

PRAYER FOCUS FOR JULY 2021

LEADERSHIP

In this time of prayer today we will be focusing on leadership within Southside. We also will be spending the last 5 minutes of our time praying for a couple of situations in our province and in the world.

1. **Praise and thanks (3 mins)**. In preparing for this time of prayer, let your hearts sit in the familiar words of psalm 23. Sometimes the familiarity of some Scriptures cause us to read it quickly and then move on, but stop...slow down... read these words slowly and let them truly sink into your heart.

“The Lord is my shepherd..... I lack nothing.....
He makes me lie down in green pastures.....
He leads me beside quiet waters.....
He refreshes my soul.....
He guides me along the right paths
For His names sake....” (V1-3) (NIV)

(The Message)

“God, my Shepherd! I don’t need a thing.
You have bedded me down in lush meadows,
You find me quiet pools to drink from.
True to your word, you let me catch my breath
And send me in the right direction..”

Who do you really follow? Wait....Think about this for a moment. Does the way you live your daily life reflect other beliefs/ ideals/ philosophies/values that you are actually following rather than the Lord?

Spend some time thanking God that HE is your Shepherd, the one who leads and comforts, the One who guards and guides you, the one who knows your name! He is with you in the good times and the difficult times, and has promised to be your constant companion. Spend a moment confessing ways you have got caught up in following the ways of the world.

2. Praying for current Southside Leadership.(8 mins)

Elders: Cam, Craig, Marion, Joanne, Shelley.

Staff: Cam, Craig, Devon, Shelley, Beth, Natalie.

Mission Group Leaders: Marion, Debra, Craig, Lisa, Joanne, Nicole, Shelley.

Amplify Leaders: Natalie (overall leader). Rosa, Anna, Britton, Katie.

Kidzone and Edge leaders: Beth (overall), Robin, Amy, Wayne, Kamil, Linda, Janice, Pamela, Jim

Prayer points:

1. To keep their eyes fixed on God and to keep in step with the Spirit.
(2 chron 20:12 - we do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.”
2. That they will not rely on their own strength.
3. For wisdom in their leadership.
4. For purity and holiness in their lives and walk worthy of their calling.
5. For them to receive encouragement from others
6. For protection against discouragement and all spiritual attacks.
7. They will not grow weary in doing good
(Gal 6:9 - Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.)
8. For humility and gentleness
9. Pray the following Scripture over our leaders:

Colossians 1:9-14

“For this reason, since the day we heard about **(names)** we have not stopped praying for them. We continually ask God to fill **(them)** with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that **they** may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his

glorious might so that **they** may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified **them** to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued **them** from the dominion of darkness and brought **them** into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom **they** have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

2. Leadership needs (4 mins)

- a. 2 more elders
- b. Raising up of more Mission Group leaders and apprentices.
- c. More adult leadership in Amplify
- d. Leaders and teachers for kidZone and Edge

3. Praying for some current world issues.(4 mins)

a. South Africa

- The Covid situation is bad. Many dying. Slow in vaccinating
- Political unrest (violent protest, riot, looting, arson)
- Leadership - they need leaders to rise up and guide the country
- There's lots of corruption at high levels of government.
- Racial tensions

b. Canada - wildfires

- For firefighters and first responders - safety
- For protection of lives.
- For those who have lost homes and have had to flee.
- For Christians to step into action and help.
- For rain.

Spend a minute at the end of your time of prayer in silence, and listening to the Lord. Take note of what the Lord has spoken to you. What is God saying to us as a Church?
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