



THE BAPTIST UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

PRAYER GUIDE FOR 2023

Day 1 On the first day of the following months pray for:

January: Pray that our Assembly theme “Rebuild” will be evident in our national, regional, and local church witness and activities. Pray for the Students registering with our Theological Colleges for the new academic year.

February: The Africa Women’s Day of Prayer (2). Finance and Trust Funds Committee meetings at Baptist House (6). AABF Executive meeting in Kigali, Rwanda (19-24). The BU NLC meetings in East London (28 February – 2 March).

March: Women’s World Day of Prayer (3). ABK AGM (6-8). BECAM-NET Board Meeting (6-8).

April: The Easter ‘Missions offering’, that God will move the hearts of the churches/people to give. Various Easter Conferences in the country.

May: Ministry Board interviews (2-4). Trust Funds Committee meeting at Baptist House (15). The Finance Committee meeting at the Baptist House (16). The BWD Board Meetings (16-18) and ‘Reload’ Conference (18-21), at the Maranatha Campsite. Ascension Day Prayer Focus (18). BU Bible Challenge (26-28). Child Protection Week (29-31).

June: Child Protection Week (1-2). World Weekend of Prayer for Children at Risk (3-4). BU National Leadership Council meetings (20-22). International Day against Substance Abuse (29). Local Church Holiday Bible clubs.

July: Local Church Holiday Bible clubs. DOLM Board Meeting (20). World Against Human Trafficking (30).

August: Women’s Day rallies (9). BECAM-NET Board meeting (21-23). The BU “Rebuild” Week of Prayer (13-20). Bible Sunday (27). BU National Men’s Conference in Hartenbos (25 - 27). The Finance and Trust Funds Committee meetings.

September: Missions Sunday (10). BWD Week of Prayer (18-24). NLC meeting (28-30). BWD Board meeting (30 September – 1 October). Reformation Day (31).

October: BU Assembly (2-5). DOLM AGM. Pray for pastoral couples and for churches having Appreciation Services for their pastors. International Day for Disaster Reduction (13).

November: Baptist Women's World of Prayer (2). Orphans' Sunday (5). AABF General Council Meeting's 40 years Anniversary Celebration, at Goma Congo Democratic Republic (7-11). DOLM Board Meeting (14). CTBS Graduation Service (25).

December: World AIDS Day (1). BTC Graduation Service (2). BYSA Youth Summer Camp (14-18).

Day 2 Pray for the National Ministry Leader, Greg Matthei (Ursula) as he travels, visiting Churches and Regional Networks, preaching, encouraging, and challenging us on the theme "Rebuild" based on the book of Nehemiah. Pray for the National Leadership Council as they continue to guide and direct us into the new structure.

Day 3 Pray for the National Administrator, Colin Diesel (Liesl), as he manages the national office and directs the financial and administration affairs of the Union. Pray for the Financial Administration and office staff: Geni Göpper (Johann) and Mpho Masewawatla; the staff at Baptist House: Esther Sebopa; the Maintenance Staff: Isaac Ngema (Priscilla); Training Centre Admin/Hospitality Staff: George Ngamlana (Peggy) and Colleen Geyser.

Day 4 Pray for the Board of Governors led by Stephen Paddy (Marcelle); the Board of Trustees led by Dave Temple (Margaret) and the Board of Spiritual Advisors (Sibusiso Mkhwanazi, Deon Malan, Reuben Ihlenfeldt, Jonathan Holdt) as they fulfil their role in the new Baptist Union structure.

Day 5 Pray for the BECAM-NET Developer, Angelo Scheepers (Naomi), Chairman of the Missions Board, Darryl Soal (Marianne) and the Board as they spearhead the Missions/evangelistic thrust of the Union. Pray for George Ngamlana as he motivates missions and theological training in the rural areas. Pray for Errol Muller (Michelle) and Deeds of Love Ministries (DOLM) as they assist churches with practical/compassionate ministries. Pray for the appointment of a full-time BECAM-NET Director.

Day 6 Pray for the Border Baptist Network and the Executive Committee led by their Area Coordinator, Brian Tukuta (Fezeka). Pray for the pastors and church planters in the Network.

Day 7 Pray for the Cape Town Baptist Seminary Board, Foundation Trustees, Lecturing and Administrative Staff and Students of the CTBS; the Principal Godfrey Harold (Patricia); Full-time Lecturers: Ronnie Davis (Gail), Kennedy Mulenga (Elizabeth), Clayton Alexander (Lauren), Annelien Rabie-Boshoff.

Day 8 Pray for Colin Diesel as he takes on the role of the Ministry Board Coordinator for this year. Pray for the 2023 Ministry Board interviews and all the administration involved.

Day 9 Pray for the future of BYSA Youth Ministries and for local church Youth Pastors. Pray for Tembani Zani (Thembakazi) and Reuben Ihlenfeldt (Patricia), BU Bible Challenge Convenors, and the Committee. Pray for the Regional Network Youth Developers/Directors/Committees. Pray for Children's Pastors, Sunday School teachers/workers and local church ministry to children.

Day 10 Pray for the Baptist Women's Department: the President, Heather Sullivan (Andy), as she promotes her theme "Grace & Truth"; the Director, Patricia Ihlenfeldt(Reuben); Naomi Scheepers and the ministry to Pastors' Wives; Patricia Leripa (Michael) as she trains leaders; Patricia Ihlenfeldt (Reuben) May Shenton, Rona Austwick , Sheena Coetzee (Salwyn) as they develop the 'Hidden Treasure' ministry; Winnie Zinyoke (Hans) and the ministry to widows/pastoral families; Pray for Londi Jali as she organizes the LACE ministry. Pray for the Missions Co-ordinator, Marianne Soal (Darryl) and the Outreach Committee. Pray for the Regional Network BWD Presidents.

Day 11 Pray for the ministry of Bible Way, for Les Roos (Gerrit) and the team at Baptist House; for the volunteers involved at the satellite centres. Pray for the students, many of whom are prisoners. Pray for the exciting ministry in Mombasa, Kenya. Pray for the ministry of the Bible Society.

Day 12 Pray for the work and ministry of the Free State Baptist Network and the Chairman Shadrack Monageng (Anna), Vice Chairman Andries Nqontsa (Tshepiso) the Executive and Officers. Pray for the pastors and Church Planters in the Free State.

Day 13 Pray for the work of the Western Cape Baptist Network, for the Board and the Executive; for the Chairperson; Nathan Seale (Jackie), Vice Chairpersons Thembelani Maqhajana (Vathiswa), Benjamin Dreyer (Liesl) and Edwin Joshua (Johannah); Operations/Admin Director Darryl Petersen (Rebecca); the interim Ministry Facilitators in the Network, and the ministry representatives.

Day 14 Pray for the Board, Lecturing, Administrative/Office Staff and Students of the Baptist Theological College, Randburg; the Principal, Darryl Soal (Marianne); Lecturers: Gregory Pereira (Vercia); Terrel Manikam (Hazel), Walter Maqoma (Lerato), Graham Shipster (Tamlyn), Michael du Toit (also Registrar); Megan Braithwaite (Errol) and the associate part-time lecturing staff.

Day 15 Pray for the work of the Eastern Province Baptist Network led by Chairman Lungile Mama (Gertrude) and Vice Chairman Xolani Kalani (Nomthandazo) and. Pray for the Office Secretary Millicent Galant (Jonathan) and for the Church Planters in the Eastern Province.

Day 16 Pray for Church Planting in the BUSA and for the training of Church Planters facilitated by Jeremy Sieberhagen (Marlene) and Shadrack Monageng (Anna) of Africa for Christ.

Day 17 Pray for the BU Finance Committee, for the Chairman Garth Coppin (Mary) and for the members as they guide the financial affairs of the Union. Pray that our churches will take seriously their giving to the corporate ministries of the BUSA. Pray for Angelo Scheepers (Naomi) as they lead the BU Foundation.

Day 18 Pray for Patricia Ihlenfeldt and the BU Pastoral Support Team as they oversee the Pastoral Care Department and the Pastoral Care Ministry in the Regional Networks. Pray for the Pension Fund Trustees, Chairman Brian Viljoen (Noreen), Principal Officer Lammie Fourie (Heather) and Administrators. Pray for our pastors/missionaries on pension and our pastoral widows. Pray for the appointment of a Pastoral Support Team Coordinator.

Day 19 Pray for the Afrikaanse Baptiste Kerke, the President Franz Greffrath (Esther), the Executive and member churches. Pray for the Principal of the Seminarium, Willem Nel (Tanya), the Administrative and Lecturing staff and the Students. Pray for Gary Plant (Hilda), the Pastoral/Operations Co-ordinator.

Day 20 Pray for the moving of God's Spirit in our churches, that renewal and revival will be experienced in the hearts and lives of individual Christians, leaders, and pastors. Pray for Frank Pretorius (Joy) as he spearheads Church Renewal Weekends/Unity Seminars.

Day 21 Pray for the Worldwide Baptist family; for the Baptist World Alliance President Tomás Mackey (Febe), the General Secretary Elijah Brown (Amy), and the staff of the BWA; for the All Africa Baptist Fellowship and their President Dr Israel Akanji & General Secretary Rev. Elias Apetegbo; the outreach of Conventions and Unions throughout Africa.

Day 22 Pray for the Baptist Northern Association led by Chairman, Parmesh Venkatasami (Bronwen), and for the Executive Committee. Pray for Samaria Mission, the Church Planters, churches/fellowships in the rural communities of Limpopo, Venda, Mpumalanga and North West.

Day 23 Pray for the impact of the BU Express, BU webpage, BU Facebook page and Instagram as we seek to inform and inspire Baptists in our churches. Pray for James Burnett (Lynn) as he assists in maintaining the BU website.

Day 24 Pray for the National Baptist Men's Fellowship, the Chairman Selwyn Naidoo (Anneline), the Secretary / Convenor Emlyn Kannemeyer (Crystal). Pray for the 2023 Conference in Hartenbos.

Day 25 Pray for the work of the KwaZulu Natal Baptist Network, led by Chairman Clive van Rooyen (Lyn). Pray for the Administrator Sifiso Jali (Nozipho), the Missions

Chairman Christopher Wood (Bernice) and pastoral care coordinator Brian Anderson (Jenny). Pray for the pastors and church planters in the Network.

Day 26 Pray for the Missions Outreach into Africa: Keith and Christeen Moller (Yao people of Malawi); for the continued development of our Baptist witness in Angola, Mauritius, Zambia, Seychelles, Lesotho and Namibia; for Clayton & Lauren Alexander (Mauritius); for our churches partnering with local churches in Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Kenya; for the CTBS PULSE Distance Learning Programme in Kenya; for Vanessa Patience and the PEPE Preschool programme in disadvantaged areas, for Elriza Visser and the ministry in the Riviersonderend(SA). Pray for the work of the International Missions Board (IMB) serving in the Regional Networks of the Baptist Union.

Day 27 Pray for the BANC Vice-president, Pastor Kenneth Segoai (Tshupetso). Pray for Pastor Khepe (Lucy) on retirement and the election of a new BANC president in March 2023.

Day 28 Pray for our State President, Cyril Ramaphosa, and the leaders of our land as they seek to find solutions to energy crisis, poverty, crime, corruption, and violence in South Africa. Pray for the Christian Citizenship Network, as they lead us during these challenging days and pray for the appointment of a new chairperson. Pray for a leader for the Historical Society and the BU Archives.

Day 29 Pray for the spreading of the Gospel in our land by our churches, and for Pastors to preach the Gospel. Pray for all our Evangelists and for the Missions Department as they assist our churches in the area of evangelism.

Day 30 Pray for the BU Chaplains: (a) Security Services: Thomas Magodi (Cathy); Elvis Notshe (Eleanor); Frank Meulenbeld (Sharon); and Melanie Spannenberg (Alastair); (b) Correctional Services: Jonathan and Jenny Clayton; (c) SA Police Services: Michael Leripa (Patricia); (d) Emergency Services: Mark Bowler (Joanne). Pray for Thomas Magodi, as he represents the BUSA on the Spiritual Services Advisory Board.

Day 31 Pray for a united Baptist witness in our country through the South African Baptist Alliance. Pray for the Baptist Convention, Baptist Mission, Baptist Association and their Presidents and General Secretaries.

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