

ARISE and BUILD

2 July to 7 July 2023

Encouragement: ...if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. [Matthew 18:19]

1. Fathers and Families: Marriages and families have been under tremendous attack lately; let us continue to pray for the Lord's protection over our NMB marriages and family units: pray especially for our men to take the responsibility of leading their families according to the Word of God - with great wisdom, love and gentleness - in righteousness and truth; for fathers to even reach out to those young people who have absent fathers and to be willing to become a father-figure to them; for the family altar to be reinstated in every Christian home! Pray for especially for single parents – for God to strengthen them and for their Church family to support and encourage them. Pray for the family unit in SA to be strengthened - strong godly family units make a strong Nation! [Ephesians 5: 22 - 6: 4; Colossians 3; 18 – 25]

2. Education: Pray for the Lord to intervene in our whole Education System; that all ungodly decisions regarding the education of our children will be overturned. Pray for the NMB Grade 12's preparing for their trial exams. [Isaiah 54: 13]

3. Our NMB Local Government [1 Timothy 2:1-5]
Stability in our Local Government; for our Executive Mayor and all those in our Local Government to be protected; and inspired to work diligently and to achieve great results; give each one in local government a heart of integrity that will desire unity, harmony, cooperative attitudes as well as the Metro to do well. Give energy and strength to our Ward Councillors who are working hard to be effective in their Wards. [Jeremiah 29:7; Nehemiah 2: 17]

4. The NMB Church
Pray for the NMB Church to have a strong godly influence on the Bay; for the voice of the Church to be clearly heard; for truth; righteousness; and justice to prevail. Continue to pray for a unity-of-purpose and relationship among our NMB Church Leaders; and for the Lord to grant them great wisdom; knowledge; understanding and discernment. [Deuteronomy 32: 4]
Pray for all those that are ministering in the NMB Church: That they will not become weary in well-doing, for the Lord every Congregation in the Bay with His Favour and His Presence
Intercede on behalf of every NMB Congregation: for them experience unity; increased growth - both numerical and spiritual; many salvations; and the refreshing, restoration and revival of the believers. [Psalm 133; Habakkuk 3:2]
Pray for those sharing the Gospel among our young people to experience large numbers coming to Salvation; having deep encounters with the Living God. Pray for true revival to break out among the NMB youth! [Psalm 119: 9-11]
Praise God for the many Prayer Walks already taking place in different NMB Suburbs. Ask the Lord to inspire even more individual Christians and Congregational Groups to Prayer Walk the Areas in which they live. [Joshua 1: 3]
Pray for believers to embrace the vision of **a House of Prayer** being set up on every neighbourhood-block of NMB! [Matthew 21: 12-14]
Pray for the JESUS 2023 Citywide Crusade - as the team prepares for this very big Event; many congregations to come on board this Campaign; and for the believers in the Bay to embrace a soul-winning lifestyle. [Matthew 28: 19-20]

5. Crime; Illegal Gangs; alcohol; drug addiction; and abusive behaviour to decrease rapidly and for NMB to become a 'safe city' where people live peacefully and without the constant threat of danger. [Zechariah 8: 4-5]

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