

ARISE and BUILD

5 March to 11 March 2023

Encouragement: Praise be to the LORD my Rock, who trains my hands to war, my fingers for battle. (Psalm 144:1 NIV)

Today we are praying for four things:

1. Revival and Reformation in and through the Church (Psalm 85:4, 6 NKJV)

Revival in all the congregations in every Ward in NMB causing transformation to take place through the Church in every Ward in the Bay; a mighty move of God among our congregational youth groups; as well as in our interdenominational youth movements like: Scripture Union; AWAKEN and the Sports Ministry in NMB; the outpouring of the Holy Spirit of God bringing conviction of sin and leading to holiness in the lives of believers; the Church to bring hope to NMB and to our Nation; successful Outreaches to men in our area; effective Prayer Walks in every Ward in NMB; the Jesus 2023 Crusade as we reach out with the Gospel to the people of NMB, other SA Cities and other African countries; plus other outreaches taking place.

2. The blessing of our Local Government: especially our Executive Mayor and the Councillors. (1 Timothy 2:1-5)

For good health, energy and protection for our Executive Mayor; the Councillors; and department heads in our Municipality; for unity, cooperative attitudes; a heart for the Metro to do well; integrity, strategic-thinking, skills to be recognised and used, endurance, wisdom and understanding. Praise God for the wonderful work that they are doing and what has been achieved recently. Pray for successful Ward Breakfasts in every Ward, where the Ward Councillors, Church Leaders and Business People meet together to inspire one another to help to re-build and restore their Wards (Neh.2:17); for the 60 Ward Councillors to be successful in trying to foster good neighbourliness among the residents in their Wards; and to motivate the residents in their areas to be alert and to report any criminal or unusual behaviour; for residents to become involved in the Ward WhatsApp groups and the upkeep of their Wards

3. God to intervene in the Crime situation in the Bay: concentrating on Kwazekele; New Brighton: and Bethelsdorp areas. (Psalm 29: 11)

For a huge decrease in the Crime Rate in NMB; 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; for the identifying, arrest and 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; for corruption to be rooted out of all business and governmental organizations and departments; and the disbanding of every gang participating in any type of illegal activity in NMB.

4. More heavy rains in our Catchment Areas! (2 Chron. 7: 12-14)

Praise God for the 30mm of rain over the weekend of 17-19 February 2023. Pray 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*