **homosexuality** and **lesbianism** before You. We understand from Romans 1 that it is because we did not glorify You as our Creator that

this happened in our country. We ask forgiveness for using unnatural sexual relations to satisfy our lusts. We ask for healing and deliverance for those who are bound by this sin. Please restore us to the men and women You created for Your glory.

Day 18 – Lev 18:23 *“Do not have sexual relations with an animal and defile yourself with it.”* Creator of heaven and earth, we ask Your forgiveness that these detestable practices of **bestiality** happen in our nation. We are ashamed of the way our nation has rejected Your principles. We also confess before You the sin of **ritual sex** in Satanism, occult practises and cultural traditions concerning fertility. Please forgive us and set our people free from this bondage. We pray that You would rebuke the spirit of perversity in our nation and cleanse us from sexual impurity.

Day 19 – Jer 3:2,3 *You have defiled the land with your prostitution and wickedness. Therefore the showers have been withheld, and no spring rains have fallen.* Most Holy God, we acknowledge and confess the sin of **prostitution** before You. We ask forgiveness for selling our bodies and defiling Your temple. We ask for deliverance from the spirit of prostitution and pray for healing and restoration of those of who were forced or chose to become involved in this practice and pray for conviction of sin for those who use women and men for their financial gain. We also confess our involvement in cybersex and for tolerating the different forms of sexual temptation and pornography portrayed by the media. We pray that You will cleanse us from sexual impurity and pour out Your Spirit of holiness in us.

Day 20 – Lamentations 5:1,11,15 *Remember, O LORD, what has happened to us; look, and see our disgrace... Women have been ravished in Zion, and virgins in the towns of Judah... Joy is gone from our hearts; our dancing has turned to mourning.* Lord God, our Refuge, joy has gone from many hearts because of **sexual molestation** and **rape**. We acknowledge that no one in our country is safe from this abuse. We ask forgiveness for allowing the spirit of lust to operate freely and our apathy towards it. Please deliver us and expose the works of darkness that cause devastation to people in our land. Please bring healing to those who have been sinned against and convict the offenders and bring them to justice and salvation in Christ.

Day 21 – *Heb 10:22* “Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.” Pure and Holy One, we need the blood of Jesus to cleanse our souls and bodies from all impurity because of **sexual immorality**. Please restore us to be the Bride You want us to be. We offer our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to You as our worship. Please remove the curse of violence from our land caused by our sexual impurity. Teach us to humbly honour and serve one another without lust for power or authority outside of You. Restore to us Your favour in this land.

Example of corporate prayer to pray at sites of sexual immorality such as casino’s, adult shops, escort agencies, gay bars and places of gathering, areas of prostitution, sites of rape, etc.

Father, we approach Your throne of grace through Your Son, Jesus Christ. We worship You as the Holy One; the God above all gods. You alone are worthy to receive our worship. Every word from You is pure and in You there is no impurity. According to Your Word our society is guilty of sexual immorality. As Your body we accept the guilt of our societies concerning this sin. We have neglected to speak out against sexual immorality and have not done enough to warn people concerning sexual impurity. We bring our society before You now.

Incest: We confess the sin of incest. We acknowledge that members of families in our societies are not always treated with respect regarding sexuality. We confess that many children’s image of You as a Father had been tainted because of this sin. We ask forgiveness and pray for the cleansing of families, for healing of broken lives and for the restoration of sexual purity in family relationships. Please heal our memories and emotions that were damaged by this betrayal.

Adultery: Faithful One, You who described Yourself as the “Husband of Israel”, the “Bridegroom” preparing a feast for Your “Bride”, we confess that _____ (country) is guilty of adultery in our societies. We ask forgiveness for the unfaithfulness of many husbands and wives, even through it may only be in thought and not in deed. Please heal the

marriages in our society and help us to become faithful to keep the promises we made.

Fornication (sexual impurity e.g. sex outside of marriage): Father, You who have given us boundaries concerning sexual relationships. We confess fornication before You as a sin in our societies and as a practise that is many times made acceptable through the media and the modern lifestyle. We ask forgiveness and pray that our society will once again come in line with Your word concerning sexual purity before and in marriage.

Homosexuality and Lesbianism: Father, You who had created mankind male and female, we confess before You this sin of sexual practices where men lie with men, and women with women, something You have never ordained or excused. We are ashamed of how our nation has rejected Your principles. Please forgive us for allowing these things to happen in our country. We confess that we have accused those who are trapped in this sin, instead of helping them to find deliverance and healing in You. Please give us understanding and compassion for those who are caught in the snares of the devil. We pray that You would convict people of sin, righteousness and judgment, and cleanse our land from the curse of sexual perversity.

Prostitution: Father God, we acknowledge and confess the sin of prostitution before You. We ask forgiveness for the selling of bodies and defiling Your temple. We ask for deliverance from the spirit of prostitution and pray for healing and restoration of those who were forced or chose to become involved in this practise and pray for conviction of sin for those who use men and women for their financial gain. We also confess our involvement in cybersex and for tolerating the different forms of sexual temptation portrayed by the media. We pray that You would cleanse us from sexual impurity and pour out Your Spirit of Holiness in us.

Pornography: Father, we confess that we have allowed our minds and thoughts to become contaminated by the pornographic material available in the shops and displayed in the media through books, videos, movies and live entertainment. We acknowledge that through these practises we are guilty of adultery and fornication. We ask forgiveness for this sin.

Please cleanse our minds, thoughts and emotions with the blood of Jesus and make our thoughts obedient to Your Word. We pray for a conviction of Your Holy Spirit that will cause all pornography to be removed from our societies and for people caught in this addiction to be set free from this bondage in Jesus' Name.

Rape: Lord God, our Refuge, we confess before You the sin of sexual molestation and rape in our country. We ask forgiveness for allowing the spirit of lust to operate freely and our apathy towards it. Please deliver us and expose the works of darkness that cause people to be destroyed by this sin. Please bring healing to those who have been sinned against and convict offenders and bring them to justice and salvation in Christ.

Bestiality: Father, Creator of all things, we confess before You the detestable practises of sexual intercourse with animals. Please expose the works of darkness and convict those who do these deeds to worship other gods, so that they will come to You for salvation. We pray that You would remove the curse on the land because of this sin.

Ritual sexual acts: Father God, we confess before You the many satanic and ritual sexual acts performed by occultic groups and pagan religions. We confess that many of our cultural feasts promote sexual immorality through sex orgies, sex parties and ritual sex for fertility religions. We ask for forgiveness for these practises that defiled the land and pray that You will convict those who are caught in these practises. We pray that You will set people in South Africa free from bondages to satanic and occult forces, as well as from religious spirits from the many diverse cultural traditions.

Father, Pure and Holy God, we need the blood of Jesus Christ to cleanse our souls and bodies from all impurity because of sexual immorality. Please restore us to the Bride You want us to be. We offer our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to You as our worship. Please remove the curse of violence, caused by sexual immorality, from our land. Please restore our health in this country and increase our life expectancy once again. May we, as Your Body, again have spiritual authority in the areas You have given us to rule over. Teach us to humbly honour and serve one another without lusting for power or

authority outside of You. Please remove all curses on the land because of these sins and restore Your favour to _____ (country). AMEN.

Broken Covenants / Agreements / Treaties (Day 22-28)

The God of the Bible has revealed Himself to mankind as a Covenant-God. To Adam and Eve He was Elohim, the Creator; To Abraham He appeared as El-Shaddai, the Almighty One; To Moses He introduced Himself as YHWH – “I am” and finally, He revealed Himself as the Saviour (Messiah), Jesus Christ. God never broke His covenant with mankind, but in Genesis 3 we read how Adam and Eve, as representatives of mankind, broke the covenant they had with God through disobedience. This disobedience cost them dearly and mankind was forced to live outside of God’s manifest presence and earn their livelihood with sweat and hard work. Every time God made a covenant with people, He added more blessings, but also clearly defined the principles He expected from us. Should we choose against His covenant, then the opposite of blessings, the curse, would be our inheritance. As God is faithful to His covenant, He also expects us, as made in His image, to be faithful to the covenants we make. Every married person made a covenant with a partner to be separated unto that person for life. Divorce and marital unfaithfulness cause the covenant to be broken. There is an unspoken covenant in families that the father and mother would care for the children. Many dysfunctional families had suffered because this unspoken covenant was broken. There is also an unspoken covenant between a government and the citizens of a land. When the laws governing the land favour some and cause injustice to others, this covenant is broken.

The consequences of broken covenants are clear in the Bible. The earth is defiled and mourns (Isaiah 24:5,6), the ground is cursed (Genesis 3:17) and there may be famine, war and disease because of this sin.

In the time of Joshua (Josh 9) the Israelites made a covenant with one of the nations living in Canaan, to let them live. Three hundred and eighty years later, Saul, the first king of Israel, in his zeal for Israel and Judah, broke this covenant that Joshua made. Because of this broken covenant, God brought a famine towards the end of David’s reign in Israel (2 Sam 21). When David enquired of the Lord concerning the famine, God said it

was judgment on Israel because of the previous government's decision to break the covenant. In Ezekiel 14:13 and 21, God explains to the prophet that if a land persists in unfaithfulness (breaking the covenant God has with mankind), against Him, then the consequences could be severe in the form of the sword (war), famine, wild beasts (ecological disasters) or pestilence (diseases). In light of this revelation, we need to look at our societies and discern what is happening. Could it be that God has allowed some of His judgments because of persistent unfaithfulness in _____ (country)? What about epidemics such as AIDS, Cholera, Malaria or Foot-and-mouth disease? God is still the God of the Bible. Although we are living in the time of grace, we still need to go to the Throne of Grace (Heb 4:16) to ask for mercy in time of need. At the Throne of Grace we will meet with our High Priest, Jesus Christ, where He acts as Advocate on our behalf and intercedes for us, concerning the sins of _____ (country). Let us ask Him to pour out forgiveness concerning broken covenants in our nations.

Prayers concerning broken covenants

The following prayers can be prayed daily in personal devotions or used in prayer groups:

Day 22 – *Isaiah 24:5,6 The earth is defiled by its people; they have disobeyed the laws, violated the statutes and broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore a curse consumes the earth; its people must bear their guilt.* Lord God of the Covenant, we confess that _____ (country) is **guilty of breaking covenant with You**. We have violated Your statutes and disregarded Your laws. We ask for forgiveness and pray that You will remember Your covenant with us in Jesus Christ. Please remove the curse that came on us because of our disobedience to Your laws.

Day 23 – *Jer 3:1,2 "If a man divorces his wife and she leaves him and marries another man, should he return to her again? Would not the land be completely defiled? But you have lived as a prostitute with many lovers-- would you now return to me?" declares the LORD. Mal 2:16 "For the LORD God of Israel says that He hates divorce, for it covers one's garment with violence," (NKJV) Faithful One, we acknowledge and confess our guilt before You because of **divorce** in our country. So*

many homes have been broken and lives destroyed because of this sin. Please forgive our unfaithfulness and selfishness in not keeping the marriage covenants and vows we made. We pray for a restoration in marriages, broken relationships and families and that You will bring healing to those who have been hurt. Please help us to be faithful, to serve and esteem one another and to resist temptations that come our way.

Day 24 – 2 Sam 21:1 *During the reign of David, there was a famine for three successive years; so David sought the face of the LORD. The LORD said, "It is on account of Saul and his blood-stained house; it is because he put the Gibeonites to death."* Joshua 9:15 *Then Joshua made a treaty of peace with them [the Gibeonites] to let them live, and the leaders of the assembly ratified it by oath.* Lord Most High, the One who is the Mediator of the new covenant, we confess that _____ (country) is guilty of **breaking treaties** we made with one another, often resulting in bloodshed as what happened in the time of Saul. Please forgive us for not keeping our word and as a result had to face years of pain because of revenge, bitterness, hatred and spiritual famine in our land. We need Your cleansing and ask that You would remove this guilt from us through the blood of Jesus. Please help us to reconcile ourselves to those who offended us and bring restitution where necessary.

Day 25 – Isaiah 10:2 *Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees, to deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed of my people, making widows their prey and robbing the fatherless.* Luke 11:46 *Jesus replied, "And you experts in the law, woe to you, because you load people down with burdens they can hardly carry, and you yourselves will not lift one finger to help them.* Prov 21:2 *All a man's ways seem right to him, but the LORD weighs the heart.* Ruler over the kings of the earth, we acknowledge and confess that _____ (country) is guilty of **unjust laws, oppressing people, depriving the poor** of their rights and from **withholding justice** ever since the time of the first inhabitants, rulers and kings in this nation. We ask for forgiveness. Please pour Your mercy on us and guide our leaders to make wise decisions. You say in Proverbs 21:1 that the king's heart is in Your hand. Please direct the hearts of our leaders to follow Your decrees.

Day 26 – Jer 22:13 *"Woe to him who builds his palace by unrighteousness, his upper rooms by injustice, making his countrymen work for nothing, not paying them for their labour. God of all comfort, we acknowledge and confess the sin of **exploiting** the poor, for underpayment and for using people for our own benefit. Please expose all corruption and works of darkness in the areas of finances and economy and help us to fulfil our responsibility to the poor, needy, orphaned and widowed. We also confess the injustice during the years of **slavery** and the poverty and oppression that resulted because of that system. Please remove from us the guilt of injustice and guide us to bring restitution where it is needed.*

Day 27 – Hosea 4:1-3 *Hear the word of the LORD, you Israelites, because the LORD has a charge to bring against you who live in the land: "There is no faithfulness, no love, no acknowledgment of God in the land. There is only cursing, lying and murder, stealing and adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed. Because of this the land mourns, and all who live in it waste away; the beasts of the field and the birds of the air and the fish of the sea are dying. God of Glory, we acknowledge and confess our guilt of **faithlessness**, unloving attitudes and that we do not as a country acknowledge You as our God. We confess the **cursing, lying, murder, stealing** and **adultery** as breaking covenant with You and with others. We confess our inability to deal with crime because we have neglected You and Your ways. Please forgive us and heal this nation.*

Day 28 – 2 Chron 6:14 *"and he said: "LORD God of Israel, there is no God in heaven or on earth like You, who keep Your covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their hearts." (NKJV) Jer 31:33 "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people." (NKJV) 1 Cor 11:25-26: In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Father, we come to You in the Name of Jesus Christ on behalf of the people of _____ (country), to thank You that **You are a God***

who keeps Your covenant and mercy with those who follow You with all their hearts. Thank You that You have made the New Covenant possible for all of us through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. Please write Your laws in our minds and on our hearts, so that we will follow Your ways in this land. We base our request on the promises of the New Covenant that Jesus secured on our behalf when He gave Himself as the sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins.

Example of corporate prayer to be prayed at sites of injustice, broken covenants or treaties, divorce, etc.

Father, thank You for Jesus Christ, who opened the way and through whose blood we have access to You. Thank You for Jesus' blood, the New Covenant, and for the promise of forgiveness of sins. Covenant-keeping God, You who revealed Yourself as Elohim, El-Shaddai, YHWH, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, we come to Your throne of grace because we need help. We acknowledge and confess that in _____ (country) we have broken covenants with You and with one another. We confess that as a nation we have not always lived according to Your precepts and commands. We, and our fathers, have deviated from Your ways and followed the dictates of our own hearts, which many times were ways of injustice. Please forgive us.

Broken Covenants and Treaties: God of the Covenant, we confess that we are guilty of breaking covenants with one another. In the history of our country we have made agreements with one another but then broke those agreements through deceptions and lies and sometimes even bloodshed. We confess the broken covenants between e.g. the Nguni Tribes (Zulu, Swazi and Xhosa); the broken covenants between the Zulu and Sotho tribes; the broken covenants between the Xhosa, Zulu, Khoi and San tribes; the broken covenants between the Ndebele, Sotho and Tswana tribes; the broken covenants between the Zulu and Shangaan tribes; the broken covenants between the Venda and Pedi tribes; the broken covenants between the European Settlers and the Khoi tribes; the broken covenants between the European settlers and the Xhosa tribes; the broken covenants between the Pioneers (Voortrekkers) and the Zulu; the broken covenants between the British and the Zulu and Xhosa tribes; the broken covenants between the British and Afrikaners; the broken covenants between the Europeans and the

ethnic tribes of _____ (country); the broken covenants between(any covenant or agreement or treaty between people groups in your nation that you are aware of). We ask for the blood of Jesus to cancel the curse on the land because of these broken covenants. Please stop the cycle of hatred, revenge and bitterness because of these broken covenants. Bring healing and reconciliation between people groups and restore the gift of reconciliation so that we may accept and bless one another and the nations of the world through reconciliation. Please build a multi-ethnic House of Prayer in _____ (country) that will stand in agreement before Your throne and ask for Your will to be done.

Laws and policies of injustice: (We have not included all the laws of injustice in this prayer. Please follow the leading of the Holy Spirit as you pray concerning this issue). Father, as _____ (own ethnic group), we confess the laws of injustice of our own and previous generations. We confess and repent of the laws that caused people to be robbed of their basic rights as people before You: the Slavery laws, Population Registration Act (1950) and Mixed Marriages Act (1949). We confess and repent of the laws that were, and still are, biased towards a certain racial group and caused discrimination and hatred amongst ethnic groups (e.g. Glen Grey Act of 1894) We confess and repent of laws that dehumanised and humiliated people (e.g. “Pass Laws” and Afscheidingsbeleid of 1846). We confess and repent of laws that caused people to be estranged from their land and property: Group Areas Act (1950), Land Acts of 1913 and 1936. We confess and repent of laws that did injustice to strangers in our land. We confess and repent of anti-Semitic policies of past and present. We confess and repent of laws that are directly in opposition against Your Word: Legalising Abortion and Legalising gambling and lottery. We confess and repent of laws of injustice that caused innocent blood to be shed (e.g. Shaka’s law to kill pregnant women after his mother’s death). We confess and repent of the tribal laws of _____ (own ethnic group), which are in direct opposition against Your Word. We confess and repent of laws that betrayed the trust people had in You.

Divorce: Faithful One, we acknowledge and confess our guilt before You because of divorce in our country. Many homes are broken and lives destroyed because of this sin. Please forgive our unfaithfulness and

selfishness in not keeping the marriage covenants and vows we made. We pray for the restoration of marriages, broken relationships and families, and that You will bring healing to those who are hurting. Please help us to be faithful, to serve one another and to resist the temptations that come our way. Please restore the fathers as priests of their families and bring mothers and children under the protection of the head of the family.

Injustice: Father, we come before You to confess the many injustices in our society. We confess and repent of the cursing, lying and stealing in our community. We confess and repent of the lawlessness of our society. We confess and repent of the many ways in which our country's laws are broken through carelessness, recklessness, irresponsibility and disregard of law. We confess and repent of the neglect of certain sectors of society, especially the elderly people and children. We confess and repent of the apathy towards those who suffer from poverty and disease. We confess and repent of withholding our tithes from Your storerooms, so that people in need can be cared for and looked after. We confess and repent of seeking our own comfort before carrying the burden of those around us. We ask that You will restore our "eyesight" to see what You see in our society, to feel with Your heart and to help with Your help. Help us to take responsibility of those in need and to feed and clothe them according to Your Word. May the Church truly represent You.

Father, we as Your body, want to take responsibility for _____ (country), to pray for the Government, to speak out on Your behalf. Please give us the courage to stand up for what is right, to speak out against what is wrong and to speak out for those who are oppressed and downtrodden. Please deliver _____ (country) from the guilt of injustice, broken covenants and broken relationships. Cleanse us with the blood of Jesus and bring healing and restoration to our nation. Please remove the curse from the land and restore the ground to produce food once more. Destroy all wickedness and pagan influences that entered our nation because of these broken covenants. Bring health to our peoples and let Your face shine over us with Your favour. May Your Name be glorified in _____ (country). May we become a nation that serves You in righteousness. May we be called blessed because of the good You will do towards us. Pour out Your Spirit on this land, in the Name of Jesus Christ, our High Priest.

Idolatry (Day 29-49)

Idolatry is sin against God Himself. He likens it to spiritual adultery. It is worshipping anything or anyone else other than God as He revealed Himself in the Bible, or putting your trust in anyone other than Him. It is this sin that caused God to make the following law in the 10 Commandments: “For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me...” (Exodus 20:5).

The God of the Bible is far above any other god worshipped by people and nations. He is holy and almighty. He lives in unapproachable light. There is no deceit or hint of darkness in Him; He is pure and trustworthy. He is faithful and true to His word. He is good. He is the only God who sacrificed Himself to make a way for people to worship Him. He is the only God who paid the price on behalf of people, to bless them with salvation and eternal life. He is the only God who lives outside of time, space and history. He is the Beginning and the End. He can be trusted with our lives. In Him is life, abundance of joy, assurance of comfort and love and all the promises of His covenants. He is worthy to be the God of all the earth. Nothing else can be compared to Him. What an insult to worship something or someone other than Him, to replace the God and Creator of the Universe with a false god.

An idol is anything used as an object of worship in the place of the true God. Amongst the earliest objects of worship, regarded as symbols of the deity it represents, were meteoritic stones, which the ancients believed to have been images of the gods sent down from heaven (e.g. the black stone which is worshipped in the Kaaba in Mecca). Other images include sacred pillars set up in places of prominence (e.g. obelisks at monuments), stones (e.g. natural stones worshipped as goddess or standing stones, cut from rocks), trees (e.g. Baobab or poles erected to represent trees), sun, moon, stars, zodiac, monuments where flowers are laid or libations poured out), images representing spiritual forces (e.g. totem animals of African nations, masks, shields, jewellery, tattooing, etc.)

Idolatry also comprises ideas and ideologies set up in the hearts of men that go against the knowledge and Word of God (2 Cor 10:5). This

include worship of man (e.g. humanism, democracy or hero-worship), greed (materialism), idealism (e.g. communism), nationalism, patriotism (e.g. when the nation becomes more important than God's ways) and religious systems that deny the Word of God that states: "For there is no other name [than the Name of Jesus] under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

God gave very specific instructions concerning this issue of idolatry. He gave a command to make no images to be worshipped (Exodus 20:4) and made it clear that He is not to be worshipped through an image (Deut 4:16-19), to not even speak the name of another god (Exodus 23:13). He was explicit that no food must be sacrificed to other gods (Exodus 34:14,15; Acts 21:25; 1 Cor 8:4-13, 1 Cor 10:19-21). God also warned of the curse that may come on you should you dare to bring an image or object, that is worshipped or used in worship of other gods, into your home as decoration (Deut 7:25-26). God condemned any form of communication with the spirit world outside of Him, especially through mediums and familiar spirits (Lev 20:6), idols, charms or sorcerers, including witches and witchdoctors (Is 19:3, Ezek 13:18, 23). While the image or object used in worshipping false gods or spirits of alternative religions may only be made from wood, stone or metal, because these things were dedicated to worship something other than God, it becomes defiled objects in the worship of demons (1 Cor 10:19,20) and God is not impressed with such objects in His presence (Ezek 8:9,10).

Whenever people worshipped idols they rejected God. God is very clear that all peoples knew Him but chose to serve false gods (Rom 1). When a nation persisted in unfaithfulness against God, specifically by worshipping the gods of the nations, then God removed His favour from them and brought judgment through either war, famine, ecological disasters or pestilence. God required of Israel to demolish all altars and images to false gods and to totally destroy all traces of this type of worship from their culture (Deut 12:3). Because Israel failed to do these things, they were ensnared by other gods and as a nation, came under God's curse (Judges 2:2).

One of the first instance where God judged humanism was in Genesis 11, when the people who gathered at Babel to make a name for themselves, were scattered over all the earth. God repeatedly warns us

to not put our trust in our own plans or the plans of man (Ps 33:10; Isaiah 30:1; Jeremiah 18:12; Rom 12:1,2) but to turn to Him for counsel.

Prayers concerning idolatry

Day 29 – *Jer 2:5* Thus says the LORD: "What injustice have your fathers found in Me, That they have gone far from Me, Have followed idols, And have become idolaters? (NKJV) 2 Cor 6:17 What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people. Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord." Lord, You are the God of gods and the Lord of lords. You are the Almighty God, Everlasting Father, the Righteous One. We acknowledge and confess that we and our ancestors have been **unfaithful** and have **bowed to other gods in this nation** and have provoked You to anger. We have allowed our hearts to be enticed by the gods of **materialism, greed, comfort** and **tradition**. We bow before You as the only One worthy of our worship. We express our desire to come back to You as a nation, to know You as Our God. To submit to Your ways. Please forgive us for our unfaithfulness towards You.

Day 30 – *Jeremiah 3:9* "So it came to pass, through her casual harlotry, that she defiled the land and committed adultery with stones and trees (NKJV). 2 Kings 17:9-11: Also the children of Israel secretly did against the LORD their God things that were not right, and they built for themselves high places in all their cities, from watchtower to fortified city. They set up for themselves sacred pillars and wooden images on every high hill and under every green tree. There they burned incense on all the high places, like the nations whom the LORD had carried away before them; and they did wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger (NKJV). Rom 1:23: ...and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man – and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. (NKJV). Father, we confess and acknowledge our guilt concerning **idolatry** in _____ (country). We confess and repent of the many places where **images** of other gods and people, were erected that do not glorify Your Name. We confess and repent of the many **sacred pillars** in our country, as well as the **worship of stones and trees** through religions that do not call upon the Name of

Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Please have mercy on us as a nation and set us free from this sin and bondage through the blood of Jesus Christ.

Day 31 – *Isaiah 19:3,4: The Egyptians will be afraid, and I will ruin their plans. They will ask advice from their idols and spirits of the dead, from their mediums and fortune-tellers." The Lord God All-Powerful says, "I will hand Egypt over to a hard master, and a powerful king will rule over them." (NCV). 1 Chron 10:13,14: Saul died because he was unfaithful to the LORD; he did not keep the word of the LORD and even consulted a medium for guidance, and did not inquire of the LORD. So the LORD put him to death and turned the kingdom over to David son of Jesse. Father God, we confess the sin of inquiring from **mediums** and **fortune-tellers** concerning our future, instead of inquiring from, the All-Powerful God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ. We repent of our sin and ask forgiveness through the blood of Jesus. Please restore us to relationship with You.*

Day 32 – *Psalm 52:7: "Here is the man who did not make God his strength, But trusted in the abundance of his riches, And strengthened himself in his wickedness." (NKJV). Isaiah 5:8 Woe to you who add house to house and join field to field till no space is left and you live alone in the land. Luke 12:15: And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." (NKJV) Col 3:5: Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. (NKJV) Father, we confess and repent of the sins of **greed** and **materialism** in our nation. We repent of the fact that we have not cared for the poor, but have gathered goods for ourselves. We confess and repent of looking to riches, instead of looking to You and have trusted the goddess of luck and gambling to provide for us, instead of trusting You. Please forgive us and cleanse us with the blood of Jesus Christ, our High Priest.*

Day 33 – *1 Chron 16:26: For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Father God, You who made the heavens, we confess and repent of the sins of **nationalism** and **patriotism**. We confess that we have trusted in our **own ways** to secure a future for us in this land. We confess that we have regarded our honour as _____*

(own tribal group) as more important than Your Kingdom. Please forgive us in Jesus' Name.

Day 34 – Lev 19:26: *“You shall not eat anything with the blood, nor shall you practice divination or soothsaying.”* (NKJV). Deut 18:10-11: *“Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead.* Father God, we confess and repent of the sins of **divination** and **sorcery**, the **interpreting of omens** (e.g. the throwing of bones or use of cards), **witchcraft** and **casting of spells** in our land. Please forgive us and set us free from these bondages through the blood of Jesus. Please bring conviction of sin, righteousness and judgment through Your Holy Spirit.

Day 35 - Deut 12:2-4: *Destroy completely all the places on the high mountains and on the hills and under every spreading tree where the nations you are dispossessing worship their gods. Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones and burn their Asherah poles in the fire; cut down the idols of their gods and wipe out their names from those places. You must not worship the LORD your God in their way.* Father God, we confess and repent of the **worship** at the **mountains, hills, rivers, valleys, oceans** and **forests** in our country. We repent of worshipping stones and trees, calling upon the **spirits of the earth** and **waters**. We acknowledge that You are the only true God and that You are not worshipped in this way. Please forgive us and cleanse us with the blood of Jesus Christ, Your Son, who died in our place on the cross.

Day 36 - Deut 4:19: *“And take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, you feel driven to worship them and serve them, which the LORD your God has given to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage.* (NKJV) Lord God who made the heavens, the sun, moon, stars and planets, we bow before You as the only true God. We confess and repent of the **worship of the sun, moon, stars** and **planets** in _____ (country). We repent of using these created bodies to predict our future and control our lives. Please forgive us and set us free from these practices. In the Name of Jesus we cancel all the predictions over our lives, the lives of our children and the generations to come. We

pray that Your Holy Spirit will bring a conviction of sin, righteousness and judgment in our land.

Day 37 – Ezekiel 23:37: *“for they have committed adultery and blood is on their hands. They committed adultery with their idols; they even sacrificed their children, whom they bore to me, as food for them.”* Father of all mankind, we confess and repent of the many ways that our **children** are **sacrificed** to the “idols” of **drugs, sex, occult practices** and **mammon**. Please turn the hearts of the fathers (and mothers) to the children, and the hearts of the children back to their parents. Restore the homes in our country as places of safety and where children can learn Your ways and meet with You.

Day 38 – Jer 14:22: *Do any of the worthless idols of the nations bring rain? Do the skies themselves send down showers? No, it is you, O LORD our God. Therefore our hope is in You, for You are the One who does all this.* Father, we acknowledge that You are the only God who can bring rain and bless our land with goodness. We put our hope in You and You alone. We confess and repent that there are **rituals of rainmaking** in our land. Please forgive us and remove the curse of these practices from us, in Jesus’ Name. Pour out Your Spirit on this land and bring conviction of sin, righteousness and judgment.

Day 39 – Deut 7:25,26: *The images of their gods you are to burn in the fire. Do not covet the silver and gold on them, and do not take it for yourselves, or you will be ensnared by it, for it is detestable to the LORD your God. Do not bring a detestable thing into your house or you, like it, will be set apart for destruction. Utterly abhor and detest it, for it is set apart for destruction.* Lord God, we confess and repent of allowing **images of other gods into our homes**. We also confess and repent of allowing our minds and thoughts to be contaminated by the images of other gods through the media and TV. Please cleanse us with the blood of Jesus. In the Name of Jesus Christ we resist the onslaught of the idolatry in the media in our society. Please deliver us from these things.

Day 40 – Isaiah 28:15: *You boast, “We have entered into a covenant with death, with the grave we have made an agreement. When an overwhelming scourge sweeps by, it cannot touch us, for we have made a lie our refuge and falsehood our hiding place.”* Eph 5:12,13: *For it is*

shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible. Father of Life, we confess and repent of the **secret societies** in our country that have kept thousands of people in bondage. We pray that You will expose the works of darkness and set people free. We confess and repent of the worship of Satan in the rituals of **Freemasonry** and **Initiation ceremonies**. Please forgive us and set us free from the curse of death because of the vows taken by many of our leaders.

Day 41 – *Deut 18:10: "There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer..."* (NKJV) Father, we confess and repent because of the many **occult rituals** such as fire walking and conjuring up spirits in our country. We pray that You will pour out Your Spirit on us and cleanse us from all iniquity. Please bring conviction of sin over the people of our country.

Day 42 – *Isaiah 65:3,4 "...a people who continually provoke me to my very face, offering sacrifices in gardens and burning incense on altars of brick; who sit among the graves and spend their nights keeping secret vigil..."* Lord God, we confess and repent of the many **satanic practices** that are held in our country. Please expose these works of darkness and bring those who are caught in this web to freedom in Jesus Christ.

Day 43 – *Isaiah 5:21: "Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight." Jer 7:24: "But they did not listen or pay attention; instead, they followed the stubborn inclinations of their evil hearts. They went backward and not forward." Jer 17:5: This is what the LORD says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the LORD."* Father, we confess and repent that in _____ (country) we had taken our eyes off You and **trusted in people** to save us. We were wise in our own eyes and acknowledge our sin today. Please forgive us for allowing **humanism** and **democracy** to rule our hearts instead of You and Your ways.

Day 44 – *Rom 2:23,24: You who brag about the law, do you dishonour God by breaking the law? As it is written: "God's name is blasphemed*

among the Gentiles because of you." Lord God, we confess and repent as the Church in _____ (country), that many people do not want to follow You because we have **not represented You correctly**. We want to amend our ways and turn back to You. Please cleanse us from our unrighteousness and sin and remove our iniquity far from us according to Your promises.

Day 45 – *Obadiah 1:3: The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rocks and make your home on the heights, you who say to yourself, 'Who can bring me down to the ground?'* El-Shaddai, Most High God, we confess and repent of our **pride** that we have as _____ (own ethnic group); that we pride ourselves in being a nation that can lead other nations to success, while we ourselves have nothing to boast in. We confess that we cannot boast concerning anything in our nation. We need You to be our God. Please forgive us for this false sense of security and the trust in our own ways. Restore us to a relationship with You.

Day 46 – *Ezekiel 16:49 "Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy."* Father, we confess that we have become **unconcerned** with the plight of the poor and needy, because many of us are **arrogant, complacent** and live in **luxury** and **pleasure**. Please forgive us for turning a blind eye to the needs around us. Give us Your heart for the poor and needy so that we will reach out to help.

Day 47 - *Psalms 106:6,8: We have sinned, even as our fathers did; we have done wrong and acted wickedly...Yet He saved them for His name's sake, to make His mighty power known.* Father God, we stand on the **covenant promises** that You made in Your Word. We have acknowledged that we have sinned, even as our fathers did, and we repent of our wickedness. Please save us for Your Name's sake. Please turn Your face to shine over _____ (country) and restore us to Your favour.

Day 48 – *Isaiah 8:19: When men tell you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living?* Father, we stand before Your throne today to **inquire of the Living God**. Please tell us

what is Your desire for this country and its people. We want to follow Your ways and Your precepts. Remove from us the curse of idolatry. Return to us and reveal to us Your Presence so that the world will know that there is a God in _____ (country).

Day 49 – *Psalm 33:12: Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD.* We bow our knees before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe in You and **confess that we will worship You only.** We **submit ourselves as a nation** to You **and invite You to become the God of _____ (country).** Please remember Your covenant with us through Jesus Christ and let the blood of Jesus on the altar in heaven speak on our behalf. Please remember us according to Your promise in Leviticus 26:40-42. Please come and heal our land. Please come and make _____ (country) Your dwelling place. Pour out Your Spirit on this land and let Your Name be exalted in this country.

Example of corporate prayer to be used when praying at a site of idolatry.

Father God, You who revealed Yourself to Your people Israel as YHWH and who gave the Name of Jesus Christ as the only Name in heaven and on earth through which people can be saved and restored to a relationship with You, we bow before Your throne. We confess that You are the only True and Living God, and that there is no other god besides You. You alone are the Creator of all things in heaven and on earth. You are the Holy One, the Almighty God before whom every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord. We acknowledge You as our God and submit to You and Your ways.

We thank You for the blood of Jesus Christ that speaks in heaven concerning the New Covenant. We call upon Jesus Christ as our High Priest and Advocate to intercede on behalf of _____ (country). We acknowledge our guilt concerning idolatry in our nation. We confess and repent of the various forms of idolatry that our fathers and us were involved in. We cry out to You for mercy and plead for forgiveness in the Name of Jesus Christ. We are sorry for rejecting You as our God and for bowing the knee to other gods. Please forgive us and turn Your face again to shine over _____ (country).

We confess and repent of worshipping **mammon** through **materialism, greed, gambling and lottery**. We confess and repent of **worshipping Satan and death** through **Freemasonry**. We confess and repent of worshipping _____ (Name the god worshipped in your area e.g. Nonqumbulwana, Mujaji, Du (the eland rain spirit), Heitse Ebib, Isanusi, Tokoloshe, ancestors, Jah-Bul-On, Mwari, crocodile, elephant, etc.) We confess and repent of **worshipping stones, trees, mountains, hills, valleys, rivers, lakes and oceans**. We confess and repent of **worshipping monuments to death**, monuments to **Roman and Greeks gods and goddesses of war and monuments to heroes** of our history. We confess and repent of **images** of other gods we allowed in our homes, churches and public buildings. We confess and repent of using **occult symbols** in some of our cities and towns and buildings. We confess and repent of **worshipping the sun, moon, stars and planets** through fortune-telling and other practices. We confess and repent of the various ways our youth are drawn in to **Satanism** and other **cults**.

We confess and repent of the many ways **contact** was made with **spiritual forces** through **mediums, spiritists, witchdoctors, witches, spirit guides, incantations, trances, music, drums** and through any other **occult practise**. We confess and repent of the **witchcraft, sorcery and black and white magic** in our society. We confess and repent of the various ways of **divination** e.g. bone throwing, tarot card reading, palm reading, horoscopes, etc. We confess and repent of the **casting of spells and curses** on other people, ethnic groups and nations. We pray that You will cancel each of these spells and curses with the blood of Jesus Christ and break the power thereof. We confess and repent of the **festivals** that opened the doors for occult practices to enter our society. We confess and repent of **art** that dishonours Your Name. We confess and repent of our **cultural practices** that are in opposition to Your Word (name any such practices e.g. fire walking, rain making). We confess and repent of the various **superstitions** in our cultures and traditions (name superstitions e.g. snakes and ancestors, born with caul, etc.) We confess and repent of being more concerned about our traditions than about You and Your ways. We confess and repent of **using Your Word to justify our worship of our culture**. We confess and repent of the various ways we **tainted the message** of Jesus and the Holy Spirit with cultural traditions.

We confess and repent of **worshipping mankind** through **humanism** and **democracy**. We confess that we were **wise in our own eyes** and used our own ways to protect our identity as peoples. We confess that we have **worshipped our country** through **patriotism** and our people group through **nationalism**. We confess and repent of **worshipping ourselves** through comfort and materialism without caring for the poor and needy. We confess and repent for **pride** and **arrogance** in our hearts.

Lord God, we confess that our fathers, and us have gone far from You and have **left Your ways**. We repent and turn back to You. We want to follow You and Your ways. We acknowledge that Your ways are good and lead to salvation and restoration. We pray that You will forgive us through the blood of Jesus Christ. Please cancel the curse on our nation because of idolatry with the blood of Jesus Christ. Please have mercy and remove the judgment of pestilence from our nation. Please bring healing for those who suffer from AIDS, malaria, cholera, cancer and various other diseases because of sin. Please restore health to our country. Please touch the land so that it will once again produce food for the hungry. Please restore our economy so that the people will be cared for. Please see the plight of the poor in our nation and break the bondage of poverty that came because of idolatry. In the Name of Jesus Christ we close the doors to the occult, Satanism, traditional religions, New Age, Eastern Religions and any other religious body that does not confess Jesus Christ as Saviour. Father, please pour out Your Spirit in a mighty revival on this land. Bring an awakening in the heart of Your Church so that we will truly be Your Bride. Please raise up a House of Prayer through Your Spirit, that will call upon Your Name day and night in _____ (country). AMEN.

Dedicating the Land to the Lord

Day 50. Day of Prayer for nation or city or community

Prayer of Dedication

O LORD God, the Father of Jesus Christ, there is no God in heaven above or on earth below like You, who keep Your covenant and mercy

with Your servants who walk before You with all their hearts. You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand there is power and might. Here we are before You today as representative of Your Church in _____ (country), in the Name of Jesus Christ who died for us on the cross. We humble ourselves before Your majesty. We acknowledge that no individual or nation is without guilt before You, therefore we have prayed and confessed and repented of our guilt as a nation. You have promised forgiveness through the blood of Jesus Christ in Luke 24:46,47, and we now receive the forgiveness through Your grace and mercy. We come with boldness before Your throne on behalf of our nation. We pray, O Father, let Your Word come true which You had spoken - hear in heaven and let Your face shine over this nation. We dedicate our land and nation to You. We invite You to come and dwell with us. Please turn our hearts to You and Your covenant with us, through Jesus Christ. Cause us to walk in Your ways and according to Your principles and protect us against the schemes of Satan. Bring healing, reconciliation and restoration to _____ (country) and pour out Your Spirit of Holiness and Truth on us. AMEN.

Prayer to release the gospel to the nations

Lord Jesus Christ, You have promised Your disciples that they (and us) shall receive power when the Holy Spirit came on us, to be Your witnesses to the ends of the earth. We ask You to pour out Your Spirit on us and to give the Church in _____ (country) the power and authority to preach Your gospel to the nations and to make them Your disciples. We pray that You will confirm Your Word according to Your promise in Mark 16:16-18. Please thrust out labourers from _____ (country) into the Harvest. Give us Your authority to teach the nations Your Word and principles and to bring healing and deliverance according to Matthew 28:18. In the Name of Jesus Christ we open the gates of this nation, we have prepared the way for the people through repentance, we are building the highway and removing the stones and hindrances. We lift up a banner for the peoples: the NAME OF JESUS CHRIST – YHWH NISSI!

Preparation of Prayer Groups and Prayer Sites

We suggest that prayer groups are formed to pray through the sins of the communities rather than individual persons on their own. It would be good if groups from different denominations and ethnic groups could meet together for this purpose. If no such groups exist, please do not let it deter you from praying and seeking the Lord by yourself. We also suggest that prayer groups visit the sites where offences took place or are taking place to pray on site, rather than to pray at home or church. The reason for this is to see your community through God's eyes and to ask Him to move you to pray with compassion as you experience the heartache, the smells and sounds of that area. It also gives the chance to pray for people living in that area face to face.

Guidelines for prayer group meeting:

- Get together to pray as soon as possible and meet at least once a week.
- During the time of gathering spend at least an hour in praise and worship, through song and prayer. Then use another hour to wait on the Lord to receive His word for your area, town or city, and ask Him to reveal to you what you should pray about. Pray that the hidden things will be brought to light (Jer 33:3; Deut 29:29; James 1:5)
- Keep a prayer journal. Write down any scripture, visions, dreams or prophecies received. Share these with one another at the corporate meetings. Only keep those on which you have clarity and consensus. It is very important to use discernment. **Do not react on everything you receive, first test it against God's Word and with other intercessors.**
- Start reading local newspapers and listen to the regional news. Keep your eyes and ears wide open and start praying about issues that are currently in the news. Ask the Lord to reveal the roots of some of the spiritual fruits (divorce, abuse, crime, etc) in your area.
- Visit the sites of offence in and around your area and ask the Lord to reveal His heart concerning matters to you.
- Pray daily for your Personal Preparation in participating: Psalm 51; Daniel 9:1-9; Nehemiah 1;9; Ephesians 1:17-23; 3:9-21; 6:10-20; Philippians 2:3-18.

- Be careful that the prayer group will not develop into a gossip group. Do not talk about people and their involvement in sin, rather pray concerning the issues and ask the Lord to draw these people close to Him.
- Once the sins of your communities have been dealt with, ask the Lord to cleanse your minds and memories. Keep your focus on the Lord, not on the sin.
- **Never talk to just anybody about what God reveals to you in prayer. Be very discreet in sharing information concerning people (e.g. who are the drug abusers). When God entrusts you with this information, He trusts you to stand in the gap for these people, not to wound and destroy them. Let God be the One who judges.**

Prayer at sites of offence:

Remember that the reason we pray at the sites of offence is mainly to bring compassion into our hearts for what sin has done to us and to God. It is not more effective to pray at these sites than to pray at home. **Remember also that we are in a spiritual war. We are fighting in a spiritual dimension. We cannot at this stage demolish any object, monument, image, etc, unless it belongs to you or you have received the permission from the authorities to do so. With this initiative we are bringing repentance towards God. We are NOT on the offensive. We are dealing with the sin of our communities before God. We do NOT take on any principalities or powers that “rule” over an area but are removing the foothold by repentance. Unless God speaks very clearly to you, DO NOT enter into spiritual warfare during the time of repentance. God will show us when the time for that is ready.**

- Find the sites where offences against God took place.
- Visit the prayer site beforehand to “spy out” the area. Find out how many people are allowed to enter, the entrance fees to the site, if hiking is necessary to reach the site and what the possibilities are to pray at the site. Do not despair if you are not allowed to pray at the site (e.g. temples to other gods), find a place close enough and pray there.

- Most sites are open to visitors or worshippers, so please consider other people in the area. Treat all sites for prayer, as well as the people who live there, with respect. Do not damage any property!
- Pray for the Lord's protection for you, the team, your families, friends and church before you visit any sites for prayer. Make sure that you have dealt with any known sin in your life before you take responsibility to pray concerning the sins of your community.
- If possible, prayer teams should consist of different ethnic groups represented in your area. If this is not possible, contact the coordinators of surrounding towns who may have intercessors from other races.
- The focus of repentance is between God and us, but if the Lord leads you to do repentance towards the other races, go ahead and pray for a deep reconciliation to take place. Do not make an act out of this process however. If people are not in it with their hearts it will only be an outward show of emotion, and nothing will change spiritually. The Lord does not look at what we say or do, but at our hearts. He knows what we really think or feel. Rather acknowledge your inability to reconcile than trying to superficially heal deep wounds.
- On the day you take the team to pray at the sites of offence, prepare yourself spiritually by spending a reasonable time in worship and waiting on the Lord before praying. This can be done at home or any other suitable meeting place, not necessarily at the site. Worship at the site can be limited to a few songs and prayers. The main action is repentance, so give yourself enough time to enter into the Lord's presence before starting with the prayers of repentance. The examples of prayers given in this booklet are only guidelines and not to be followed as if set in concrete. Allow the Holy Spirit to lead you in the way He desires you to pray. Do not rush yourself at the prayer site. Take time for discernment and waiting on the Lord.
- Write down everything that happens at the site for later reference.
- Since this is something to handle in the spirit, do not make a scene at the sites. You do not need to scream or yell to attract God's attention. Consider also the other members of your team, and allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in unity. Give each member time to pray and listen to the Lord. Even the most inexperienced intercessor can receive a word from the Lord. Children should be welcomed to pray with their parents at the sites, but ensure that they have the same vision and focus otherwise they can be a distraction.

- Be very discreet in administering prophetic actions. Use of shofars or banners can be helpful to bring about an atmosphere of worship, but have no intrinsic value or “magic” in them. Any spiritual influence will come from God Himself. Nothing that you use in prophecy has a “magical” influence. Do not use substances such as oil, salt, etc. unless the whole team is in total agreement. Your prayer of repentance is the most important thing at the sites.
- All prophetic words, action, etc. should be committed to the leader of the group before acting in any prompting. Please be extremely careful of assumption. Do not assume that everything you receive as revelation at a site comes from the Lord. Test every word against the Bible.
- If you feel led and the team agrees, use communion at the sites or at home before the team leaves. Do not use communion as a “magical” ritual. Remember that it is the symbol of the New Covenant signed with Jesus’ blood.
- Never take your ambassadorship for Christ so far as to do illegal actions at any site or in any town.
- Use the Scriptures to pray and declare God’s word over your area.
- Be aware that disunity in the team can cancel all your efforts to pray. Handle team disagreements with maturity, humility, forgiveness and grace. Spending time in prayer beforehand is very important concerning this issue. One of the major tactics of the enemy is to disrupt a prayer team so that they cannot pray in unity. We suggest that all team members make a commitment to pray and to submit to one another in the team, including the leader. The more you submit yourself, the more the unity grows. The more unity you have, the more authority you will receive in prayer.

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