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MAKING PRAYER FOR OUR GOVERNMENT A PRIORITY IN 2012

PRAYER GUIDELINES

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How to use this prayer guide:

This prayer guide was compiled for the “Righteous Reign 365” prayer initiative to help individuals and prayer groups to intercede for the government of our nation in 2012. It can just as easily be utilised to pray for governmental structures in regions and cities.

As we pray for leaders in South Africa we dare not pray our fears, opinions and desires. With this booklet we want to encourage believers to pray unified prayers that agree with Scripture.

The booklet consists of 48 subdivisions (12 months divided into 4 sections each). Participants are encouraged to make use of the guidelines that correspond to the dates of their prayers at the Union Buildings.

- Each section will start with Scripture that encourages you to search your own heart so that you do not render your prayers ineffective by praying with the wrong motives.
- Then you will be led to repent for the sins committed by leaders and various groups of people in the nation. As believers we can identify with these sins on behalf of the government and community, like Daniel (*Dan.9*) and Nehemiah (*Neh. 1*), thus acting as an intercessor and approaching God on behalf of government and our community, to ask for the forgiveness of sins perpetrated in the past and present. Without confession and repentance the nation will not be released from the prevailing spiritual defilement. Only then can the country start moving forward in accordance with the righteous purposes of God.
- The last portion of each section then provides us with the opportunity for proclamations regarding our nation and to praise God for who He is, affirming His supreme position as the true and only Authority we desire over our nation.

This booklet is designed to be used over a period of 365 days, but it is simply a guideline. The prayer guide is not supposed to be used to judge others or to accuse them before God. Rather we encourage all participants to allow the Holy Spirit to guide them in their prayer. Only prayers that agree with God’s will, presented as the Spirit leads, can be effective in releasing the power of God to see His kingdom come in South Africa.

It is our prayer that this booklet will encourage believers to be more firmly committed to fulfil their Biblical responsibility of praying for all in a position of authority (*1 Tim.2:1-4*). May the God of heaven hear the prayers of His servants and establish His kingdom and rule over our nation, in Jesus’ name.

Heart Matters

Ps.24:3,4,5 - ³Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or ... stand in His holy place?... ⁴He who has clean hands and a pure heart,.... ⁵He shall receive blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Before commencing with your prayer time, allow the Holy Spirit to show you the areas where your heart is not pure. Ask God to touch you and to purify the intentions and desires of your heart so that you can stand righteous before His throne. Become aware of His presence and His Spirit at work in and through you.

Repentance

Is.19:3 (NCV) – ³The Egyptians ... ask advice from their idols and spirits of the dead, from their mediums and fortune-tellers."

Father God, we confess the sin of consulting sangomas, mediums and fortune-tellers concerning the future, instead of turning to the All-Powerful God of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please forgive our leaders for appointing traditional healers and sangomas in their offices in order to commune with the ancestors, and to receive guidance from demonic spirits. We repent of this sin and ask forgiveness through the blood of Jesus. Please restore us and our leaders to an authentic relationship with You and destroy with fire every gateway giving access to demons.

Lord please forgive the leaders of our nation, the kings, chiefs, traditional leaders, politicians and tradition healers for the interfaith night vigil (that will be held this week for the ANC's centenary celebrations) in order to invoke the spirits of all the movement's founding fathers and mothers. Deliver us and our leaders from these practices, deceptions and demonic ways, in Jesus' Name.

Declarations and Praise

Is.28:5,6 - ⁵In that day the LORD of hosts will be for a crown of glory and a diadem of beauty to the remnant of His people, ⁶for a spirit of justice to him who sits in judgment, and for strength to those who turn back the battle at the gate.

We declare today that this nation's leaders and elders will turn their backs on the wicked ways of the past, that they will humble themselves before God Almighty and choose to make a new covenant with God in Christ Jesus. We declare that the spiritual contracts of the past that have chained our government and traditional leaders to the plans of the enemy will be discarded and renounced and that a new day will dawn as the authority of heaven alone will become the sovereignty to which our government submits.

God, You are the King of South Africa and all the earth (*Ps.47:7*)!

Heart Matters

Joh.14:27 - ²⁷“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be trouble...

As you prepare for prayer, receive the peace of God’s kingdom (*Rom.14:17*), and acknowledge that the world is unable to provide true and meaningful peace. God urges you to not allow your heart to be troubled, but to receive His divine capacity for peace. Grant Him permission today, to redirect your heart and to calm your stormy emotions so that your prayers will resonate and be in line with His divine perspective.

Repentance

1 Pet.2:13,14 - ¹³Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake, whether to the king as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. ¹⁵For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men...

Lord we repent that we, as people of this land, do not submit to the ordinances of man for the Lord’s sake. We have thus not done your will, Lord and therefore we are not godly witnesses to foolish men. Forgive us for our rebellion against the God instituted authority and our lawless lifestyles. In your mercy, heal us, Lord and help us to walk in righteousness in the midst of a perverse and crooked generation.

Lord, today we ask that you will forgive our leaders and authorities for not fulfilling their God ordained function and service. How often are positions of influence and governmental power abused to aggrieve the righteous while protecting the wicked? Lord, this is an abomination to You! Cleanse us from these practices and restore justice and righteousness to our authorities so that they will recognise their responsibility towards You, in Christ Jesus, and exercise their rule unto the removal of evil and the protection and validation of godliness (*Rom.13:1-4*).

Declarations and Praise

Lord today we ask that you will establish Godly governance in our nation and in our capital city. Raise up righteous and anointed leaders that know how to exercise kingdom authority in submission to the truth of Your Word and the revelation of the sevenfold Spirit of Almighty God. Make this nation a beacon and example for the continent of Africa and the rest of the world of righteous rule and divine order.

Lord be our nation’s Judge, our Lawgiver, our King, and save us (*Is.33:22*).

Heart Matters

1 Joh.4:18 - ¹⁸There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

How easily our prayers flow from hidden fears and anxious thoughts. Such prayers do not emanate from faith and are not inspired by truth. Be reminded today that He commands us not to fear. Choose to repent and get rid of these wrong feelings and expectations. Acknowledge that through His Spirit you have the ability to pray from a position of power, love and a sound mind (*2 Tim. 1:7*). Ask boldly in prayer, and know that it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom (*Luk. 12:32*) – the manifestation of His rule, on earth as it is in heaven (*Matt.6:10*).

Repentance

Ps.106:38 - ³⁸They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, and the land was desecrated by their blood.

Father God, we acknowledge and confess that we are guilty of shedding innocent blood at the altars of comfort and mammon through the killing of unborn babies through abortion. Lord, forgive this nation and its leaders for legalising the act of abortion and declaring that it is good and acceptable. Deliver us from this evil and have mercy upon our nation, in Jesus name.

Lord, forgive our leaders for bowing to international pressure and opinion; and thereby pushing to legalize abortion. Just like Israel, we rejected You and Your righteous rule because we wanted to be like other nations (*1 Sam.12:14*). Lord, forgive our government for allowing death and wickedness to enter our land.

Declarations and Praise

Lord Jesus, You are the Firstborn from the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. You are the Alpha and the Omega, who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty (*Rev.1:6-20*). You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being (*Rev.4:8-11*). Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise (*Rev.5:8-14*)! Great and marvellous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages. Who will not fear You, O Lord, and bring glory to your name? For You alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before You, for Your righteous acts have been revealed (*Rev.15*).

Lord, rule over us, be our defence, O Holy One of Israel, be our King (*Ps.89:18*)!

Heart Matters

Ps.51:17 - ¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart—these, O God, You will not despise.

Acknowledge your own lack of brokenness and humility. Ask God to cleanse you from a self-righteous heart and pride. Remember God says He resists the proud but gives grace to the humble (*1 Pet.5:5*). If we come to God with a broken and contrite spirit, He will not despise our prayers and requests (*Ps.51:17*). Choose to approach this prayer time with lowliness of heart; God will then cause His ear to hear (*Ps.10:17*) and beautify us with His salvation (*Ps.149:4*).

Repentance

Lord, we acknowledge that we, the people of South Africa, have not treated our family members with respect regarding sexuality. Forgive us and our leaders for immoral lifestyles and behaviour. We pray for the cleansing of families and leaders in our nation, for healing of broken lives and for the restoration of sexual purity in family relationships. Please heal our memories and emotions that were damaged by this betrayal.

Lord God, we have defiled the land with abominable sexual practices such as homosexuality, incest, fornication, pornography and prostitution (*Jer.3:1-3; Rom.1:26,27; Lev.18:23*). Lord, forgive us, our legislators and national leaders for favouring and enacting legislation to promote and accommodate these evil practices. We confess that our generation is filled with all kinds of perversion. Thereby we have become haters of God, and inventors of evil things (*Rom.1:29,30*) even in the Church. We confess that we have defiled our bodies with immorality and as such have defiled the temple of the Holy Spirit (*1Cor.6:18-20*). *Deliver us from these bondages and cleanse us so that the people of this land will become part of the pure bride of Christ.*

Declarations and Praise

Declare the following Scripture over our rulers:

*Ezek.36:25,26,27,28 - ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. ²⁶“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷“I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do *them*. ²⁸“Then you shall dwell in the land... you shall be My people, and I will be your God. ²⁹“I will deliver you from all your uncleanness...*

Holy, holy, holy are You, Lord of Hosts. Let this land be filled with Your glory (*Is.6:3*). Come and purify South Africa that we may see Your glory.

Heart Matters

1 Pet. 1:22 – ²²Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit ...

How often do we find that our souls (will, thoughts and emotions) are not in harmony with the ways of God? Ask and allow the Lord to purify your soul. Resolve this very moment to submit to the Holy Spirit and to obey God's truth as you endeavor to establish only His kingdom (*Matt.6:33*), through the prayers you are about to pray today!

Repentance

2 Kin. 17:9,10,11 – ⁹Also the children of Israel secretly did against the LORD their God things that were not right, and they built for themselves high places in all their cities... ¹⁰They set up for themselves sacred pillars and wooden images on every high hill and under every green tree. ¹¹There they burned incense on all the high places... and they did wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger.

Rom. 1:23 – ²³...and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man – and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

Father, we confess and acknowledge our guilt concerning idolatry in South Africa. We confess and repent of the many places where images of other gods and people were erected that do not glorify Your Name. We confess and repent of the many sacred pillars in our country, as well as the worship of stones and trees by religions that do not call upon the Name of Jesus Christ as their Saviour. We ask your forgiveness for our national leaders that have sanctioned and established evil pagans systems of worship. Please have mercy on us as a nation and set us free from these sins and bondages through the blood of Jesus.

Declarations and Praise

Lord God Almighty, You are to be feared above all gods (*1 Chron. 16:25-26*). Lord, You call for obedience and for hearts that are totally devoted to You alone. Lord, reveal Yourself to our leaders that they may fear You alone. Move them to serve You in truth with all their hearts, for You have done great things for our nation and its people (*1 Sam. 12:20-24*).

Ps. 86:8,9 - ⁸Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord; nor are there any works like Your works. ⁹All nations (even South Africa) whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and shall glorify Your name.

Lord we declare you are a great God, a great King above all gods (*Ps. 95:3*).

Heart Matters

Phil.4:7 - ⁷and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

The heavenly gift of peace empowers us to function on a higher level so as not to be thwarted and limited by our own human understanding and we start to experience a supernatural faith ability released. Ask the Holy Spirit to minister to your heart and mind, so that your inner disposition will reflect heaven's order as peace sets guard over your soul.

Repentance

Judge of the whole earth, we come to plead for mercy and grace for our community and our land. Justice is far from us. We stumble and fall because our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities. We have transgressed and have been untrue to You, and turned our backs on our God. We speak oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. Often justice is driven back in our nation and righteousness stands at a distance; Truth is stumbled in the street (*Is.59:9-15*). The land mourns and is defiled by its inhabitants, because they have transgressed the laws and broken covenant with You. This day we ask for Your forgiveness for these sins of injustices. Precious Lord, cleanse us and bring us back to godliness in Jesus' Name.

Is.52:5 – ⁵...what have I here," says the LORD, "That My people are taken away for nothing? Those who rule over them make them wail," says the LORD, "and My name is blasphemed continually every day.

Lord, forgive our leaders for misusing Your name for political and personal gain; for statements they have made that offend You. Cleanse our government from men that speak evil and empty swelling words that cause much harm.

Declarations and Praise

Pray and declare the following Scripture. Ask God to make it a reality as regards South Africa and its leaders. Plead for God-fearing, Davidic leadership.

Jer.23:4,5,6 - ⁴"I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking," says the LORD. ⁵"Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; a King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. ⁶In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Lord, You are King for ever, let heathen rule perish out of this land (*Ps.10:16*).

Heart Matters

Jam. 1:6,7 - ⁶But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

We cannot enter into our prayer time while doubting God's ability and willingness to bring transformation to our governmental structures. Confess such doubting and choose to receive the Truth and to believe what God says rather than what man says. Remember that Scripture declares that our faith is the victory that overcomes the world (1 Joh.5:4). Look unto Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of your faith (Heb.12:2) and boldly come before His throne of grace that you may obtain help for our leaders in this time of need (Heb.4:16).

Repentance

Father God, the Author of Life, we acknowledge and confess that in this nation, we have treated life with little respect. We ask for forgiveness and pray that You will restore in us the respect for life so that we and our leaders will treat people as creatures that carry Your life-giving breath.

Dan.9:8 - ⁸O LORD, we and our kings, our princes and our fathers are covered with shame because we have sinned against you.

Ezek.22:6,9 - ⁶"Look, the princes of Israel: each one has used his power to shed blood in you... ⁹"In you are men who slander to cause bloodshed;...

King of Righteousness, we confess that many of our cities and towns were founded on injustice, bloodshed and crime. Since the foundation of this nation hundreds of years ago, men (and women) of influence have used their power to shed blood. We are ashamed because of our and our leaders' sin. Please remove the bloodthirsty foundations of our nation, government, cities and towns. Deliver us from leaders whose wicked declarations that instigate violence and hatred. Lord come and lay a new foundation for our nation, based on the atonement of Jesus Christ and repentance.

Declarations and Praise

Judge of heaven and earth; send forth your command unto release and commencement of your restoration in our city and this government. Put an end to our sins and finish our transgression. Lord we plead with you to forgive our iniquities, to bring in everlasting righteousness and seal up Your vision and words for this country so that the Most Holy will be anointed to reign over our nation (*Dan.9:24,25*).

Lord, we exalt You today, as Head over all (*1 Chron. 29:11; Eph. 1:22*).

Heart Matters

Ps.9:11 - ¹¹...He does not forget the cry of the humble.

Ps.10:17 - ¹⁷LORD, You have heard the desire of the humble; You will prepare their heart; You will cause Your ear to hear,

Confess your own pride and self-righteousness before the Lord. Humble yourself before Almighty God and ask Him to prepare your heart as you choose to stand in His presence for this nation and its leaders. Thank Him that He will answer and hear the prayers that flow from such humility.

Repentance

Mark 10:12 - ¹²... "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery."

Matt.5:27,28 - ²⁷"You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.'²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

Faithful One, You who described Yourself as the "Husband of Israel", the "Bridegroom" preparing a feast for Your "Bride", we confess that South Africa is guilty of adultery in every level of our societies. We ask forgiveness for the unfaithfulness of many husbands and wives, even though it may only be in thought and not in deed. Please heal the marriages in our society and help us to become faithful to keep the promises we made.

Prov.31:1,3 - ¹The words of King Lemuel,... which his mother taught him:... ³Do not give your strength to women, nor your ways to that which destroys kings.

Lord, a whole nation was impacted by the adultery of king David. In like manner immorality in our leaders' lives opens doors for destruction on several levels. Forgive our leaders for not walking in sexual purity. Cleanse them and bring them to true repentance so that God's pure standard will become the norm.

Declarations and Praise

Elohim, to You alone be the glory forever (*Rom.11:36*)! You are the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, to You be honour and glory for ever and ever (*1 Tim.1:17*).

We bless You, our God, the only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To You be honour and might forever (*1 Tim.6:15-16*).

Heart Matters

1 Pet.4:8 - ⁸And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.”

Before you start to pray for the nation’s leaders, ask God to show you instances when you have functioned from a loveless heart. Ask the Holy Spirit to impart Father’s love to you; to show you how much He loves every person in a position of authority in our land. We cannot pray effectively if we do not pray from God’s heart. Love covers transgressions, but an unloving heart desires the destruction of others.

Repentance

Lord, we are ashamed of our ways, our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has reached to the heavens (*Ezra 9:6,7*). Both we and our fathers have sinned, we have committed iniquity and acted wickedly, please be merciful and forgive us our sins (*Ps.106:6*). Please cleanse us from all our impurities and all our idols (*Ezek.36:25,26*). Remove the names of the other gods from our lips, establish a pure and spotless church that will show Your manifest wisdom to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places (*Hos.2:17; Eph.3:10*).

Is.28:15 - ¹⁵You boast, “We have entered into a covenant with death, with the grave we have made an agreement. When an overwhelming scourge sweeps by, it cannot touch us, for we have made a lie our refuge and falsehood our hiding place.”

Eph.5:12,13 - ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done in secret. ¹³But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light.

Father of Life, we confess and repent of the secret societies in our country that have kept thousands of people in bondage. We pray that You will expose the works of darkness and set people free. We confess and repent of the worship of Satan in the rituals of Freemasonry and other initiation ceremonies. Please forgive us and set us free from the curse of death because of the vows taken by many of our leaders. Please extricate our seat of government from these pagan gods and their influences, in Jesus, name.

Declarations and Praise

Declare the following Scripture over our nation and government.

Ex.34:10 - ¹⁰And He said: “Behold, I make a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the LORD. For it is an awesome thing that I will do with you.

Heart Matters

Heb. 13:20,21 - ²⁰Now may the God of peace who brought up... Jesus from the dead,... ²¹make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ.

To be spiritually minded is life and peace (*Rom.8:6*). Ask God to bestow His peace to your soul so that your prayers will not flow from a carnal mind but that they will be directed by the Prince of Peace (*Is.9:6*). Scripture directs us to pursue things that lead to peace (*Rom.14:19*) as we are called to bring the gospel of peace (*Rom.10:15*) to all people. Allow the Holy Spirit to let peace rule in your heart (*Col.3:15*) as you move into a position of intercession for this land.

Repentance

Please deliver South Africa from the guilt of injustice, broken covenants and broken relationships. Cleanse us with the blood of Jesus and bring healing and restoration to our nation. Destroy all wickedness and pagan influences that infiltrated our nation because of broken covenants. Make us a nation that serves You in righteousness. May we be called blessed because of the good You will do for us. Pour out Your Spirit on this land, in the Name of Jesus Christ, our High Priest.

Is.24:5,6 - ⁵The earth is defiled by its people; they have disobeyed the laws, violated the statutes and broken the everlasting covenant. ⁶Therefore a curse consumes the earth; its people must bear their guilt.

Lord God of the Covenant, we confess that South Africa and its leaders are guilty of breaking covenant with You. Forgive us that we and our leaders were not even willing to recognize You in the country's constitution. We have violated Your statutes and disregarded Your laws. We ask for forgiveness and pray that You will remember Your covenant with us in Jesus Christ. Please remove the curse that came upon us because of our disobedience to Your laws.

Declarations and Praise

Lord Jesus, You are the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! (*Joh. 1:29*). Turn the hearts of our leaders back to You (*Lam.5:21*). Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray that You will convict the leaders of our nation of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment (*Joh.16:8*). We bless You, Most High God, we praise and honour You who live forever (*Dan.4:34*).

Your dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away; and Your Kingdom is the one which shall not be destroyed. To You who sits on the throne and to the Lamb, be praise and honour and glory and power, for ever and ever (*Rev.5:13*)!

Heart Matters

Heb. 11:6 - ⁶But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is...

We cannot be pleasing to our Lord if we pray without faith. Choose today not to pray according to circumstances or human perceptions. To pray in faith is to pray not according to those things which are visible, but to step out in the assurance of things hoped for and things not seen (*Heb. 11:1*). The only way we will receive the things we pray for and see their fulfilment is if our prayers are produced from a faith position (*Mat. 21:22*). Turn your heart to God and declare your confidence in Him.

Repentance

Ezek. 22:6,7 - ⁶"Look, the princes of Israel: each one has used his power to shed blood in you. ⁷...in your midst they have oppressed the stranger; in you they have mistreated the fatherless and the widow.

Lord, our Redeemer, please forgive us for all the bloodshed in our nation. Forgive our people for the violent acts of xenophobia and oppression of strangers and foreigners. Remove the curse of bloodguilt from our land, thoroughly wash away all our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin (*Joel 3:21; Ps. 51:2, 14*). Lord make us a people who fear You, a people who love and care for the strangers, administering justice to the fatherless and widows because this is what You commanded (*Deut. 10:18, 19*).

Lev. 17:10 - ¹⁰"Any Israelite or any alien living among them who eats any blood - I will set my face against that person who eats blood and will cut him off from his people."

Lord God, we confess and repent of the drinking and eating of blood by our people and our leaders (in order to attain power), whether it be in worship of false gods, spirits, the ancestors or any other being, in any initiation ceremonies, cultural traditions, spirit contracts, libations and food. Remove the legal rights that they have acquired through these acts in Jesus Name.

Declarations and Praise

Adonai, fully equip us and our leaders for every good work through the blood of the everlasting covenant, to do Your will. Work in them that which is well pleasing in Your sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen (*Heb. 13:20-21*).

Lord, establish the rule of our high priest, Melchizedek in South Africa, the rule of righteousness and peace (*Gen. 14:18*). Amen.

Heart Matters

Prov. 18:21 - ²¹Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

How often do we speak death and negativity over our politicians and national leaders? This is not how it ought to be. Fresh and bitter water cannot be produced by the same source (*Jam. 3:11*). What does it help if we pray for one thing, and then negate those very prayers through negative irresponsible words we speak. Repent before God for having produced death instead of life. Endeavor to change this. Ask God to cleanse your heart as it is the source from which the mouth speaks (*Matt. 12:34*).

Repentance

Lev. 18:22 - ²²“Do not lie with a man as... with a woman; that is detestable.”

Rom. 1:26,27 - ²⁶“Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. ²⁷In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.”

Holy Father, we confess our nation's sin of homosexuality and lesbianism before You. We understand that it is because we did not glorify You as our Creator (*Rom. 1:21*) that this happened in our country. We ask forgiveness for using unnatural sexual relations to satisfy our lusts. We ask for healing and deliverance for those who are bound by this sin. Please restore us to become the men and women You created for Your glory.

Hos. 4:10, 11, 12 - ¹⁰...they shall commit harlotry, but not increase; because they have ceased obeying the LORD. ¹¹“Harlotry... and wine enslave the heart.

Lord, deliver us from the enslavement that immorality has brought on our leaders and people. Forgive us for promoting and accommodating perversion. Cleanse us from this iniquity. Forgive our government for having legally lowered the ages for consensual (hetero- and homosexual) sex and thereby opening the door for our youth to fall into the bondage of perversion.

Declarations and Praise

God of peace, may You sanctify our nation's leaders in every respect. May their spirit, soul and body be brought to a state where it is kept blameless in Christ Jesus (*1 Thess. 5:23-24*).

King Jesus, cleanse us to be a holy nation proclaiming Your praises (*1 Pet. 2:9*).

Heart Matters

Ps.51:10 (AMP) - ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right, persevering and a steadfast spirit within me.

We cannot move into effective prayer for others if our hearts are contaminated in God's sight. Ask God to cleanse your motives, desires and intentions from those things that are not pleasing to Him. Acknowledge the deceitfulness and wickedness of your own heart (*Jer.17:9*) and allow the Holy Spirit to usher you into Father's desires and intentions. Ask Him to give you a different spirit (*Num.14:23*) and to renew the right spirit within you.

Repentance

Lord, Your Name has been profaned in our nation and many of our people have forgotten Your Name and have stretched out their hands to other gods (*Ezek.36:23; Ps.44:20*). We confess that we have transgressed your command. As we now pray and confess Your Name, and turn from our sin, please hear and restore us (*2 Chron.6:32,33*). May Your Name be sanctified so that this wholenation, even Your adversaries, shall know that You are Lord and fear You.

Lord forgive us as a nation, that, although we knew You, did not honour You nor gave You thanks but we became futile in our thinking and our foolish hearts were darkened. We and the past generations exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshipped created things rather than the Creator (*Rom.1:21, 25*). All our peoples have stretched out their hands to foreign gods (*Ps.44:20*). Through our idolatry, covetousness and self-worship, we have defiled the land (*Col.3:5; Ps.106:38; Ezek.22:4; Ezek.36:18*). You have commanded us not to make an idol or a carved image, nor set up a sacred monument or pillar or engraved stone for ourselves to bow to it, for You are God (*Lev.26:1*).

Forgive our government for initiating and funding such places in the name of nationalism, cultural revival and African Renaissance. Deliver us from being reconnected with paganism and the ancient spirits of Africa, in Jesus Name.

Declarations and Praise

Lord of Hosts, You are God, You alone. You have made heaven and earth (*Is.37:16*). There is no other god apart from You, a just God and a Saviour (*Is.45:21*). Send Your Holy Spirit into our government buildings and places where our rulers gather, pass laws and make decisions. Convict them of sin, where necessary, and establish them in truth and righteousness (*Joh.16:8-11*). We pray for our government for protection against the powers of darkness, that they will not be involved in witchcraft, idolatry or any forms of occultism. We, the church, resist the devil wherever he tries to ensnare and deceive the government (*Jam.4:7*), *in Jesus' Name!*

Heart Matters

Rom.16:20 - ²⁰And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly...

When we are moving in Gods peace we are better positioned to experience victory as we are not focused on the devil and his wicked works around us, but on God. Our state of mind is determined by God and His ability and not by external turbulences in our communities. Ask God, the author of peace, (*1Cor.14:33*) to touch you inner man, so that you will pray from this position of victory and not from a mindset of defeat.

Repentance

Lord, forgive us for building our own houses using dishonest practices, not paying rightful wages (*Jer.22:13*). Many of our cities are established by iniquity (*Hab.2:12*). We and our leaders have instituted unjust laws and oppressive decrees and systems, that deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed, making widows their prey and robbing the fatherless (*Is.10:2*). We repent; and ask forgiveness. We turn back to You. Fill our hearts with truth and righteousness and heal our land. We ask this in Jesus' Name.

Hos.7:1,2,3 - ¹“...the iniquity of Ephraim was uncovered... they have committed fraud; a thief comes in; a band of robbers takes spoil ... ²They do not consider in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness ... ³They make a king glad with their wickedness, and princes with their lies.

O Lord, how many of our leaders have enriched themselves through fraud and theft. Forgive our leaders for the immense corruption and injustices committed in their positions of responsibility in our land. Your Word says that bribes will cause the overthrow of a nation (*Prov.29:4*). Lord, please remove our corrupt leaders and their wicked counsellors. Cleanse our nation of this scourge, in Jesus name.

Declarations and Praise

Rock of Ages, we humble ourselves before You, and ask that You will guide our country's leaders to serve justly and teach them Your ways (*Ps.25:9*). Help them to not live according to their sinful nature, but to put to death the misdeeds of the body through Your Spirit (*Rom 8:13*). Save our leaders and make known to them how to walk in the Spirit so that they will not gratify the sinful desires of the flesh (*Gal.5:16-26*). We plead with You to transform us and our leaders by renewing our minds through Your Word, so that we will not be conformed to this world, but may reveal what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God (*Rom.12:2*). Heavenly Father, give us just men, who rule in the fear of the Lord (*2 Sam.23:3*).

King Jesus come into our land and visit us, bring justice and salvation (*Zec.9:9*).

Heart Matters

Phil.4:6 - ⁶Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God...

As we prepare to bring supplications and prayers to God for our government, let us choose not to allow anxiety and fear to fuel our prayers. Such prayers are not pleasing to God and are in direct contradiction to His command not to fear. Remember, we have the Spirit of God (*Hag.2:5*) and He is ready to release the kingdom to us, His children (*Luk.12:32*). Set your heart on God and boldly say that the Lord is your helper (*Heb.13:5*), therefore you choose not to function from fear (a negative expectation) but rather from a positive expectation in Almighty God.

Repentance

Gen.4:10 - ¹⁰The LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground."

Heb.12:24 - ²⁴...[You have come] to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel...

Father we acknowledge our guilt of bloodshed in our nation. We confess that the voices of many people's blood are crying to You from this land. We repent of the fact that we and our leaders have filled this land with blood. We ask You for the cleansing of the blood of Jesus, and that the blood sprinkled in heaven will speak on behalf of our nation, to bring forgiveness, healing and restoration in our land.

We ask for the cleansing of the blood of Jesus Christ, and that the blood of Jesus on the altar in heaven will speak on behalf of South Africa today (*Heb.12:24*), to bring forgiveness, healing and restoration in our land.

Declarations and Praise

Father, may Your kingdom come, may Your will be done in South Africa as it is in heaven (*Matt.6:10*). We pray for the salvation of people from every tribe, ethnic group and nationality in South Africa - also for the leaders in our land - that countless multitudes of people will one day stand before the throne in front of the Lamb (*Rev.7:9*). We ask this because You do not take any pleasure in the death of the wicked, but You are pleased when they turn from their wicked ways (*Ezek.18:23*).

Save us Lord, let the sword of Your Majesty, yes Your kingship bring your enemies in this land to submission, and grant that all the high place in our land will be trampled down and removed (*Deut.33:29*).

Heart Matters

1 Pet.3:10,11,12 - ¹⁰For "He who would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit. ¹¹Let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. ¹²For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers...

What does it benefit us if we bless God with our tongue, and then turn around and curse men who were made in His likeness (*Jam.3:9*). Our tongue should never be an instrument of evil. Rather, God's wisdom empowers it to be and instrument of healing (*Prov.12:18*). Choose today to consecrate your tongue for God's purposes. May you today have the tongue of a disciple and of one who is taught so as to know how to speak God's Word in season (*Is.50:4*) and thereby release abundant life through your prayers this day.

Repentance

*Hos.8:1,4 - ¹...because they have transgressed My covenant and rebelled...
⁴"They set up kings, but not by Me; they made princes, but I did not acknowledge them.*

Lord, forgive us for supporting and voting for leaders that are unrighteous and lead us onto deceptive paths of rebellion against God. We acknowledge that we have allowed wicked men to rule over us. Deliver us from such men.

*Deut.17:14,15,16,17 - ¹⁴"When you come to the land which the LORD your God is giving you... and say, 'I will set a king over me like all the nations that are around me,' ¹⁵"you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses; ...
¹⁶"But he shall not multiply horses for himself... ¹⁷"Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself.*

Lord it was Your command that those who were elected to rule over us should be those you have chosen. We acknowledge our own grave sin of voting for people that do not walk in your ways. Forgive us for not obeying your commands. Forgive our national and traditional leaders for having multiple wives and enriching themselves instead of walking righteously and administering their stewardship in a way that honours God. This is not Your will and perfect plan for them or our country. Cleanse us! Deliver us from such practices!

Declarations and Praise

Our Father in heaven, You are the High and Lofty One, the Most High God, Who inhabits eternity; Your Name is holy (*Is.57:15*). Let Your Name be kept holy and treated with reverence in our communities, national and local government (*Matt.6:9*).

Heart Matters

*Jud.1:20 - ²⁰But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith...
²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.*

Make it you aim today, to pray from a faith position where you allow your heart to function in the love of God. Only when we release the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ through our prayers and lives can eternal life be made accessible to others. In *Ps.25:16* David acknowledged that only Gods mercy could save him from desolation, affliction and distress. No person on earth deserves to be saved, but if we live out His message of mercy, salvation does become available to all. Let your prayers today, therefore be imbued with mercy to the glory of God.

Repentance

Father God, You who made the heavens, we confess and repent of the sins of nationalism and patriotism. We confess that we have trusted in our own ways to secure a future for us in this land. We confess that we have regarded our honour as tribes and cultural groups as more important than Your Kingdom. Please forgive us in Jesus' Name.

Is.65:3,4 - ³...a people who continually provoke me to my very face, offering sacrifices in gardens and burning incense on altars of brick; ⁴who sit among the graves and spend their nights keeping secret vigil..."

Lord God, we confess and repent of the many satanic practices that are prevalent in our country. We acknowledge that even our national leaders participate in and promote the bringing of libations and other offerings to appease the spirits of the dead. Please expose these works of darkness and bring those who are caught in this web to freedom in Jesus Christ.

Declarations and Praise

Pray and declare the following Scripture:

*1 Chron.29:11, 12, 13 (AMP) - ¹¹Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty; for all *that is* in the heavens and the earth *is Yours*; Yours *is* the kingdom, O LORD, and Yours it is to be exalted as Head over all. ¹²Both riches and honor *come* from You, and You reign over all. In Your hands *are* power and might; in Your hand *it is* to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³"Now therefore, our God, We thank You and praise Your glorious name and those attributes which that name denotes.*

Lord Jesus Christ, make our nation complete in You, the head over every principality and power (*Col.2:9*). Take your place on the throne of our land and its people!

Heart Matters

Jam.3:18 - ¹⁸Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Scripture states that we must be diligent to be found at peace by Him (2 Pet.3:14). We cannot sow the seeds of righteousness into our leaders and country if our hearts are not governed by divine peace. Abundant peace can only be ours through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord (2 Pet. 1:2). Ask the Lord to give you a deeper understanding of Him, even at this moment, and to qualify you through His peace to sow righteousness through your prayers.

Repentance

Jer.3:1 - ¹If a man divorces his wife and she leaves him and marries another man, should he return to her again? Would not the land be completely defiled?

Faithful One, we acknowledge and confess our guilt because of divorce in our country before You. So many homes have been broken and lives destroyed because of this sin. Please forgive our unfaithfulness and selfishness in not keeping the marriage covenants and vows we made. We pray for the restoration of marriages, broken relationships and families and that You will bring healing to those who have been hurt. Please help us, and especially our leaders, to be faithful, to set the example, to be subservient and esteem one another and to resist any temptations that come our way.

Dan.4:27 - ²⁷Therefore, O king, let my advice be acceptable to you; break off your sins by being righteous, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor. Perhaps there may be a lengthening of your prosperity."

Lord we earnestly beg Your forgiveness for the sins of our leaders, where they have not walked righteously and with integrity. For too long have the poor been trampled and manipulated for political gain. Help our leaders to turn from this iniquity, to become men and women that keep their promises and defend and come to the aid of the poor, (Ps.82:3-4) acting with integrity and fairness.

Declarations and Praise

Pray that doors will be opened for spiritual leaders to find favour with our national leaders.

Col.4:2,3,4 - ²Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; ³Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ...: ⁴That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

King Jesus, righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne (Ps.89:14). Let justice run down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream (Amos 5:24) from our government to all the people of this land.

Heart Matters

*Col.4:5,6 - ⁵Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.
⁶Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.*

As you position yourself to pray for our government, desire to function from Gods wisdom. The world will never be saved if we do not walk in wisdom toward those who are outside of the kingdom. Confess your lack of love for the lost and your unwillingness to relate to them in the Spirit of Christ (as opposed to the spirit of the world). Let our words, in relation to our government, be full of grace and healing, so that, like salt, it can purify and bring cleansing to the glory of God the Father.

Repentance

*Jer.2:34,35 – ³⁴Also on your skirts is found the blood of the lives of the poor innocents. I have not found it by secret search, but plainly on all these things.
³⁵...behold, I will plead My case against you, because you say, 'I have not sinned.'*

Father, we confess and repent for the murders committed in our country. We also confess our guilt for legalising murder through abortion. We repent of anger, hatred, bitterness and racism that lead to massacres on farms and in families. Lord, forgive our legal and executive authorities for allowing, participating in and even legislating such evils. Deliver us and bring us back to Your ways, in Jesus' Name!

We pray in the Name of Jesus Christ that You will remove the curses of bloodshed from the land and restore Your favour so that the land will yield its increase and strength, according to its potential. We pray that You will break the curse of alienation and wandering and allow people to settle in the land You've given them.

Declarations and Praise

Lord, we pray for the reversal of evil plans and laws that have greatly damaged our nation. As You did in the time of Esther, come and deliver us from the evil schemes of death (*Est.8:5-8*) that the devil has introduced through our parliament and legislators. Let a company of Holy leaders arise who will demolish these strongholds of evil laws, in Jesus Name.

Let now Salvation and Strength and the Kingdom of God and the Power of His Christ come in South Africa (*Rev.12:10*). Let the blood of Christ purify our nation from these our sins, (*1 Joh.1:7*) so that His blood that speaks of better things, may testify (*1 Joh.5:8*) on our behalf (*Heb.12:24*).

Heart Matters

Is.58:13,14 - ¹³If you...shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, Nor finding your own pleasure, Nor speaking your own words, ¹⁴Then you shall delight yourself in the LORD; And I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth...

Today, set your heart on only speaking those things that God wants you to speak. Do not allow your own desires, opinions or visions to influence your prayers. Honor God in the same way Jesus did by only doing that which the Father shows you and only speaking what He speaks over the leaders of our country (*Joh.5:19*). Do not rely on your ability, but be assured that if you pray according to His will, He will hear you (*1 Joh.5:14*).

Repentance

Lev.19:29 - ²⁹Do not prostitute your daughter, to cause her to be a harlot, lest the land fall into harlotry, and the land become full of wickedness.

Jer.3:2,3 - ²You have defiled the land with your prostitution and wickedness. ³Therefore the showers have been withheld, and no spring rains have fallen.

Most Holy God, we acknowledge and confess the sin of prostitution before You. We ask forgiveness for people selling their bodies and defiling Your temple. Forgive our nation and its leaders for planning to legalise these practices. We ask for deliverance from the spirit of prostitution and we pray for healing and restoration of those of who were forced, or chose, to become involved in such practices. Lord, please deliver us from those who use women and men in this manner for their own financial gain. Father, we also pray for Your conviction of sin, especially for our leaders and persons in position of power who make use of prostitutes. Safe us from every evil agenda that promotes and endeavours to legalise so-called "sex work".

Declarations and Praise

Lord Jesus Christ, our community is in need of Your healing. Come and heal our souls and bodies for we have sinned against You (*Ps.41:4*). Heal the broken-hearted, proclaim freedom to those who are enslaved by sin, and break the shackles for those who are bound by addiction, self-inflicted bondage, corrupt hearts and sensual enthrallment (*Is.61:1*).

Pray: *Jer 33:8,9 - ⁸I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned and by which they have transgressed against Me. ⁹Then it shall be to Me a name of joy, a praise, and an honor before all nations of the earth, who shall hear all the good that I do to them; they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and all the prosperity that I provide for it.'*

Heart Matters

Matt.22:37,38,39 - ³⁷Jesus said to him, “ ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸“This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹“And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

Decide today when you pray to first express the love that fills your heart for your Lord and Savior; and secondly to pray a prayer of intercession that testifies of divine love towards your fellow men, whether they deserve it or not. Jesus' pure love was demonstrated to all in that He died for us while we were still sinners (*Rom.5:8*). Know today that He has given you the Holy Spirit to fill your heart with His love (*Rom.5:6*). Let that love be released through your offerings of prayer today.

Repentance

Merciful God, heal our nation and its leaders, even though we have sinned against You, we plead that according to your great compassion, you will blot out the transgressions of our country (*Ps.41:4;Ps.51:1*). If we conceal our sins, we will not prosper; therefore, we confess and renounce them so that we may find mercy with You (*Prov.28:13*). Do not hold the sins of our fathers and leaders against us; may Your mercy come quickly to meet us, for we are in desperate need (*Ps.79:8*).

Deut. 18:10,11 -¹⁰“Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, ¹¹or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead.

Father God, we confess and repent of the sins of divination, sorcery, the interpreting of omens (e.g. the throwing of bones or use of cards), witchcraft and casting of spells in our government, villages and land. Please forgive us and set us free from these bondages through the blood of Jesus. Please bring conviction of sin, righteousness and judgment to our leaders by Your Spirit.

Declarations and Praise

Pray and declare the following Scripture:

*1 Chron.29:11,12,13 (AMP) - ¹¹ Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty; for all *that is* in the heavens and the earth *is Yours*; Yours *is* the kingdom, O LORD, and Yours it is to be exalted as Head over all. ¹² Both riches and honor *come* from You, and You reign over all. In Your hands *are* power and might; in Your hand *it is* to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³ “Now therefore, our God, We thank You and praise Your glorious name and those attributes which that name denotes.*

Heart Matters

2 Sam.5:23 - ²³Therefore David inquired of the LORD, and He said, "You shall not go up... ²⁴"And it shall be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then you shall advance quickly. for then the LORD will go out before you to strike the camp of the Philistines."

Do not rush into your prayer time today. First, be quiet and listen to God. It is often so important for us to rest in God and wait on Him to move before we engage in battle. Our own abilities, knowledge and endeavors can never secure victory. The battle is the Lord's (*1 Sam.17:47*) and He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (*1 Cor.15:56*). Listen therefore, as David did, and only start praying when God shows you it is time.

Repentance

Lord, we plead for your forgiveness for the many times that we have grieved and suppressed the Holy Spirit, or refused to submit to His ways and resisted Him (*Eph.4:30; 1 Thess.5:19; Acts 5:9*). Protect us and our leaders from ever speaking or rebelling against, or lying to the Holy Spirit so that You do not turn against us and become our enemy (*Matt.12:32; Acts 5:3; Is.63:10,11*). Give us Your Spirit of wisdom, understanding, power, council and knowledge (*Is.11:2*) so that we can boldly share Your Word with all people, even with those in authority (*Dan.4:9; Dan.5:11; Acts 4:8*).

Prov.31:1,4,5 - ¹The words of King Lemuel, the utterance which his mother taught him. ⁴It is not for kings, O Lemuel... to drink wine, nor for princes intoxicating drink; ⁵Lest they drink and forget the law, and pervert the justice...

Lord, forgive the abuse of alcohol and strong drink by many of our leaders and influential role players. Your Word clearly states that intoxication leads to debauchery (*Eph.5:18*), immoral behaviour (*Gen.9:21, Gen.19:33*), perversion (*Prov.23:33*) brawling (*Prov.20:1*), etc. Lord, our nation has erred because of wine, we have stumbled in judgment because of intoxication (*Is.28:7*). Save us from such leaders and such sin; bring deliverance and freedom so they may know You!

Declarations and Praise

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, thank You that You gave us the Holy Spirit to teach, guide and comfort us (*Joh.14:26*). Thank You that, through Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Adoption, (*Rom.8:15; Gal.4:6*) we can know You and call You "Abba Father", and that You have not left us alone but have given us a Helper (*Joh.14:16, 18; Joh.15:26*). May each one of our national and political leaders become personally acquainted with Your precious Spirit by submitting themselves to the Father of spirits so they may live (*Heb.12:9*).

Heart Matters

1 Pet.5:6 - ⁶Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, ⁷casting all your care upon Him ...⁸Be sober, be vigilant;...

2 Pet.2:10 – ¹⁰especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. They are presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries.

The fear of the Lord is to hate pride, arrogance and evil behaviour (*Prov.8:13*). Humble yourself before God and acknowledge your own lack of meekness. Ask God to reveal your own pride to you so that you will stand in soberness and truth before Him. Let us not pray presumptuously from a corrupt heart even despising government, but let us be sober and watchful to follow heavens protocol.

Repentance

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bible tells us that the shedding of blood in times of peace, calls for revenge. We realise that our sins in this regard also testify against us constantly (*Is.59:12*). Therefore we confess today that we, as a nation are guilty of shedding blood in times of peace. We confess and repent of the killings through terrorism, racial conflict and oppression during the liberation struggle. We acknowledge deeds of injustice carried out by those who were supposed to keep the peace and confess it before You. Please forgive us these sins and cleanse us from such unrighteousness (*1 Joh.1:8*). Thank You that the sacrifice of Jesus makes it possible for our nation and leaders to be cleansed from these iniquities.

Father, we also confess that we and our leaders are guilty of shedding blood in other nations, outside South Africa. We plead your forgiveness for being instruments of death and hatred as a result of governmental policies, laws and political ideologies. Forgive us for destroying, wounding and wronging other people. We pray, in the Name of Jesus, for this bloodguilt to be removed and for full reconciliation. Help us and our leaders to become instruments of God's life and blessings to the nations of the world.

Declarations and Praise

Be merciful and establish Your kingdom in our community and our land so that the Prince of Peace will rule and reign in our midst. Let Your government increase in South Africa from this time forward (*Is.9:6,7; Zech.9:10; Rom.14:17*).

King of kings and Lord of lords, You are the Lamb and you shall overcome your enemies in South Africa (*Rev.17:14*). Glory!

Heart Matters

Jam.3:17 - ¹⁷But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

Choose today to not function relying on human wisdom and opinion. If we allow His wisdom to flow through us, it will bring forth gentle and productive prayers that will produce peace. These prayers and actions will reflect God's mercy and will produce a harvest of good fruits. Do not allow any hypocrisy (which flows from a spirit of religiosity) and partiality (promoting your own preferences) to influence your requests.

Repentance

Father, we confess our involvement in cybersex and tolerating the different forms of sexual temptation and pornography portrayed in the media. How can our nation expect godly leaders to emerge if our communities tolerate and promote such unrestrained perversion? We pray that You will cleanse us from sexual impurity and pour out Your Spirit of holiness in us. Change our communities so that godly generations and leaders will be raised up to turn our nation back to a righteous lifestyle.

Prov.6:32,33 – ³²Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding; he who does so destroys his own soul. ³³Wounds and dishonor he will get, and his reproach will not be wiped away.

Preserve us and our leaders from immoral lifestyles that open the door for so much destruction in families and society. You warn us that following in the path of an adulteress will cause our body and flesh to be consumed, our lives to be ensnared and held with the cords (bondages) of sin. Forgive our leaders for choosing this path of death (*Prov.5:5, 11, 22*). Lord, rebuke the lies of the media and secular society that justify perversion. Deliver us from this iniquity that pollute so many and steal us away from the beauty of Your purpose for our lives.

Declarations and Praise

Father, call forth righteous men, like Daniel of old, that live holy and godly lives (2 *Pet.3:11*) to become leaders in our government. Lord promote those that have shown themselves to be faithful and accepted in Your sight, exalt them to positions of influence and bring down wicked and evil men (*Ps.75:6,7*) that have caused much damage to the plans of Your kingdom.

Lord, you are the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. You are the First and the Last (*Rev.22:13*). You are the Holy One! Turn us and our leaders back to obey Your commandments so that we may be blessed.

Heart Matters

1 Cor.13:4 - ⁴Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; ⁵does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; ⁶does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; ⁷bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never fails.

As you prepare to pray for our nation's government, acknowledge that the standard upheld by the kingdom is a standard of love. Rid yourself of prideful notions, self-seeking intentions and negative projections. If we pray from a position of love our prayers cannot fail. Profane and soulless prayers will not fulfill His intentions. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you to have love that is without hypocrisy (*Rom.12:9*).

Repentance

Lord, You are the God of gods and the Lord of lords. You are the Almighty God, Everlasting Father, the Righteous One. We acknowledge and confess that we and our ancestors have been unfaithful and have bowed to other gods in this nation and have provoked You to anger. We have allowed our hearts to be enticed by demons and the gods of materialism, greed, comfort and tradition. We bow before You as the only One worthy of our worship. We express our desire to come back to You as a nation, to know You as Our God, to submit to Your ways. Please forgive us for our unfaithfulness towards You.

Obad.1:3 - ³The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rocks and make your home on the heights, you who say to yourself, 'Who can bring me down to the ground?'

El-Shaddai, Most High God, we confess the pride of our leaders and political parties. We repent of our pride as South Africans; that we pride ourselves of being a nation that can help other nations to succeed, while we ourselves have nothing to boast of. Lord you hate pride, arrogance and evil behaviour (*Prov.8:13*). Our pride has caused us and our leaders to be deluded. Deliver us and save us from such foolish attitudes. We need You to be our God. Please forgive us and our leaders for this false sense of security and for trusting in our own abilities. Restore us to a relationship with You, in Jesus' precious Name.

Declarations and Praise

Declare the following Scripture over our national government, over parliament and all traditional leaders in the nation:

Ps.138:4,5 - ⁴All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O LORD, when they hear the words of Your mouth. ⁵Yes, they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

Heart Matters

Ps.16:8,9,11 - ⁸I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved. ⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; my flesh also will rest in hope... ¹¹You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Before you prepare to intercede for our nation, set yourself before the Lord. Acknowledge Him as the One who will help and lead you today. Bow to the knowledge that He provides and experience the joy of His presence. Today He wants to show you His way for this government and our nation's leaders. Does Scripture not declare that those that wait on the Lord will be renew their strength (*Is.40:31*) and they will inherit the earth (*Ps.37:9*).

Repentance

We confess, that as a nation, we and our leaders have not lived according to Your precepts and commands. We, and our fathers, have deviated from Your ways and followed the dictates of our own hearts, which often were ways of injustice. Please forgive us.

Jer.22:13 - ¹³"Woe to him who builds his palace by unrighteousness, his upper rooms by injustice, making his countrymen work for nothing, not paying them for their labour.

Prov.17:23 – ²³A wicked man accepts a bribe behind the back to pervert the ways of justice.

God of all comfort, we acknowledge and confess the sin of exploiting and abusing the poor and for using people for our own gain and profit. Please expose and remove all corruption, bribery and works of darkness in our government (especially, in the areas of finance and economy) and help us and our leaders to fulfil our responsibility to the poor, needy, orphaned and widowed. We also confess the injustice during the years of slavery, colonialism and apartheid and the poverty and oppression that resulted because of these systems and practices. Please free us from the guilt of injustice and guide us to bring restitution where it is needed.

Declarations and Praise

Pray for the fulfilment of the following Scripture in our nation:

Ps.72:4,6,7 - ⁴ He will bring justice to the poor of the people; he will save the children of the needy, and will break in pieces the oppressor.... ⁶ He shall come down like rain upon the grass before mowing, like showers that water the earth. ⁷ In His days the righteous shall flourish, and abundance of peace...

Heart Matters

Jam. 1:19,20 - ¹⁹So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; ²⁰for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

1 Tim. 2:8 - ⁸I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

Allow the Holy Spirit to purge your heart of anger. Ask God to cleanse you so you can be an instrument for His work (*Is. 41:15*). Lift up holy hands to God and banish every form of doubt so that your prayers can serve the righteousness of the Kingdom. Ask God to generate faith in your heart that can subdue kingdoms (*Heb. 11:33*) so that Jesus Christ will become fully known in all the land.

Repentance

Ezek. 9:9 - ⁹Then He said to me, "The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great, and the land is full of bloodshed..."

Judge of the living and the dead, we acknowledge and confess our guilt before You concerning the bloodshed in our land caused by wars, conflicts, murders and accidents. We pray for Your mercy and that You will forgive us for this sin of polluting the land. We pray that our prayers will be acceptable to You and that You will heal our land.

Father of our Saviour Jesus Christ, we acknowledge the guilt of our country because of the blood of animals (and humans) shed during the worship of other gods (satanism, witchcraft, worship of anything other than God, the Father of Jesus Christ). We confess and repent of any bloodshed in initiation ceremonies, traditional rituals and the eating and drinking of blood during cultural rituals. Forgive our traditional and political leaders for participating in such rites in order to appease the spirits and acquire greater power and political influence. Lord, we plead for the removal and destruction of every blood covenant that demons established with such men and we thank You that by the blood of Jesus such contracts will be annulled and replaced by a covenant of life in God Almighty.

Declarations and Praise

Pray: *Ps. 37:28,29 - ²⁸For the LORD loves justice, and does not forsake His saints; they are preserved forever, but the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off. ²⁹The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell in it forever.*

O Warrior God, arise in this nation and let Your enemies be scattered, let those that hate You flee before You (*Ps. 68:1*). Let Your kingdom come (*Mat. 6:10*)! O how awesome are Your deeds, our people shall worship You (*Ps. 66.3,4*).

Heart Matters

Mat.5:44 - ⁴⁴“But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, ⁴⁵“that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

We often convince ourselves that we have a very good reason to pray against our leaders and politicians, etc. We see how their actions and words work against God's will and purposes. Yet, we dare not view people as our enemies. Your prayers today must be rooted in the opposite spirit; a spirit of divine love and benediction. Allow the Holy Spirit to attune your heart to this heavenly standard.

Repentance

Lam.5:1,11,15 - ¹Remember, O LORD, what has happened to us; look, and see our disgrace... ¹¹Women have been ravished in Zion, and virgins in the towns of Judah... ¹⁵ Joy is gone from our hearts; our dancing has turned to mourning.

Dan.9:15,16 - ¹⁵“And now, O Lord our God,... we have sinned, we have done wickedly! ¹⁶“O Lord, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from us...

Lord God, our Refuge, joy has gone from many hearts because of sexual molestation and rape. Even some persons in our community and political leaders have been accused of such acts. We acknowledge that no one in our country is safe from this abuse. We ask forgiveness for allowing the spirit of lust to operate freely and for our apathy towards these abominable acts. Please deliver us and expose the works of darkness. Please bring healing to those who have been sinned against and move our government to effectively convict such offenders and bring them to justice.

Declarations and Praise

Oh Almighty God, let the fear of the name of the Lord inundate this nation. Oh, Holy Spirit, raise up Your standard in South Africa against the enemy and his floods of wickedness that cover our land (*Is.59:19,20*). Come and fight for and with us against our enemies, yes save (*Deut.20:4*) our woman and children so that our streets will again be safe and filled with joy and mirth (*Zec.8:5*).

Arise God, confront the wicked and cast him down (*Ps.17:13*), deliver and save us. Send forth Your mighty sceptre from Zion and rule in the midst of Your enemies (*Ps.110:2*). Restore the soul of our nation, lead us in paths of righteousness for Your Name sake (*Ps.23:3*), so that all may acknowledge You.

Heart Matters

1 Cor.16:13 - ¹³Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. ¹⁴Let all that you do be done with love.

Pay attention today to this passage as you enter Gods presence to plead for the rulers of our nation. If your intercession is not from divine love, it does not represent God's heart or will. Allow His love to compel you (*2 Cor.5:14*), to fuel the flame of your prayers and to direct your supplications. Be an imitator of God, walking in love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us (*Eph.5:1,2*). So let us give ourselves in prayer so that others may not our Savior.

Repentance

Ps.52:7 - ⁷"Here is the man who did not make God his strength, but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness."

Luk.12:15 - ¹⁵And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."

Father, we confess and repent of the sins of greed and materialism in our nation. We repent of the fact that we and our leaders have not cared for the poor, but have amassed riches for ourselves. We confess and repent of looking to riches, instead of looking to You and having trusted the goddess of luck and gambling to provide for us, instead of trusting You. Please forgive us and cleanse us with the blood of Jesus Christ, our High Priest.

Is.56:11 - ¹¹Yes, they are greedy dogs which never have enough. And they are shepherds who cannot understand; they all look to their own way, every one for his own gain...

Lord, forgive our political and community leaders for only looking out for, and enriching themselves, while neglecting their public responsibilities. Deliver us from unrighteous Mammon and raise up hardworking and honest men and women to serve our communities and nation with integrity and faithfulness.

Declarations and Praise

Pray: Ps.72:12,13,18,19 – ¹²...He will deliver the needy when he cries, the poor also, and him who has no helper. ¹³He will spare the poor and needy, and will save the souls of the needy. ¹⁸Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only does wondrous things! ¹⁹... let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen

Lord Jesus, let every creature in our nation declare that blessing and honor and glory and power be to You who sit on the throne (*Rev.5:13*).

Heart Matters

Ps.37:7,8 - ⁷Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. ⁸Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; do not fret - it only causes harm.

In preparation for your prayer time, choose to function from a position of rest. Allow the Holy Spirit to remove every obstacle of the soul that causes you to fret or feel anxious, today. Yes, when we look around, we see much evil and wickedness, but we cannot allow these things to determine our focus and state of mind. Our own anger and worries must be relinquished to the Father so that they cannot contaminate our prayers and cause harm instead of the goodness that we desire to establish. Allow Him, to channel His righteousness and justice through you as you pray.

Repentance

Is.10:2 - ²Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees, to deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed of my people, making widows their prey and robbing the fatherless.

Prov.21:2 - ²All a man's ways seem right to him, but the LORD weighs the heart.

Ruler over the kings of the earth, we acknowledge and confess that South Africa and its leaders are guilty of unjust laws, oppressing people, depriving the poor of their rights and from withholding justice ever since the time of the first inhabitants, rulers and kings in this nation. We ask for forgiveness. Cleanse us from the sin of gratifying our wishes and desires instead of obeying Scripture and Your spiritual guidance. Please pour Your mercy on us and guide our leaders to make wise decisions. *Prov.21:1* states that the king's heart is in Your hand. Please direct the hearts of our leaders to follow Your decrees.

Declarations and Praise

Pray and declare the following Scripture. Ask God to open the seats of power and justice (the gates in the Old Testament) for Jesus and His authority:

Ps.24:7,8,9,10 - ⁷Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. ⁸Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle. ⁹Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. ¹⁰Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory.

Lord, ride through this land in Your majesty on behalf of truth, humility and righteousness (*Ps.45:4*); judge this Your people in righteousness and the poor with justice (*Ps 72:2*). May everyone in this nation seek You and rejoice in You (*Ps.70:4*).

Heart Matters

Mark. 11:25 - ²⁵“And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.

Joh.20:22 - ²³“If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

Maybe you have been directly or indirectly wronged and harmed by national institutions, leaders, groups or individuals in a position of authority. Choose today to cleanse your heart and to extend forgiveness so that your prayers can be effective in extending God’s forgiveness and grace to others who do not deserve it (*Job.22:30*).

Repentance

Lord Jesus, please acquit South Africa from all bloodguilt; from the bloodshed committed by the first inhabitants who sacrificed to other gods, to the bloodshed at the illicit altars of today (any sacrifice to occult idols in or during cultural rites); bloodshed from ethnic conflict and tribal wars; bloodshed during the colonial years; bloodshed caused by the resistance movements against the ruling regimes; bloodshed caused by murders, killings, accidents, abortions, suicides, poverty and injustices. Grant that this land may receive Your healing, cleansing, salvation and restoration. Amen.

Lord God, we confess that when we commemorate bloodshed in our land (through monuments, memorials and special ceremonies), bitterness and hatred filled our hearts towards those who hurt us or killed our families and instead of extending forgiveness we condemn them and demand revenge. This is sin. You declare that a root of bitterness causes trouble and defilement (*Heb.12:15*). We now choose to forgive those groups and leaders that caused us pain, just as You forgave us through the blood of Jesus. Help our national leaders to be men and women of forgiveness and examples of true reconciliation.

Declarations and Praise

Pray for our leaders, that they will acknowledge the Lord just like king Nebuchadnezzar did. Pray that our rulers will also make the following confession. *Dan.4:34,35,37 - ³⁴... I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever: for His dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom is from generation to generation. ³⁵All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand or say to Him, “What have You done?” ³⁷I, ...praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works are truth, and His ways justice.*

Heart Matters

Col.3:1,2 - ¹If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ²Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

Phil.4:8 - ⁸Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

Let our pre-occupation this day be with the things of God. His kingdom is not from this world. We need to function from a different perspective and directive than the systems of this temporal existence. Choose to move with Him and His way of doing things (*Matt.6.33*) so that His kingdom can come closer through your prayers this day.

Repentance

Lord we bring our sins of fornication (sexual impurity e.g. sex outside of marriage) before You today. Father, You have given us boundaries concerning sexual relationships. We confess fornication before You as a sin in our societies and as a practise that is frequently regarded as being acceptable by our secular leaders, the media and the modern lifestyle. We ask forgiveness and pray that our society will once again come in line with Your Word concerning sexual purity before and in marriage.

Tit.1:5 – ⁵...and appoint elders in every city... ⁶if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation...

Lord the standard of Your kingdom for leadership requires that men have godly characters and that they are faithful to one wife within a marriage covenant, managing their own houses well (*1 Tim.3:12*). We confess Lord, that this standard is often not even met within Your church. Forgive our leaders for immoral ways by often not marrying and at other times dishonouring their marriage vows and having sexual relations with many women. Deliver us from these evil ways.

Declarations and Praise

Pray: Ps.7:9,10 – ⁹Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish the just; for the righteous God tests the hearts and minds. ¹⁰My defense is of God, who saves the upright in heart.

Holy King, come and establish Your standard of sanctified leadership in our government, cleanse us from our sin and wash away our iniquities (*Ps.51:2*).

Heart Matters

Ps.139:23,24 - ²³Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; ²⁴and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Allow the Lord to search your heart and show you any anxieties or wicked ways that may stealthily be at work in your Christian walk. Your prayers today cannot be tainted by such influences. Be reminded that the Lord is ready to guide you powerfully in His ways that lead to eternal life. Allow the Holy Spirit to pray according to the Fathers will through you today and to release heavenly power so that the invisible attributes of Gods kingdom may soon manifest in our nation and the lives of our leaders.

Repentance

Ps.16:4 - ⁴Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after another god...

Father God, we confess and repent of the worship at mountains, hills, rivers, valleys, oceans and forests in our country. We repent of worshipping and performing rituals at stones and trees, calling upon the spirits of the earth and waters. We acknowledge that You are the only true God and that You are not worshipped in this way. Please forgive us and cleanse us with the blood of Jesus Christ, Your Son, who died in our place on the cross.

Ezek.8:12 - ¹²Then He said to me, "Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the room of his idols? For they say, 'The LORD does not see us, the LORD has forsaken the land.' "

Mark 4:22 - ²²"For there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light.

Lord many of us are unaware of the idolatrous practices and acts that our leaders perpetrate in secret and behind closed doors. Forgive our president, cabinet and ministers for submitting themselves and this nation to demonic contracts and influences. Mighty God, please dissolve every one of these connections and bring our national leadership to salvation in Jesus Christ.

Declarations and Praise

O Lord, Our God and King, may Your eyes be open and Your ears attentive to the prayers we bring in this place. Arise, O Lord God, and find a resting place on the throne of our nation. Clothe this nation with salvation and let the righteous rejoice in the goodness that You now bring (*2 Chron.6:40-42*). All men in this land will bow before Your Majesty, You are worthy of our complete dedication. Make us and our leaders a holy nation; a people belonging to God (*1 Pet.2:9*).

Heart Matters

Ps 78:8 - ⁸And ... be not like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation ... that did not set its heart aright, and whose spirit was not faithful to God.

We cannot effectively pray according to God's will if we do not submit to His will. Search your heart and repent of stubbornness and rebellion against God's ways. Ask God's forgiveness for your lack of faithfulness even in praying for the leaders of this nation in the past. Be determined to have a receptive heart before moving into a position of intercession.

Repentance

God of the Covenant, we confess that we are guilty of breaking covenants with one another. In the history of our country we and our leaders have entered into agreements with one another but then broke those agreements through deceptions and lies and sometimes even bloodshed.

We ask for the blood of Jesus to cancel the curse on the land because of these broken covenants. Please stop the resulting cycle of hatred, revenge and bitterness. Move our leaders to walk with integrity and to fulfil their promises. Bring healing and reconciliation between communities and restore the gift of reconciliation so that we may accept and bless one another and other nations.

Ezek.22:27,29 - ²⁷"Her princes in her midst are like wolves tearing the prey, to shed blood, to destroy people, and to get dishonest gain. ²⁹"The people of the land have used oppressions, committed robbery, and mistreated the poor and needy; and they wrongfully oppress the stranger.

Lord we sincerely confess the culture of dishonesty and avarice in our government and society. Lord so many have been oppressed and deprived of life because of dishonest gain and the enriching of self. Come and destroy the roots that feed and sustain these injustices. Cleanse us and help us and our leaders to turn from wickedness to self-sacrifice for the benefit of many.

Declarations and Praise

Pray from the following verses for the divine removal of all forms of theft and dishonesty in government and other influential structures of society.

*Zech.5:1,3,4 - ¹Then I turned and raised my eyes, and saw there a flying scroll..."
³Then he said to me, "This is the curse that goes out over the face of the whole earth: 'Every thief shall be expelled,' according to this side of the scroll; and, 'Every perjurer shall be expelled,' according to that side of it."
⁴"I will send out the curse," says the LORD of hosts; "It shall enter the house of the thief and the house of the one who swears falsely by My name. It shall remain in the midst of his house and consume it, with its timber and stones."*

Heart Matters

Gal.5:13 - ¹³For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Acknowledge before God that you have too often used the freedom that is found in Christ as a platform to live a carnal life. Endeavour today not to pray in a fleshly manner, but to give yourself in service for the benefit of others and not for your own gain. See your intercession as service to the King of kings to see His name magnified in this nation.

Repentance

Lord, we confess the bloodshed of innocent people because of accidents on the roads through reckless driving, drunkenness, not abiding by the law and other reasons. Even government leaders, law enforcement and public officials have cause the suffering and death of innocent members of the public, by not taking responsibility and performing their duties adequately. Please remove the guilt of bloodshed from our land.

*Is.59:1,2,3,7,8 - ¹Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save...
²But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear. ³For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity... ⁷Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood; their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths. ⁸The way of peace they have not known...*

Lord, so many of our leaders and rulers have walked in ways that led to the shedding of blood, violence and the destruction of innocent lives. Forgive our leaders for abusing their power for the destruction of opponents and political enemies. So many of our government leaders participated in the violent armed struggle; they have blood on their hands, and have justified their acts of violence instead of repenting for disobeying Your commandments. Lord, cleanse our leaders from these iniquities and remove from us people in authority who lead others in paths of destruction and revolution. Give us men and women that love and pursue peace with all men.

Declarations and Praise

O Lord, make haste to help us in this nation, deliver us! Let those that seek to destroy the lives of the righteous in South Africa be brought to mutual confusion and shame. Drive them back Lord, and bring the wicked to dishonour. Do not withhold Your tender mercies from our nation, but may all those who seek You in this nation rejoice and be glad in You for the salvation that you bring. Lord, You are our Deliverer and Saviour. Be magnified in and through our government, in Jesus' Name (*Ps.40:11-15*)!

Heart Matters

Ps.37:4 - ⁴Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. ⁵Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass. ⁶He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

Before you focus on the prayer needs of our nation, turn you heart to God and find delight in His goodness and majesty. Decide to pray today from this awareness of Him. He will fulfill His Word concerning you and this nation (*Jer. 1:12*). He is ready to answer you and bring forth righteousness and light where it is lacking. Hallelujah!

Repentance

Father, we confess that we have allowed our minds and thoughts to become contaminated by the pornographic material available in the shops and displayed in the media through books, videos, movies, the internet and live entertainment. We acknowledge that due to these practises we are guilty of adultery and fornication. We ask forgiveness for this sin. Please cleanse our minds, thoughts and emotions and make our thoughts obedient to Your Word. We pray for a conviction of Your Holy Spirit in the hearts of our leaders that will cause all pornography to be removed from our societies and for people caught in this addiction to be set free from this bondage in Jesus' Name.

Prov.13:12 - ¹²There is a generation that is pure in its own eyes, yet is not washed from its filthiness. ¹³There is a generation - oh, how lofty are their eyes! And their eyelids are lifted up.

Lord, save us from the perverted plans of the evil one to introduce pornographic television channels into our country. Destroy their schemes and save our families from people with such evil intentions. Father, expose and refute the lies that cause many to experiment with pornography. Sanctify us and our leaders!

Declarations and Praise

Heavenly Father, cause our leaders to hunger for You, so that they will know that man cannot live by bread alone, but that man lives by every Word that comes from Your mouth. Chastened us and our leaders so that we will walk in Your ways and fear You (*Deut.8:3-6*). Teach our leaders Your ways, so that they will walk in Your truth. Give them an undivided heart so that they may fear Your Name (*Ps.86:11*). Help them to depart from evil and to do good, to seek peace and pursue it and to keep their lips from speaking deceit (*Ps.34:13-14*). Today we, as South Africans, choose for ourselves that we will fear the Lord and serve You only, in sincerity and in truth (*Josh.24:14-15*). May our government and its leaders also be moved to make this divine decision.

Heart Matters

1 Chron.29:17 - ¹⁷"I know also, my God, that You test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered...

Ps.26:2,3 - ²Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my mind and my heart. ³For Your loving-kindness is before my eyes, and I have walked in Your truth.

Allow God to test your heart as you prepare to enter into His presence for the purpose of intercession. Ask God to cleanse your mind and heart so that you will pray confirming His loving-kindness. Declare your willingness to offer righteous prayers to God rooted in His truth.

Repentance

Deut.4:19 - ¹⁹"And take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, you feel driven to worship them and serve them...

Lord God who made the heavens, the sun, moon, stars and planets, we bow before You as the only true God. We confess and repent of the worship of the sun, moon, stars and planets in our nation. We repent of using these bodies created by you to predict our future and control our lives (through astrology and horoscopes). Please forgive us and set us free from these practices and influences that we have allowed. In the Name of Jesus we cancel all the predictions over our lives, the lives of our children and the generations to come. Holy Spirit bring a conviction of sin, righteousness and judgment in our land.

Ezek. 12:2 - ²"Son of man, you dwell in the midst of a rebellious house, which has eyes to see but does not see, and ears to hear but does not hear; for they are a rebellious house.

Lord, You are clear that rebellion can be equated to the sin of witchcraft – it is idolatry. We confess that we and our leaders have been stubborn and rebellious against Your truth; having grown up with the Word, yet willfully acting contrary to it. We repent and ask that you will work in us to obey and follow Your laws.

Declarations and Praise

Eternal Father, You have given Your Son all authority in heaven and on earth, that at the Name of Jesus Christ, every knee should bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord (*Matt.28:18; Phil.2:10, 11*). We declare today that every national and traditional leader in South Africa will bow their knees before Jesus Christ and confess that He is Lord. May this become a reality soon in all sectors of our communities, in Jesus Name!

Heart Matters

Prov.3:5,6,7 - ⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. ⁷Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and depart from evil.

Choose today not to pray from your own understanding or to do things your own way. Recognize that only God can use and guide you through your prayers to establish His rule and will. Allow yourself to be still and receive His directions for your prayer time.

Repentance

Father, as South Africans, we confess to the inequitable laws of our own and previous generations. We confess and repent of the laws that caused people to be robbed of their basic rights. We confess and repent of the laws that were, and still are, biased towards certain racial groups and caused discrimination and hatred amongst ethnic groups. We confess and repent of laws that dehumanised and humiliated people. We confess and repent of laws that caused people to be estranged from their land and property. We confess and repent of laws that treated strangers in our country unjustly. We confess and repent of anti-Semitic policies of the past and present. We confess and repent of laws that are directly in opposition to Your Word (such as legalising abortion, legalising gambling, lottery and legalising same-sex marriages). We confess and repent of unjust laws that caused innocent blood to be shed. We confess and repent of the tribal laws which are in direct opposition to Your Word. We confess and repent of laws that betrayed the trust people had in You.

Is 5:20 - ²⁰Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Lord how far have our leaders, judges and politicians moved away from the truth? We acknowledge that we love the very things that you hate and that we justify the things You call abominations as being honourable, proper and lawful. Jesus, save us from these profound deceptions and heal us from this blindness.

Declarations and Praise

Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we ascribe greatness to You. You are the Rock; Your work is perfect; all Your ways are just. You are a God of truth and justice (*Deut.32:3,4*). Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before You (*Ps.89:14*). You defend the case of the fatherless and the widow; You love the alien and give him food and clothing (*Deut.10:18*). You have shown us what is good, and required of us, to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God (*Mic.6:8*).

Heart Matters

Is.41:13,14 - ¹³For I, the LORD your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.' ¹⁴"Fear not, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel! I will help you," says the LORD and your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

We dare not pray today from a position of fear as it is the opposite of the stance of faith that God requires us to have when we come to Him. Receive God's encouragement that He will help us and redeem us. Banish fear and receive the power, love and sound mind that the Holy Spirit bestows (*2 Tim. 1:7*).

Repentance

Lord, our land is filled with crimes of bloodshed, our towns and cities are full of violence and iniquity. Previous generations and we have treated life with little respect (*Ezek.7:23; Hab.2:12*). Because of the bloodshed the ground is cursed and does not yield its strength when we cultivate it; the heavens have become like bronze and the earth like iron (*Gen.4:12; Deut.28:23; Ps.107:34*). You hate hands that shed innocent blood, and do not answer the prayer of those who have blood on their hands (*Prov.6:17; Is.1:15; Is.59:2*). Scripture teaches us that the blood of victims cries to You for revenge (*Gen.4:10; Lev.17:11*).

We pray that You, in Your mercy, will break this cycle of bloodshed in our land through the power of the blood of Jesus. Thoroughly purge and cleanse us from the sin of bloodshed by the sacrifice of the only Saviour Jesus Christ.

Is.13:18 - ¹⁸Also their bows will dash the young men to pieces, and they will have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye will not spare children.

Lord, because of our own and our leaders' wickedness the young generation is being destroyed through violence, gangsterism and crime. Even the unborn generation is not spared as people destroy the fruit of the womb aided by governmental hospitals and policies. What abominations we have committed by shedding blood, paying for it with state funds and doing it in the name of human rights and freedom of choice. O Lord we are covered in shame because we have sinned against You (*Dan. 9:8*)! Deliver and free us from this iniquity!

Declarations and Praise

Lord, we pray that our community and country will hear Your voice, even though some people rage against you (*Ps.46:6*). Let those who do not know You nor care to obey You, see Your power and bow before You (*Ex.5:2*). Give us (Your children) and our rulers Your words so that we will become Your voice speaking to governments and leaders to help them to walk in Your ways (*Mark 3:11*). Help us to draw near to You to receive the messages You want to give the world through Your Church. Embolden Your Church to fulfil her Godly mandate!

Heart Matters

Prov.24:17,18 - ¹⁷Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles; ¹⁸Lest the LORD see it, and it displease Him, and He turn away His wrath from him.

We do not understand God's heart and love if we rejoice in the destruction and fall of other people – even wicked individuals. Ask God to fill you with His love so that you will send forth prayers that are pleasing to Him and in accordance with His heart's desire.

Repentance

Father God, we confess before You the many satanic and sexual rituals performed by occult groups and pagan religions. We confess that many of our cultural feasts promote sexual immorality through sex orgies, sex parties and the ritual sex of fertility rites. We ask for forgiveness for these practises that defiled the land and pray that You will convict those who are caught up in these practises. We pray that You will set people in South Africa free from bondages to satanic and occult forces, as well as from religious spirits from the many diverse cultural traditions.

Hos.4:12 - ¹²My people ask counsel from their wooden idols, and their staff informs them. For the spirit of harlotry has caused them to stray, and they have played the harlot against their God.

Lord how quickly and easily have our leaders and government strayed from You! You delivered our nation from decades of injustice and oppression and yet our leaders soon turned to other spirits and false religions. We ask Your forgiveness that we acted just like Israel did. After You saved us with Your outstretched hand and miracles, we too turned to foreign gods and demonic spirits. Lord, pardon our spiritual adultery and bring us back to serving You only.

Declarations and Praise

Lord God, to fear You is the beginning of wisdom (*Ps.111:10*). We ask You to give us and our leaders, wisdom (*Jam.1:5*) and to teach us to fear You. Your eyes, Lord, are on those who fear You, and on those who hope in Your mercy to deliver their souls from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Our souls wait on You, for You are our help and shield (*Ps.33:18-22*). Lord You encamp around those who fear You and deliver them. Let us and our leaders taste Your goodness, for You call those who trust in You, blessed (*Ps.34:7-10*)! May Your Spirit of Wisdom and the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord, mightily work in our nation and its leaders (*Is.11:2*). May the people and leaders in our communities and country not despise Your wisdom and may they choose You. Hear us Lord, that this people will know that You are the Lord God (*1 Kin.18:37*) and repent.

Heart Matters

Mark 12:33 - ³³“And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

Commune with your beloved before your move into a time of intercession. Declare your love for Him, recognize that no prayer offering weighs as much as adoring Him in sincerity and full surrender. Let your love for Him and His love for others be the wellspring of your intercession today. Only He has the ability to deliver from the dominion of darkness and to bring others into the kingdom of the Son of His love (*Col. 1:13*).

Repentance

Is. 5:21 - ²¹“Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight.”

Jer. 7:24 - ²⁴“But they did not listen or pay attention; instead, they followed the stubborn inclinations of their evil hearts. They went backward and not forward.”

Jer. 17:5 - ⁵... “Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the LORD.”

Father, we confess and repent that in South Africa we have looked away from You and trusted in people and men to save us. We were wise in our own eyes and elevated men and their worldly abilities to a place of honour and trust. We acknowledge this sin today. Please forgive us and our leaders for allowing the philosophies of man (humanism, democracy, evolution, communism, etc.) to rule our hearts instead of You and Your truths.

Declarations and Praise

Almighty God, we pray for deliverance from demonic oppression. We pray for the destruction of every evil foundation that uphold the throne of our nation. We pray for the tearing down of wicked strongholds and ideologies that hinder the spreading of the knowledge of God (*2 Cor. 10:5*). We resist the plan of Satan to keep our nation in darkness through our leaders. We pray that You will remove the veil covering peoples and our leaders, keeping them in darkness (*Acts 26:17-18*). Your Word declared that nothing, not even principalities and powers, are able to separate us from Your love (*Rom. 8:38-39*). We ask for open doors so that the gospel may be accessible to every ethnic group (*Rev. 3:8*). Restrain the evil that promotes violence and death. Break the hold of slavery and tyranny. Fill us with Your Spirit to fearlessly and faithfully preach Your Word to this nation (*Acts 1:8*). Pour out Your Spirit of prayer and supplication on our nation so that many will cry out to You on behalf of this country (*Zec. 12:10*).

Heart Matters

Prov.29:25,26 - ²⁵The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe. ²⁶Many seek the ruler's favor, but justice for man comes from the LORD.

Remind yourself today that God is the source of what is needed in our nation and its leadership. Confess all your fears and express your confidence in God to move, to bring justice and to change even things that seem too big in your eyes.

Repentance

Ps.94:3,4,5,6 - ³LORD, how long will the wicked... triumph? ⁴They utter speech, and speak insolent things; all the workers of iniquity boast in themselves. ⁵They break in pieces Your people, O LORD, and afflict Your heritage. ⁶They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless.

Father, we come before You to confess the many injustices in our society. We confess and repent of the lawlessness of our society and our leaders. We confess and repent of the many ways in which our country's laws are broken through carelessness, recklessness, irresponsibility and disregard. We confess and repent of the neglect of certain sectors of society, especially the elderly and children. We confess and repent of the apathy towards the poor and sick. We confess and repent that we and our leaders often seek our own comfort rather than carrying the burden of those around us. We ask that You will restore us and our leaders' "eyesight" to see what You see in our society, to feel with Your heart and to help with Your help. Help us and our leaders to take responsibility for those in need according to Your Word.

Declarations and Praise

Lord, You change times and seasons; You set up kings and deposes them (*Dan.2:20-22*). With prayers, intercession and thanksgiving we come before Your throne for rulers, our government, and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness; for this is good, and pleases You, God our Saviour, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth (*1 Tim.2:1-4*). Our rulers' hearts are in Your hand, Lord; direct it like a watercourse wherever You please (*Prov.21:1*). Remove the wicked councillors from the presence of our government leaders, the president, ministers and other officials, and establish our government through righteousness and truth (*Prov.25:5*). Take greed from their hearts and protect them from taking bribes (*Prov.29:4*). May our government deal honestly and with fairness towards the poor (*Prov.29:14*).

Lord, through the greatness of Your power Your enemies in South Africa shall submit to You!

Heart Matters

Mat. 7:1,2 - ¹“Judge not, that you be not judged. ²“For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.

Let us not be hypocrites that judge others harshly while being guilty of the same sin. Choose today not to come with a judgemental attitude as you pray for the government. James declares that mercy triumphs over judgment (*Jam.2:13*). Let it therefore be your aim to show mercy. Remember that the judgement of God begins with the house of God (*1 Pet.4:17*) and that we will be measured by the measure we use.

Repentance

*Is.28:1,2,3 - ¹Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower... to those who are overcome with wine!
²Behold, the Lord... will bring them down to the earth... ³The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, will be trampled underfoot.*

Is.5:22 - ²²Woe to men mighty at drinking wine, woe to men valiant for mixing intoxicating drink.

Father we acknowledge the pride of many of our leaders and politicians. Your Word declares that shame, strife, destruction, dishonour and ruin comes because of haughtiness (*Prov.11:2; Prov.13:10; Is.23:9*). Deliver us from such pride. We also ask You to cleanse us and our leaders from alcoholism and substance abuse. We acknowledge that many of our communities are in dire need because of alcohol and drugs and we ask Your forgiveness and deliverance so that our leaders and communities will know freedom in Jesus Christ.

Declarations and Praise

Messiah, we pray that our leaders who are far away and dead in their trespasses and sins, will now be brought near to Your throne by the blood of Christ (*Eph.2:5;13*). It is through the blood of Christ that they are justified and reconciled to You, our heavenly Father (*Rom.5:9; Col.1:20*). It is Your blood that is able to cleanse their consciences from acts that lead to death to serve the living God (*Heb.9:14*). You love our leaders and you are ready to free them from their sins by Your blood so that they will be pure (*Rev.1:5; 1 Joh.1:7*) and sanctified in the Spirit with Your blood (*Heb.13:12; 1 Pet.1:2*). It is through Your blood that we and our leader are able to overcome Satan (*Rev.12:11*).

Lord, bring our people and leaders out of the horrible pit of bondage. Set their feet upon a rock and put a new song in their mouths (*Ps.40:2*).

Heart Matters

Mat.5:7,8,9 - ⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. ⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

If we are honest as believers we must acknowledge that we rarely desire mercy to be extended to others. Our deceitful hearts often contain such desperate wickedness (*Jer. 17:9*). Scripture clearly shows us that the mouth speaks out of the overflow of the heart (*Mat. 12:34*). Ask God to cleanse your heart today so that you do not bring forth evil from the evil stored in of your heart (*Mat. 12:35*). The words we use in prayer dare not be idle (ineffectual and non-operative) words. But we should pray in accordance with God's heart so that we can release heaven's power for our earthly dilemmas.

Repentance

1 Joh.2:16 - ¹⁶For all that is in the world - the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life - is not of the Father but is of the world.

Righteous One, we acknowledge and confess that the lust of the flesh (immoral behaviour), the lust of the eyes (greed and materialism) and the pride of life (prestige and the honour of man) permeates our communities. Our leaders pursue these things fervently and our society validates such behavior as being necessary to be successful. We repent that we and our leaders pursue these worldly goals and thereby bring much damage to our nation. Help us to once more seek your will, truths and values that will establish and bless our nation in the long run. We plead this in Jesus' Name.

Deut.28:58,59 - ⁵⁸"If you do not carefully observe all the words of this law... ⁵⁹"then the LORD will bring upon you and your descendants extraordinary plagues... and serious and prolonged sicknesses...

Lord we acknowledge that the scourge of HIV and Aids in our country is a direct result of sexual promiscuity. Forgive our people and its leaders for being unwilling to address the true issues and putting so many lives at risk with their humanistic message to use condoms and so-called "safe sex". Save us from these deceptions and re-establish Your message of consecration and holiness.

Declarations and Praise

We approach your throne of grace with confidence, so that we may be heard and receive mercy and find grace to help us in this time of need (*Heb.4:16; Ps.28:2*). Heavenly Father, do not withhold Your tender mercy from our nation, O Lord; let Your loving kindness and Your truth continually protect us and our leaders (*Ps.40:11*). Make Your Name and Your power known in this nation!

Heart Matters

1 Tim.1:5 - ⁵Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith, ⁶from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk, ⁷... understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm.

God's clear command to us, as His children, is to love God and our fellow men. Determine in your heart to pray today from a pure heart filled with love. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring cleansing to your soul so that you can pray from a good conscience and sincere faith. Repent of all idle talk and ask God to bring you divine understanding of His will and His plans for this nation and its leaders.

Repentance

Hab.1:14,15,16,17 - ¹⁴Why do You make men like fish of the sea...? ¹⁵...they catch them in their net, and gather them in their dragnet. Therefore they rejoice and are glad. ¹⁶Therefore they sacrifice to their net, and burn incense to their dragnet; because by them their share is sumptuous and their food plentiful. ¹⁷Shall they therefore empty their net, and continue to slay nations without pity?

Is.8:19 - ¹⁹When men tell you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living?

Father, we stand before Your throne today to plead before the Living God. For too long have we and our leaders allowed the mutterings and evil counsel of spirits to deceive us. We want to turn away from these lies and idolatrous practices. Father, come and destroy every demonic network that blind our people and cause them to be caught up in the kingdom of darkness. Please be gracious to us as we turn to You to plead for Your redemption (*Rom.8:19-23*) and for the healing of our leaders and our land (*2 Chron.7:13-15*). Reveal to us Your desire for this country and its people. We want to follow Your ways and Your precepts. Remove from us the curse of idolatry. Return to us and reveal Your Presence to us so that the world will know that there is a God in South Africa.

Declarations and Praise

May the works of the devil be destroyed in our national structures, because for this purpose Jesus came and died (*1 Joh.3:8*). Deliver our nation from the powers of darkness (*Col.1:13-14*). According to Your Word, may the eyes of the unbelieving leaders in our community be opened, so that they will turn from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they too might receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in You (*Luke 9:1-2; Matt.28:18-19; Acts 26:17-18*).

Heart Matters

Prov.4:23,24 – ²³Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life. ²⁴Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and put perverse lips far from you.

Be diligent as you prepare to move into prayer for South Africa. Search your heart and ask God to cleanse you from everything that would contaminate the life-giving words flowing from your heart in accordance with God's will. Consecrate your mouth and lips to Him as instruments of life and divine authority that will not allow deceit or insincerity to go forth from it. Choose today to show yourself approved as you exercise your prayer responsibility in the fear of God.

Repentance

Lord Most High, our Mediator of the new covenant, we confess that South Africa and its leaders are guilty of violating treaties entered into with one another and other peoples. It has often in the past resulted in bloodshed, as happened in the time of Saul. Please forgive us and our leaders for not keeping our word. Cleanse us from the results of these sins, the years of pain because of revenge, bitterness, hatred and spiritual famine in our country. We need Your cleansing and ask that You would remove this guilt from us through the blood of Jesus. Please help us to reconcile ourselves to those who offended us and to bring restitution, where necessary.

Ezek. 16:49 - ⁴⁹"Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy."

Father, we confess that we and many of our leaders have become unconcerned with the plight of the poor and needy, because many of us are arrogant, complacent and live in luxury. Please forgive us for turning a blind eye to the needs around us. Give us Your heart for the poor and needy so that we will reach out to help. Empower our government with heavenly wisdom as to how they need to approach this challenge, in Jesus Name.

Declarations and Praise

Lord, You reign over all the earth (*Ps.97:1*), but you have given the earth to mankind as a dwelling place to rule over (*Ps.115:16; Gen.1:26*). You are aware of everything that happens in our country (*Ps.33:13*), keeping watch on the wicked and the righteous (*Prov.15:3*). No creature is hidden from Your sight, but all things are naked and open to Your eyes, and it is to You that we and our leaders must give account (*Heb.4:13*). Who is like you, O Lord? You rescue the poor from those too strong for them and those who rob them (*Ps.35:10*). Defend the cause of the weak and the fatherless in this country; maintain the rights of the poor (*Ps.82:3*).

Heart Matters

1 Joh.2:27 - ²⁷But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true... and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

Choose today to be totally dependent in the Holy Spirit. He alone can lead you and teach you what you ought to do as you move into prayer for our leaders. Let us not trust in our human abilities and experience. Let us intercede from the place of abiding in Him. Repent of frequently quelling the Spirit and being hasty without making time for God's anointed direction.

Repentance

Ps.2:1,2,3 - ¹Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? ²The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, ³“Let us break their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us.”

Ps.14:2,3 - ²The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God. ³They have all turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is none who does good.

Lord our nation's leaders have often set themselves against Your rule and Your anointed, choosing to depend on other nations, as Israel did when they turned to Egypt or Assyria for help (*Is.36:6*). Forgive our nation for opposing Your kingdom and being more interested in pleasing man than God. Work in the hearts of our leaders to seek You and trust in Your ability, in Jesus' Name.

Declarations and Praise

Jesus said that He is the Good Shepherd, and that all His sheep will know His voice (*Joh.10:3-5;14-16*). Help our leaders to discern the truth from the lie and to really know Your voice (*Joh.18:37*) and when they hear Your voice, help them to not harden their hearts and rebel against You.

Let all the people fear the Lord, O Holy Spirit bring all the inhabitants of our country to stand in awe of You (*Ps.33:8*). Lord, bless our nation and cause Your face to shine upon us and give us peace (*Num.6:23*). We ask this for our president, his cabinet and their advisors, the ministers and all their personnel, community leaders and government officials. Come O nation and exalt the Lord for He is holy (*Ps 99:5*).

Thank You, Lord that You hear us and attend to our voices in prayer. You O Lord will not turn away our prayers or Your mercy from our land (Ps.66:19,20).

Heart Matters

Prov.17:20 - ²⁰ He who has a deceitful heart finds no good, and he who has a perverse tongue falls into evil.

If our tainted hearts are not dealt with, we will be unable to see and find that which is good. He who does good, is from God (3 *Joh.1:11*) and if we cannot see good, we do not see God. Ask God to reveal the true condition of your heart to you so that you can repent of the deceit that causes you to be negative, instead of having positive expectations in prayer. Commit to be God's instrument today, bringing forth righteousness instead of evil.

Repentance

1 Cor.7:1,9 – ¹...It is good for a man not to touch a woman. ²Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. ⁹but if they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

Mal.2:14,15,16 – ¹⁴...the LORD has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, with whom you have dealt treacherously... ¹⁵Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth. ¹⁶“For the LORD God... hates divorce, for it covers one's garment with violence...

Father, You who had created mankind male and female, we confess before You this sin of immoral sexual practices in our community. So many people and even leaders live with a partner, but do not marry and so many that marry do not honour their covenant with their spouse but run after other women and men to fulfil their sexual appetites. You have never ordained or excused such a life style. We are ashamed of how our nation and leaders have rejected Your principles. Please forgive us for allowing these things to happen in our country. We pray that You would convict people of sin, righteousness and judgment, and cleanse our land from the curse of sexual perversion.

Declarations and Praise

O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, give our leaders blameless hearts to keep Your commandments, requirements and decrees so that they will be willing to do all that is necessary to build Your kingdom (1 *Chron.29:19*). Rouse them to ask You for wisdom and knowledge (2 *Chron.2:12*) that they may rule and judge the people of South Africa fairly and justly and lead this nation into Your kingdom. Lord, let the kingdom of our nation now become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ. Come Lord Jesus and reign forever over this nation. May all who stand in authority fall on their faces before You and worship God (*Rev.11:15,16*). It will be said in this nation: the Lord reigns (*Ps.96:10*) and the people will say, come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord (*Is.2:3*).

