



Prayer Focus

The St Stephens family monthly prayer newsletter

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PRAYING FOR



Praise Points

- Praise our God for the security upgrades and that we have had no major issues for the past few months. May God be glorified!
- We thank our Lord for sustaining us at Arise so we can continue to make a difference for children and families.



Prayer Points

- Please pray for the smooth planning of our Adoption Conference and that every seat will be filled!
- Pray for our Mini Bazaar on 27th Sept, for many volunteers and contributions for the day. Please pray for good weather and a fun and safe time for the community of Heideveld.
- Please continue to pray for funds so that we can continue the work we are doing for children and families in Cape Town.
- Pray for our Coffee Club evening at Tokai Church which will create awareness of how we can make a difference in our family.

Thank you for your continued support in helping Arise promote stable, Christ-centred families for all children.
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GENERAL

Pray for:

- Synod Pinetown - pray for Gary Bedderson, Alan Noble, Njabulo Mazibuko and Jomo Mchunu who have been nominated for bishops in their respective regions.
- our bible Study Groups to each grow by one person before the end of the year.
- Christian families - pray for wisdom for the parents and for our teenagers and children to embrace Christ.
- for our Church Council, for godliness, wisdom and strength as they serve.
- for those in our St Stephens Family who are not well; are discouraged, down-hearted and lonely; that they will recover and put their hope and faith in God.
- all our Bible Study Groups as they study God's Word, pray and support and encourage each other.
- energy and focus in our own walk with Jesus, our Bible readings and our prayer lives.
- to continually reach out to and to pray for those who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Pray:

- that the teens will grow in their love and knowledge of Jesus this term as we look at life in His Kingdom and are challenged by what is expected of us as we live together under His rule.
- for God to use the small changes we have made around Friday nights to grow us closer together as a group, and to help us be encouraged and bold in inviting friends to join us on Fridays.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Pray for:

- the student outreach (16th & 23rd Sept): for the events to run well, the gospel to be clearly proclaimed, and students to turn to Jesus.
- students to be filled with the knowledge of God's will and to live in a manner worthy of the Lord.
- a REACH SA society to be started on UCT campus and a weekly meeting to get going.

MISSIONARY MINISTRY

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- wisdom in balancing local ministry with continent-wide responsibilities.
- a new staff couple to join us in student ministry.
- effectiveness as we occasionally host pairs of trainees from around the continent for 2-week exposure visits.
- for our ministry among young workers (CityLife) to grow in depth and breadth for God to expand his multi-cultural kingdom through us, in accordance with his promise to Abraham:

Genesis 22:17-18 "I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

U-TURN

Give thanks:

- wonderful breakthrough in U-turn, in conjunction with the local Social Services, being able to facilitate the removal of the two children of one of our participants from an abusive foster home.

Pray for:

- our current participants who still battling with addiction.
- the successful recruitment of another Salesforce Consultant to join the U-turn software consulting team.
- the safety of our participants in our Philippi retail store, and for the police in the area as they struggle with the weight of their responsibilities.
- the development and planning process of the U-turn replication project over the next few month as U-turn receives mentoring from business mentors on expanding the U-turn model into other areas in Cape Town.