

# ARISE and BUILD!

16 April to 22 April 2017

**Encouragement:** *Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the Lord, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.*

Isaiah 55: 6

Let us join with all South African Christians, as we pray for our country - SOUTH AFRICA - in crisis:

- **Allow God to break up the fallow ground in our hearts:** *'Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord, till He comes and rains righteousness on you. You have ploughed wickedness; you have reaped iniquity. You have eaten the fruit of lies, because you trusted in your own way, in the multitude of your mighty men. (Hosea 10:12-13).*
- **Allow God, in the coming days, to give you a contrite (broken, humble) heart.** *For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite. For I will not contend forever, nor will I always be angry. (Isaiah 57:15-16).*
- **Ask the Holy Spirit to show you any form of un-forgiveness or bitterness in your heart. Confess what needs to be confessed and ask the Lord to deliver you from every root of bitterness.** *And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors... For if you forgive others their trespasses, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses (Matthew 6:12-15).*
- **Now, let us pray for:**
  - *everything that is not born of God to be revealed and destroyed;*
  - *the salvation of the unsaved,*
  - *a national spiritual revival,*
  - *our government/communities to be moved by the plight of the poor & needy,*
  - *an end to corruption and crime in government and business*
  - *an end to disregard of life (rape, murder, all forms of domestic violence),*
  - *an end of racism on all sides,*
  - *deliverance from any forms of depression, fear, anger, frustration and stress,*
  - *Let us resist the spirit of immorality.*

## SOME PRACTICAL GUIDELINES FOR THE 22 April 2017

Make every effort to go to Bloemfontein and join other believers to ask God to forgive us our sins, heal our land and for spiritual revival.

- Some suggestions for those that cannot be in Bloemfontein on 22 April:
- Invite other Christians to your home for a time of prayer. Try to do it between 12:00 and 14:00 - which is the time that the meeting in Bloemfontein will take place.
- Try to find Christians from different denominations, language and races to join for prayer.
- Ask your local church to organize a time of prayer (preferably between 12:00-14:00)
- If you are in a situation that you cannot join other believers in prayer physically, set aside a definite time of prayer & spiritually join others, around the country, in prayer.

## Remember the promise:

*... pray to the Lord for (the city) because if it prospers, you will prosper. Jeremiah 29: 7*

## 50 Days to Bless the Nation: 16 April - 4 June 2017:

Many thousands will start to pray for 50 days that God will bless our nation. As we finish the time of prayer in Bloemfontein, let us continue to persevere in prayer. All the information on how to participate and what to pray, during the 50 days is available in several languages at [www.ifsaprayers.co.za](http://www.ifsaprayers.co.za)