

A PRAYER RESOURCE FOR LENT

Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth. *Psalms 46:10*



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WEEK 1

A HEART FOR MISSION

'Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus.... who for the joy set before him endured the cross...and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.' Hebrews 12:1-2

Challenge: What in your daily routine and habits takes you away from fixing your eyes on Jesus? What can you change?

WED: **DAY 1** - As we think of the 'great cloud of witnesses' who have gone before us, God's people both in the Bible and throughout history, we thank God for them and we pray that we will follow in their 'mission footsteps' following Jesus and sharing Him with others.

THURS: **DAY 2** - Many things can hinder us from following Jesus with all our heart and doing what He wants us to do, going where He wants us to go - sin, fear, our comfort zone, other people. We pray that with the Lord's help we will throw off everything that holds us back and wholeheartedly be part of God's mission.

FRI: **DAY 3** - We pray for ourselves and God's people in South America, thanking the Lord for his forgiveness and redemption and praying that we will be a 'Holy People' living lives pleasing to Him. May His church worldwide be an example and a light for Him.

SAT: **DAY 4** - We thank God that He has a race marked out for us, a plan for our lives and that together with our brothers and sisters in South America and worldwide we are running that race. We pray for ourselves and for our spiritual family in South America that we will run with perseverance, in the good times and the bad and that we will continue to encourage and pray for each other.

SUN: **DAY 5** - We thank Jesus for the cross and the price He paid for our salvation. As we remember His desire for others to know Him, and his command for his children to make disciples of all nations we pray that we will fix our eyes on Him, that we will follow His example and that we will be willing to lay down our lives for Him.



WEEK 2

CREATION

'For by him all things were created.... and in him all things hold together...'

Colossians 1:16-17

Challenge: In caring for creation what changes could we make to live a less consumerist and more sustainable lifestyle?

We thank God for His creation which we enjoy and benefit from. This week we pray that God will bless the lands of South America, for good and responsible use of its resources and for wisdom and justice in the distribution of these resources. Pray too for communities impacted by deforestation and those fighting deforestation.

MON: **DAY 6** - BOLIVIA. We thank God for Bolivia and its 12 million people, the lakes and mountains, the tourism and the plentiful crops e.g coffee, cotton, sugarcane, corn, wheat and potatoes.

TUES: **DAY 7** - PARAGUAY - We thank God for the 7 million people who live in Paraguay, for the vast river, lush forests and fertile soil which aid food production including sugar cane, wheat and maize and for the many animals providing meat and dairy products.

WED: **DAY 8** - PERU - We pray for this beautiful country of 33 million people, which is popular with tourists for its mountains and sea. We thank God that it is rich in natural resources which allow it to produce coffee, cocoa, blueberries, rice and many other fruits and vegetables.

THURS: **DAY 9** - URUGUAY - We thank God for Uruguay and the 3.5 million people who live there, for the fertile land which produces wheat, rice and corn and for the many cattle and sheep.

FRI: **DAY 10** - ARGENTINA - We pray for the 45 million+ people who live in Argentina with its varying landscapes ranging from sub-tropical forests, waterfalls, deserts, lush plains and mountains to sub-Antarctic glaciers and lakes; and wildlife including llamas, whales and penguins.

SAT: **DAY 11** - CHILE. We thank God for the 19 million+ people who live in Chile, for the beauty of it's mountains, lakes, glaciers and sea and for the arable land and many types of crops produced there.

SUN: **DAY 12** - BRAZIL. We pray for Brazil, home to almost 213 million people. We praise God for its huge forests, rivers and seas which provide fish and the fertile land which produces many products including coffee, sugar cane, cotton, cocoa, fruit and vegetables. We pray against selfish exploitation.



WEEK 3

LEADERSHIP

'....Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught...' Colossians 2:6-7

Challenge: Consider how you might engage with your local, regional and national authorities in order to influence laws and policies.

This week as we pray for government and church leadership we pray for Godly leadership asking God to grant - a fear of God and not of man, wisdom, good leadership, courage, strength, humility, love for God and the people, justice and mercy.

- MON:** **DAY 13 - PRESIDENTS AND GOVERNMENTS.** We pray for each country, their president and their government.
Bolivia - Luis Arce / Paraguay - Mario Abdo Benitez. / Peru - Pedro Castillo. / Uruguay - Luis Lacalle Pou. / Argentina - Alberto Fernandez. / Chile - Sebastian Piñera. / Brazil - Jair Bolsonaro.
- TUES:** **DAY 14 - THE ELECTION OF NEW BISHOPS.** We pray for the Anglican Church in Bolivia and Paraguay who are in the process of electing a new bishop, that the Lord will call and equip the man of His choice and guide all those involved in the election process. We pray too for Bolivian bishop Raphael Samuel as he retires.
- WED:** **DAY 15 - PRESIDING BISHOPS.** We pray for the diocesan bishops and their wives and families.
Peru - Bishop Jorge Aguilar Ocampo. / Uruguay - Bishop Daniel Genovesi / Argentina - Bishop Daniel Williams and Archbishop Nick Drayson / Chile - Archbishop Hector (Tito) Zavala y Bishops Alfredo Cooper, Nelson Ojeda, Samuel Morrison, Abelino Apenco and Enrique Lago.
- THURS:** **DAY 16 - CLERGY.** We pray for South American pastors and their families, that God will protect, encourage and provide for them and that they will be leaders after God's own heart.
- FRI:** **DAY 17 - LAY LEADERS:** We thank God for all those who give their time and talents to serve God in the church and community
- SAT:** **DAY 18 -** In many parts of Latin America there is a real lack of pastors and leaders. We pray for the Lord to continue to raise up, equip and send leaders into His harvest.
- SUN:** **DAY 19 -** We pray for ourselves that we will have mission hearts and that God will help us to lead well in the areas he has placed us.



WEEK 4

CHURCH & CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

'Speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.'
Proverbs 31:8-9

Challenge: How could you be a source of light and encouragement in your neighbourhood this week?

As many churches reach out into the community in different ways we pray that the Lord will give them His love, insight, creativity and that God's people will shine brightly as His lights in the world.

- MON:** **DAY 20 - BOLIVIA -** Covid 19 has increased the unemployment problem in Bolivia. We pray for Pastor David (La Paz), and a team leading a project "Anglicans in Craft" which aids and equips people to earn a living through learning skills in things like bread making and furniture restoration and shares God's hope and Word.
- TUES:** **DAY 21 - PARAGUAY.** We lift up St Andrew's and El Redentor School, Feisa Teacher Training College, 'Esperanza Children's Home' (Pre adoption) and 'Mi Esperanza' a shelter for Indigenous people. We pray for Bible translators and thank God for the translation of the Bible into Enxet, an indigenous language.
- WED:** **DAY 22 - PERU -** We pray for 'Holy Trinity' and "Christ the Redeemer" schools and also for 'olla comun' which provides food or a meal for families in need as they share God's love and His Word.
- THURS:** **DAY 23 - URUGUAY -** We pray for 'Soul Institute' as they offer workshops and retreats for spiritual refreshment.
- FRI:** **DAY 24 - ARGENTINA -** We pray for Alec Deane and those involved in the 'Garden Project' as they dig wells and enable people to grow their own crops. We pray too for Andrew Leake as he is involved in land rights for indigenous people in N. Argentina.
- SAT:** **DAY 25 - CHILE -** We pray for CEP, the theological training centre in Santiago, attended by tomorrow's leaders from different countries of South America and also for Max Diaz as he ministers amongst students in the University Area of Santiago.
- SUN:** **DAY 26 - Brazil -** We pray for Monte Horebe as they share the Gospel in local areas through mainstream and adult education, healthcare, childcare facilities, youth work and home improvement.



WEEK 5

THOSE WHO SUFFER AND ARE IN NEED

'You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat.' Isaiah 25:4

Challenge: Send a card or phone someone you know who is unwell, bereaved or is struggling and let them know you are thinking of them.

As we remember that God cares about those who are suffering and in need and wants us to care too, we pray for those who minister God's love in specific ways and pray that we will all respond to His call.

MON: **DAY 27** - We pray for those who work and serve in all areas of health care remembering especially Beryl Baker who serves as a nurse for the indigenous people in the Paraguayan Chaco.

TUES: **DAY 28** - We pray for those who have suffered financial need and emotional pain and bereavement as a result of Covid. We pray for the church in Peru as it responds by offering practical and emotional support to those worst affected.

WED: **DAY 29** - The pandemic has made unemployment worse in many areas. We pray God will open up work opportunities, that He will give wisdom, resources and creativity to those who want to start up their own small business and those who want to help in this remembering especially Pastor David in Bolivia.

THURS: **DAY 30** - We pray for children who suffer violence, rejection, poverty, sickness and abandonment and for the children's homes, and those who protect children. We pray for 'My Father's House' in Brazil which offers a home and safe place to children who would otherwise be on the streets and vulnerable to things like drugs.

FRIDAY: **DAY 31** - We pray for strong families, especially strong christian families, that the Lord would be at the centre. We ask God to protect and strengthen those who are suffering family problems and to give wisdom to pastoral teams as they give family support. We pray too for 'Marriage Encounter' and organisations working with couples.

SAT & SUN: **DAY 32/33** - We pray for the youth, that many children and young people will come to know the Lord and that He will protect them from exploitation, drugs and many other things which cause suffering to them and to others. We pray for all those who minister to children and young people.



WEEK 6

PARTNERSHIP

'Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.' 1 Corinthians 12: 27/ 28

Challenge: Send /deliver an unexpected treat to someone you want to encourage and appreciate or send a message of encouragement to one of our partners in South America.

We thank God for partnership in the gospel and pray this week that these partnerships will be strong and grow in depth and number.

MON: **DAY 34** - We thank God for families and pray for strong family units at home and in South America.

TUES: **DAY 35** - We pray for SAMS Ireland, asking the Lord to guide and direct the team led by Stephen, the General Council and all those involved. We thank God for other mission societies working in SA and across the world and pray His blessing upon them.

WED: **DAY 36** - We praise God for the many churches and prayer groups who support SAMS Ireland and other mission societies. We pray for continuing good connections and partnerships.

THURS: **DAY 37** - We thank God for those who have come from South America to serve in Ireland remembering Carla who has recently returned to Chile as she settles back, Tamara from Paraguay who is serving in Sligo as she settles in and Elena as she prepares to come from Paraguay to serve in Sligo.

FRI: **DAY 38** - There are many people who have come from Latin America to our country to look for work or to study. We pray for opportunities to reach out to them with the love of Jesus.

SAT: **DAY 39** - We thank God for the many teams, volunteers and mission partners who have served in SA over the years. We pray for Luke and Pen Pratt serving in Chile asking for God's guidance and His timing in each decision. We also pray for His protection and peace for their mums.

SUN: **DAY 40** - We pray that we will continue to hear and respond to God's Call to be involved in mission in many different ways. HERE AM I! SEND ME!

HOLY WEEK

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him, shall not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Challenge: Look for a way of sharing something of the Good News of Jesus with someone this week.

This week we could pray back over some or all of the prayer points from the last few weeks.

We could also meditate on John 3:16 thinking and praying about

- What this means for me in my life.
- What it means for the world.
- The urgency there is for others to hear the good news of Jesus.
- My part in sharing this good news with others.

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