

ARISE and BUILD

26 February to 4 March 2023

Encouragement: ...therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest. (Luke 10: 2)

Today we are praying for four things:

1. The blessing of our Local Government: especially our Executive Mayor and the Councillors. (1 Timothy 2:1-5)
2. God to intervene in the Crime situation in the Bay: concentrating on New Brighton, Kwazakele; and Bethelsdorp areas. (Psalm 29: 11)
3. Revival and Reformation in and through the Church. (Luke 10: 2)
4. More heavy rains in our Catchment Areas! (2 Chron. 7: 12-14)

1. **The Local Government:** good health, energy and protection for our Executive Mayor; the Councillors; and Department Heads in our Municipality. Pray for unity, cooperative attitudes; a heart for the Metro to do well; integrity, strategic-thinking, skill to be recognised and used, endurance, wisdom and understanding. Praise God for the wonderful work that they are doing and for what has been achieved recently. Pray for the 60 Ward Councillors to be successful in trying to foster good neighbourliness among the residents in their Wards; and also to motivate the residents in their areas to be alert and to report any criminal or unusual behaviour; and for residents to become involved in the upkeep of their Wards
2. **Crime in the Bay:** A huge decrease in the Crime Rate in NMB: Pray for our Police; Correctional Services Members; Security Officers; and Neighbourhood Watch Groups in every Ward to be alert and on guard against all forms of criminal activity in their area. Pray for the identifying, arrest and the sentencing of the murderers; rapists; human trafficking syndicates; robbers and hijackers in the Bay; and for those who are substance abusers and abusers of women and children in the Bay, to be convicted of their sin and to truly repent. Pray for corruption to be rooted out of all business and governmental organizations and departments; and pray for the disbanding of every gang participating in any type of illegal activity in NMB.
3. **The Church:** Revival in all the congregations in every Ward in NMB causing reformation to take place through the Church in every Ward in the Bay; the outpouring of the Holy Spirit of God bringing conviction of sin and leading to holiness in the lives of believers; for the church to bring hope to NMB and to our Nation. Pray for successful Outreaches to Men in our area; effective Prayer Walks in every Ward in NMB; and the Jesus 2023 Crusade as we reach out with the Gospel to the people of NMB; other SA Cities and other African countries.
4. **Rain and the NMB Water Crisis: Praise God for the 30mm of rain over the weekend of 17-19 February 2023.** Pray now for a real downpour of rain! Pray especially that the residents of NMB will understand the tremendous water crisis that the Bay is experiencing and really use the minimum amount of water in their homes and businesses; as our water sources are depleting at an alarming rate. If we don't decrease our consumption now, it is a mathematical certainty that we could run out of water by July 2023. **So also, please continue to save water and to pray for rain.**

Remember the promise: ... *pray to the Lord for the city because if it prospers you will prosper.*
(Jeremiah 29:7)