

## PRAY FOR SOUTH AFRICA



### Prayer Focus

Current unrest

Covid 19

Lawlessness

### Humility

- Read the Psalm aloud

### Psalm 51:11–18

*Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you. 14 Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. 15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. 16 You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. 18 In your good pleasure make Zion prosper; build up the walls of Jerusalem. (NIV84)*

- Confess your sins and the sins of our people.
- Repent
- Pray for spiritual recovery
- Pray for emotional recovery
- Pray for physical recovery

### Worship

- Read the two Psalms aloud and spend about 5 minutes in a time of worship. Worship God for who He is and what He does and can do.

### **Psalm 145:1–3**

*I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. 2 Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. 3 Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. (NIV84)*

### **Psalm 145:8–14**

*The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. 9 The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made. 10 All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you. 11 They will tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, 12 so that all men may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. 14 The LORD upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. (NIV84)*

### **Intercession**

#### **Psalm 142:1–2**

*I cry aloud to the LORD; I lift up my voice to the LORD for mercy. 2 I pour out my complaint before him; before him I tell my trouble. (NIV84)*

- Tell God about the need in SA.
  - Pray for those affected by the riots, ask God to protect them, provide them with their daily bread.
  - Pray for the people affected by Covid. So many of us have lost family and friends to death.
  - Pray for those who have lost their jobs. Ask God that He will provide and that they will be able to work again.
  - Pray for those who are hostile to God and His people. Pray that while they are in stoking unrest that God will appear to them in a wonderful way.
  - Pray for unity among believers.
  - Pray for people to turn back to God.
- Read Psalm 143: 3-6 aloud and pray it back to God.

#### **Psalm 143:3–6**

*The enemy pursues me, he crushes me to the ground; he makes me dwell in darkness like those long dead. 4 So my spirit grows faint within me; my heart within me is dismayed. 5 I remember the days of long ago; I meditate on all your works and consider what your hands have done. 6 I spread out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. (NIV84)*

## **Close**

### **Psalm 91:1–2**

*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust. (NIV84)*

### **Psalm 145:18–21**

*The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. 19 He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. 20 The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. 21 My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever. (NIV84)*

- Take time to thank God for what He is already doing and will continue to do in SA.
- Place your full trust in God.

**Deo Gloria – To God all the honour!**