



Suffer The Little Children

PRAYER REFLECTIONS Part 2

“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing” (Martin Luther).

Prayer is a vital part of life because it keeps us connected to God. What assurance we have through prayer, knowing that as we commit our lives to God, surrendering our will to His and asking Him to take charge of our life; He not only hears but answers our request.

John 14:14 states: “If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

But asking is only the beginning. A poignant message about expectations in prayer is outlined in 2 Chronicles 7:14:

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

Very often we pray and expect great results without first attending to the prerequisites to answered prayer denoted in this scripture. Humility, seeking God’s face (respecting His will), repenting of our wickedness and turning away from evil, is what gets God attention. Obedience to God in these areas yields fruitful results as we experience the impact of answered prayers.

Equally, our attitude in prayer is observed by God as C.H Spurgeon

highlights: “True prayer is measured by weight, not by length. A single groan before God may have more fullness of prayer in it than a fine oration of great length.”

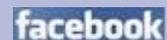
My prayer journey in life has also taught me that I need the prayers of others. In 2000 I created a ‘Prayer Shield’ where 7 individuals pray for each other 7 days a week. I have continued to use this prayer framework and seen the powerful prayer cover this provides and the incredible answers to prayers God has given both in our daily routine and in times of challenge. Other favourite prayer exercises of mine that has positively impacted my life and the lives of others, includes:

- Prayer partnerships -Praying with different individuals on various issues
- Prayer journaling – Writing my prayer requests and recording the outcomes
- Praying God’s Word - Using scripture in prayer
- Listing my prayer requests on a ‘prayer wall’
- Thanksgiving in answers to prayers through ‘praise reports’

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**“The more
prayer there is
in the world the
better the world
will be.”**



Whatever you do, or however you choose to pray, know that God always hears as Isaiah 65:24 records:

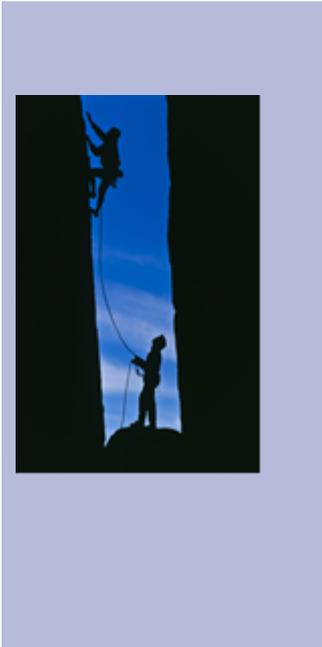
“Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking, I will hear.” Praise God for this wonderful promise.

As we conclude, I’d like us to pray together petitioning God to continually enrich our lives through our prayer experience.

“Father, God, we thank you for the privilege of prayer and your faithfulness to answer our requests. As we confess our sins to you and accept the forgiveness and cleansing you offer, we celebrate the freedom this brings

and the power you give us to live victorious lives. Bless the individual reading these words. May they experience a fresh anointing of your Holy Spirit that will transform their lives and be a reflection of your character to others. As they grow their relationship with you through prayer, grant them a revelation of your grace and goodness as you saturate every facet of their life with your Divine Favour. In the name of Jesus, we pray with thanksgiving, amen.”

Sharon Platt-McDonald, Director Women’s, Health and Community Services, BUC.



God shapes the world by prayer

Despise Not These Little Ones!

Matthew 18:10

“Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.”

From the scripture above we learn that “little ones” - children in the natural or spiritual realm are very special to God. His paternal instincts to protect, nurture and teach little ones are intensified because they are dependent and vulnerable. Ellen White emphasises importance of the discipleship of children in *Adventist Home*, 279:

The soul of the little child that believes in Christ is as precious in His sight as are the angels about His throne. They are to be brought to Christ and trained for Christ. They are to be guided in the path of obedience, not indulged in appetite or vanity. If we would but learn the wonderful lessons which Jesus sought to teach His disciples from a little child, how many things that now seem insurmountable difficulties would wholly disappear!

Jesus when teaching his disciples to pray, addressed God as Abba

- the Aramaic term of endearment “daddy.” There is no contradiction in the bible’s reference to Christians being childlike in relation to God. We can draw comparisons between natural and spiritual stages of development and the importance of making progress. However, unlike natural development that strives towards independence and individualism, spiritual development involves submission and surrender to God in meekness and utter dependence, just as Jesus did when he walked the earth. We are counselled that the only way to enter the Kingdom of Heaven is to become as little children. God, Our Father loves us supremely and desires to give us what is best for his glory and our good. Our spiritual training is largely focused upon unlearning everything that we have learnt through our citizenship of the world which has exaltation of self rather than God as its main preoccupation. This can only be achieved through childlike trust, humility, obedience, love for and complete dependence upon God.

Beloved Abba, thank you for your wonderful love for us – that we should be called heirs jointly with Christ. Help us to realise how special we are to you and how much you want to bless us. Teach us how to submit to you as little children who relish your love and delight in pleasing you. amen.



WELCOME TO

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord, Saviour and Son of God, Jesus Christ. It has been a blessing worshipping with you all. Through devotions, music, prayers, poems, exaltations, exhortations, weekly studies with Hope Sabbath School and to leaflets relating to the practice of and purpose of prayer, we hope you have been truly blessed. All glory to the GREAT I AM.



PRAISE REPORT

After a painfully poignant and gruelling year God showed me that when all hope is lost, in him I shall find restoration, strength and hope. I made it where I never thought I would make it all glory to the Almighty God. The year 2016 was challenging at school. Religion determined your marks. I thought I wouldn't make it to grade 12 because of the challenges that I faced at home and in school. I became ill every time I had to write my exams. During my final exam, there was a paper that I couldn't finish in time because I blacked out - I thought that's it I won't make it. My illness made me lose hope, but I never stopped praying and God restored my hope. God healed me and I made it to grade 12. I am the first child to reach this grade in my family and I praise God that I made it. I thank God for restoring my hope and showing me that against all odds with Him I can conquer. I thank him for sending all those who supported and encouraged me, helping me to realise that God wanted me to continue. Those who discouraged motivated me to overcome and reminded me that the word of God says *"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest"* (Ecclesiastes 9:10). I did my best and God did the rest.

Sis L (South Africa).

WHAT WE ARE DOING?

Let us magnify the Lord for his mighty hand upon this worthy growing cause due to 1,309 individuals who have liked our page. We also praise God for our 5000 contacts, for the 9,311 whom we have reached in the past seven days and 935 contacts who have engaged by sharing our posts with their contacts and making comments. We thank God for answers to the prayer requests we have had this time, not forgetting those who celebrated their birthdays and took part in the Global Ten Days of Prayer that took place 11th - 21st January. We pray God's richest blessings upon you all now until our next update.



THANKSGIVING

Thank you all for your engagement with the posts we share and for being part of ETR Facebook, without you all, this course wouldn't function as it has been functioning and we Give God all glory, honour and praise. God Bless you all with his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.



Events & Prayer Calendar- January- April 2017

January: Loving relationships: single and married men and women, young people, children and families

February Unity amongst church members: growth in giving: talents, time, tithes; worship and witnessing

March: Physical, spiritual, emotional healing and compassion for the elderly, sick, disabled and bereaved

April: God's providence for those who are poor, disadvantaged and facing challenges in life

Events: Prayer Ministries Meetings: 29 January, 29 February, 23 April; 18-25 March Youth Week of Prayer

SPECIAL FEATURE: End Time Rain Bible Studies For Children

The End Time Rain Bible Studies for Children was started in the year 2012. It was first called "Golden Chariots Sabbath School" named after a school based Christian program known as P.P.I at Golden Chariots Junior School in East Kenya. The event was so well attended that it was felt that there was value in starting a church for children.

At first there were difficulties (the devil fighting this good work) caused by rumours which were spread amongst parents that the missionary project was a trap to change their kids from Sunday keeping to Sabbath keeping (the children were from Sunday keeping churches/families). This led to a dramatic drop in the attendance of children.

After much effort and fervent prayers from teachers, the church prayer team, consultation with and personal visits to the families; the teachers and the parents saw the good plan of God for the children. Miraculously, the attendance rose past the usual we had at the start. Glory and praise unto our Heavenly Father. The name of the missionary project was then changed to "Golden Chariots Bible Studies School."

The project started out with one teacher in 2012. At the same time, we recruited a Children's Prayer Team consisting of four children and one teacher. In 2013, as a result of our prayer and fasting efforts, we were joined by two volunteer teachers. By 2014, another volunteer teacher joined the group.

Surely this far is God. Through ardent prayers without ceasing in 2015, God sent His messengers through FACEBOOK, in the form of a prayer group by the name of End Time Rain Prayer Wall.

Mr. Katana, a member of Golden Chariots team, joined the group of intercessors to pray not only for the missionary project, but other prayer requests from around the world.

We thank God for His great works unto us, since that time all the forces and fights of the evil one are always defeated because all are involved and committed to prayers.

- a) The End Time Rain Prayer Network.
- b) The parents.
- c) The teachers.
- d) The Children's Prayer Team.
- e) The Church prayers team.

In all and through all we have been conquerors! Glory and praise to God our Heavenly Father!

We have been able to hold successful Children's Camps at different places, since we started this missionary project for children. At every Camp, we have seen and experienced the presence of Almighty God.

The Children's Camps that have been held since establishing the project are as follows:

1. KINANGO BIBLE GEM RETREAT -2013 AUGUST.
2. VIPINGO 1 VBS CAMP -2014 APRIL.
3. CHILDREN CAMP MEETING -2014 AUGUST.
4. VIPINGO 2 BIBLE CAMP -2014 DECEMBER.
5. CHILDREN CAMP MEETING -2015 AUGUST.
6. DANICHA BIBLE CAMP -2015 DECEMBER.
7. SHIMONI VBS AND BIBLE RETREAT -2016 APRIL.
8. CHILDREN CAMP MEETING (KADZONZO) -2016 AUGUST.
9. MATSANGONI BIBLE CAMP -MALINDI -2016 DECEMBER.

Brother Shukurani Katana Charo, Prayer Team Leader, Patron and Member of End Time Rain Prayer Network.

For further information on End Time Rain Bible Studies for Children, go to: www.endtimerain.co.uk

Testimonies

Overcoming By The Blood And The Word Of Testimony

Please join us as we thank and praise God for his faithfulness in answering prayers.

God is truly blessing End Time Rain Bible Studies for Children Ministry. Please see a summary of testimonies below:

Hallelujah and again hallelujah! It is written 'this far is the Lord our God...'. We have passed through mountains and valleys, plains and all the obstacles of life in this world.

And also, it is written, 'if it were not the Lord who was on our side...our help is in the name of the Lord our God who made heaven and earth.' Psalms 124:1-8. That's why we proclaim the words of the Psalmist in Psalms 145:1-21.

We praise the Lord for the great and awesome things He Has done for us although the events in this mission project. When we started, the children had no Bibles. Through prayers and commitments, church members donated bibles and by the close of 2013 we had around 12 bibles.

As we persisted with prayers without ceasing God sent His saints through FACEBOOK via Brother Shukurani Katana Charo, Glory to God for after sending prayers requests among them a request for more bibles via a team of prayer warriors known on the End Time Rain Prayer Network (Facebook, webmail), God provided Bibles. At the time of writing, we have more than 70 Bibles donated from the End Time Rain Prayer Network, Church members, parents and teachers were all involved. Let us join hands in giving glory and praise to the Lord of lords and King of kings for fulfilling our requests according to His great will and promise. We at End Time Rain Bible Studies for Children say AMEN AMEN FOREVER.

Again, we testify that God Has been faithful in fulfilling His great promises to us. We started with one female teacher who volunteered and then stepped down. We continued to pray for female teachers to volunteer for this service in the Lord's vineyard.

Truly God answered the prayers in 2015 we had one dedicated and devoted volunteer female teacher who has helped the team tremendously. May the name of our God receive all glory, honour and praises. AMEN.



As the evangelism work is progressing we are filled with joy and happiness in that we are setting up other Bible Centres. We officially saw the opening of Vipingo Central Primary School Bible Studies Centre on 21st May 2016. This is only possible because of praying without ceasing. We say HALLELUJAH forever and ever.



God is with us all the time and He is always faithful to His promises. Brother and sisters God answers our faithful prayers. We sent a request for prayers for some of our bible studies school children members who were going to sit for their end of primary school examination. God answered our prayers and all the pupils passed well and gained access to good secondary/high schools in the country. Glory be to God forever. HALLELUJAH!

We pray that all our fellow brothers and sisters and elect of the Most High God have a joyous, prosperous and happy 2017. A year of deliverance, restoration and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to all the true saints of God our Heavenly Father. May Grace and mercy abide in all and the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ ever and ever.

Through this missionary work for children, and intercessory prayers, there has been a great family awakening and revival. Families formed family prayers and worship sessions in their homes and also SDA families that had been inactive or left going to church for a long period were revived and started going to church and attending church services. PRAISES AND GLORY TO GOD. HALLELUJAH!

Through the children, we reached some families with voice Of Prophecy (VOP) Bible Discover Study GUIDES. Parents and some senior members of our bible school read and received their bible diploma certificates. All this happened because of your intercessory prayers. God bless and be with you all now and forever in JESUS CHRIST HOLY NAME. Let us come together and proclaim with the loudest sounds of our voice the PRAISES AND GLORY to our Heavenly Father.

We join our brothers and sisters on the End Time Rain Prayer Network in glorifying our LORD for His great and wonderful things He Has done for us all this while and in the time to come.

AMEN AMEN NOW AND FOREVER AND EVER.

Prayer Requests for End Time Rain Bible Studies for Children for 2017

Please Pray For:

1) Transport:-

Intercessors pray with us that by the grace and mercies to provide a solution to this challenge, that we get 2 (42 seats) minibuses. Abraham told his son Isaac 'God will provide the lamb for the sacrifice'. God give us the same faith and provide the minibuses for us. God be with us.

2) Electronic/Digital Devices: -

For quick and effectively transmission and storage of data, we need devices such as cameras, laptops/iPad/tablets and computers. We believe in God all things are possible.

3) Jobs for Volunteers: -

Currently only the female volunteer is working as a primary school teacher, the rest of us are jobless. Please keep the teachers in every prayer you intercede in our Heavenly Father.



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4) Bibles: -

As new members come in, we need more bibles and learning resources.

5) More families: -

We pray that more families will be revived and awakened for the truth and the glory of God. Also, pray for wisdom for the teachers as we serve both children and their parents.

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