

ARISE and BUILD

8 December 2024 to 18 January 2025

Encouragement: “Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth...”

[Isaiah 43: 19]

Let us pray for these things for this year’s Christmas/New Year Holiday Season:

[Hebrews 13: 2, Psalm 91]

A. NMB to uphold our reputation of being the ‘Friendly City’ – as we welcome our holiday guests; for us to host many local holiday-makers and foreign tourists to the Bay this summer season; our tourism to maintain its position of being is our second biggest income generator for our city and to continue to employ 1000’s of people; our tourism industry to expand this season, and not fail! Pray for our holiday accommodation and sites to be in pristine condition to welcome our guests; for safe travelling on our roads to and from the Bay; and for crime-free, safe beaches! Swimmers to be careful and obedient to the rules of the beaches, and protected from all types of accident or bad incident while swimming.

B. A huge reduction in crime throughout the Bay this season; protection, wisdom, knowledge, discernment and strategy for our police as they guard the security of the whole Bay.

C. Church Services and Events to be well-attended by locals and visitors to our city during this Christmas-New Year Season; for the whole Church to really celebrate **that God Himself visited the earth** that He had created on a mission to seek and save those that were lost; that many will come to salvation this Christmas period as the Gospel is clearly preached. Pray also for good media coverage and for an increase in listenership to our Christian radio stations and an increased readership of all our Christian written media. [Luke 19: 10, John 1: 1 – 4, 11, 12, 14]

D. The Restoration of Nelson Mandela Bay:

[Nehemiah 2: 17, Zechariah 2: 5]

For NMB to become a clean, well-kept area, functioning well in every sector of society.

E. Families:

[Ps. 133, Ephesians 5: 1 and 21- Ephesians 6:4]

a. Unity in families.

b. The healing of broken relationships.

c. Christian families to be good examples of family life.

d. Family members to walk in love and forgiveness.

e. Single parents as they struggle to cope with financial, work, and time pressures as well as social obligations over this period in particular.

f. People to budget and to spend their money wisely, taking into account the financial obligations facing them at the beginning of the new year – 2025.

g. Children to realize that it is to their advantage to obey godly and upright parents.

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