

ARISE and BUILD

16 January to 22 January 2022

Encouragement: ...forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 3: 13-14**

- 1. Let us continue to pray for the Nelson Mandela Bay Local Council** to work together in harmony for the good of the Metro; for God's blessing on our **Executive Mayor, the Mayoral Committee, and all the Ward Councillors (Pr. 10: 22)**; the Lord to grant our Executive Mayor and the councillors: wisdom, knowledge, understanding and discernment to be able to direct the healthy growth of the NMB Metro and maintain peace in the area. Pray for the Father to reveal **strategies and innovative ideas** to our Executive the Mayor and the NMB Councillors to stabilize and strengthen NMB, and to attract investment and motivate economic advancement in NMB. **(1 Tim. 2: 1-5; Isaiah 60: 10-11; 61: 7)**

2. THE CHURCH

Pray for: God to grant the NMB Church Leaders great wisdom, discernment, knowledge and understanding during these unsettled times; pray for thousands of NMB people to have a deep encounter with God and to come to true Salvation during 2022; for backsliders to return to the Lord; pray for a greater unity-of-relationship and unity-of-purpose both interdenominationally and in every congregation - to enable the Church to minister to the lost, the hurting, the needy and unemployed in 2022. **(Ephesians 4: 3; 13)**
The Lord to continue to thrust out labourers into the Harvest field. **(Luke 10:2)**

3. EDUCATION

Pray for: all the Educators, Students and Learners returning to their places of learning: that they return with new vigour and enthusiasm; for parents to be able to supply school clothing etc.; for a high standard of education to be reached in all grades in the E Cape Schools; for an uninterrupted school year.

4. THE ECONOMY

Pray for: the NMB economic situation to improve; for the Lord to give strategies and creative ideas to business owners; for entrepreneurs to arise and create work for others; for workplace ministries to develop successfully in all sectors.

5. RAIN:

Thank the Lord for the lovely rains that we have experienced recently, and pray for more rain in our catchment areas; for our dams to be filled; and our NMB residents to be aware of the great need and to conscientiously save water.

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