

ARISE and BUILD

2 to 8 August 2026

Encouragement: *The just shall live by faith.*

[Romans 1:17]

A. NELSON MANDELA BAY - Local Elections:

Pray for the local elections to be free and fair, for every citizen to be responsible to vote, those who feel that their vote is not important to realise that their vote in this election is extremely important; for people not to vote according to tradition or persuasion, but to think carefully about their vote and to vote for the one whom they believe is the best mayoral candidate, and for the party that stands for what the voter really believes.

B. FAMILIES:

Peace and harmony in families - for reconciliation after longstanding feuds, for home to be a place of safety, relaxation and peace after long days of schooling, training and work; for misunderstandings, hatred, anger and violence to end, and for mental, physical and sexual abuse to be uncovered, processed and firmly dealt with by family, friends and, if necessary, by professional counselling. Pray especially for single parents and child-headed homes to receive help from their congregations and their communities. Pray for all our marriages and families to be strengthened as they look to the Lord for help, as spiritually, emotionally and mentally-strong family units are an excellent and important foundation for any nation.

C. TOURISM:

Eastern Cape Tourism to gain ground, for cleaner, upgraded tourist sights and venues to receive visitors - from all around SA and tourists from overseas, and for our visitors and tourists to be received with remarkable and well-managed South African hospitality!

D. ECONOMY:

It is estimated that 2 million families go hungry in South Africa. Many of those families live in NMB. Pray for God to intervene in this very sad situation, to stir up believers to alleviate the hunger among our people, Christians to rise up in response to this understanding and to find ways and means to minister to these very needy people. Praise the Lord for those who are running soup kitchens and who are making a difference. Pray for congregations to unite interdenominationally and to support one another in this huge task. More industry to move into NMB, the Lord to raise up entrepreneurs to provide work for the unemployed, for the unemployed not to give up but to continue to seek for work, and for more financially accessible skills-training for the unemployable. Highly qualified and experienced people, capable of filling the posts of Executive Directors, to fill the vacant posts in the Directorates in our NMB Municipality.

E. THE CHURCH:

[Matt. 16:18-19, Luke 10:2 and 19, 1 John 4:20, 21, Psalm 133]

The protection of all Christians, the Church and the rights of the Church. The growth of the Church: that many more people from throughout the Bay will come to salvation and be discipled in 2026. A greater unity of relationship and purpose in our congregations, denominations and interdenominational fellowships, as we work together to win the lost for Christ. The restoration, renewal, reformation, transformation and revival of Christians and the Church in the Bay.

[Joel 2:28-29, Habakkuk 3:1-4, Zechariah 2:5]

Christians to love and serve the Lord with all their hearts, to walk in love, faith and truth, and to eschew evil.

[Proverbs 3:5-6, 1 John 3:3]

Remember the promise: "...pray to the Lord for the city because if it prospers, you will prosper."

[Jeremiah 29:7]