

ARISE and BUILD

20 December 2020 to 24 January 2021

Encouragement:

O Lord, my strength and my fortress, my refuge in the day of affliction. **Jeremiah 16: 19**

Spend time strengthening your relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ during this time of lockdown. Focus on Him! He is our Hope in the Day of Trouble. **Isaiah 26: 20**

Praise God! God hears and He answers prayer!

- A. **Praise and thank God for the many wonderful answers to prayer during 2020** e.g. the wonderful unity-of-purpose and unity-of-relationship that has developed among our church leaders and among our believers inter-denominationally; the call of many more believers to intercessory prayer for NMB; a fresh openness to the gospel in our community; the salvation and healing of many people; and the lovely rains that have fallen recently. Let us rejoice and be glad! **Psalms 118: 24**
- B. **Pray for:**
- The election of an Executive Mayor in NMB:
 - Wisdom and guidance for whoever is legally elected as the next NMB Mayor.
 - A stable coalition.
 - Stability and peace in our Local Government and for excellent Service Delivery to ensue.
 - Our broken city to be rebuilt, for God to guide and protect all its leaders, and for justice and good governance to reign. **Nehemiah 2: 17**
 - Economic growth, and greater investment in the city. **Isaiah 60: 10-11**
- C. A decrease in drug and alcohol abuse over this Festive Season and a decrease in **Women and Child abuse**.
- D. Children to be protected from the **Human Trafficking** Syndicates and for the leaders of these syndicates to be exposed, arrested and suitably sentenced.
- E. People to be very careful to keep all the **LOCKDOWN regulations** to avoid the spread of COVID-19. The Active COVID-19 cases have increased rapidly. At present (on 14 December) there are 16 287 active COVID cases in the Eastern Cape.
- Please prayer-walk the streets in your area** - claiming protection and healing for the residents from the corona virus! Remember: This is a spiritual battle.
- Here are some Scriptures that you can declare: Isaiah 54: 17; Isaiah 59: 19; Zechariah 4: 6; Romans 8: 37; 1 Corinthians 15: 57; 2 Corinthians 2: 14.
- F. Those that are fearful, depressed and suffering from 'corona fatigue'. **2 Timothy 1:7**
- G. Peace for the many **families** that have lost loved ones. **John 14: 16-18**
- H. Many people to come to **salvation & backsliders** to return to the Lord. **Hosea 14: 4**
- I. All NMB **Christian Media** to prosper and for all secular media to report accurately without bias. **Micah 6:8**
- J. Our Farmers, Traffic Officers, members of SA Police Services, Correctional Services, Defence Force, Security Guards, Paramedics, and Medical Staff: for them to see their careers as a calling, to walk in integrity and wisdom, and for God to protect them from all danger and harm, including COVID-19, especially over the Festive Season. **Ps.91**

Remember

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