

NMB church Leaders for “Good Values, Ethics and Clean Living” – 2020

Prayer

On Wednesday 16 September 2020, 50 leaders from all sectors of our city from churches, business, labour, SANGOCO, sporting bodies, veterans and several other community structures met in silent prayer in front of the city hall from 12:00 to 14:00. This was a follow on from a similar protest hosted by the SACC in Bhisho. These kinds of activity are powerful statements by the people.

In Leipzig a similar demonstration began on 4 September 1989 after the weekly Friedensgebet (prayer for peace) in front of St Nicholas Church, eventually filling the nearby Karl Marx Square (today known again as Augustusplatz).

Safe in the knowledge that the Lutheran Church supported their resistance, many dissatisfied East German citizens gathered in the court of the church, and non-violent demonstrations began in order to demand rights such as to elect a democratic government. The location of the demonstration contributed to the success of the protests. On 16 October 1989, 120 000 demonstrators turned up, with military units again being held on stand-by in the vicinity. (Two days after the rally, the leader of the SED was forced to resign.) The week after, the number more than doubled to 320 000. This pressure and other key events eventually led to the fall of the Berlin wall on 9 November 1989, marking the imminent end of the socialist GDR regime.

Whilst we are not looking to topple our government, this process serves to demonstrate people power, led by the Church.

One of the further things we can do though, is to make a list of the people who are reputedly involved in fraud and corruption and subject them to concerted prayer. After all being a sinner is a prerequisite to be a follower of Jesus.

If the subjects of our prayer campaign should get to know about our plan, there can be no harm done (harmless as doves). Should the more superstitious become concerned at the potential consequences, I would not be too unhappy (shrewd as snakes).

“Most of all, I’m writing to encourage you to pray with gratitude to God. Pray for all men with all forms of prayers and requests as you intercede with intense passion. And pray for every political leader and representative, so that we would be able to live tranquil, undisturbed lives, as we worship the awe-inspiring God with pure hearts. **It is pleasing to our Saviour-God to pray for them. He longs for everyone to embrace his life and return to the full knowledge of the truth.**”

1 Timothy 2:1-4 TPT

For prayer examples please go to the next page.

Prayer examples

Example of prayer for corrupt City Councillors, Ward Committee Members and other suspect business people, those reputedly awaiting arrest and those already on the Court Role.

Father God, in Jesus Name we pray that the people *we name now* would strive to:

1. To be honest and ethical in all their dealings
 2. To do nothing out of selfish conceit or ambition, but to look out for the interests of others
 3. To refuse to elicit, accept or pay any bribes
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1. Om heeltemaal eerlik te wees in alles wat hulle doen.
 2. Om niks terwille van selfsugtige eersug of eiewaan te doen nie. Maar om bedag te wees op ander se belange.
 3. Om te weier om enige omkoopgeld – geskenk te vra of te betaal.
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1. Ukuba Ndibenenyaniso kuko konke endikuthethayo.
 2. Ukuba ndingenzi nto ngobuqhinga okanye ubuxoki, kodwa ndijongane neemfuno zabanye abantu.
 3. Ukuba ndingavumi ukuthengwa okanye ndinga thengi – mntu ngobuqhetseba.