

INTRODUCTION

I believe our strategy for our prayer-week this year, is very exciting!

As children of God, we carry His Light and we displace what we see in operation in our school community, town, city/region. by ushering in the Truth based on scripture.

Matthew 6:10 says, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven".

You can read the story in Mark 4:35 and Luke 8v22-25 of Jesus asleep in the boat while there was a storm on the lake. Jesus releases the peace that he carried into the waves and the water.

I do desire for us to be more aware of Jesus than the enemy. I believe discerning the atmosphere will help us.

- We may encounter an atmosphere in an area that is indicative of what stronghold is at work. As children of God we don't have to partner with what is at work there.
- We can release the opposite of what we see. Having brought our hearts before Jesus asking Him to forgive us first, if we have that at work in us.
- As we notice the contrary, we must ask the Lord if we have partnered in any way with the prevailing forces in the atmosphere and repent for agreeing with this and break our agreement with it – and then release the opposite of what we see according to scripture. [learning what the antonym is and tying it to Truth and praying the Truth]
- In the story of Mark 4 and Matt 8, Jesus did not have to repent for the fear that he saw in the disciples, because He is without sin. He just released the peace that He lived in and carried, into the wind and the waves.

Some background

The Lord began to highlight to me what was in operation in my area/community and showed me where I had come into agreement with the spirit at work there, by becoming irritated or frustrated. I had to repent and hold on to the Truth in scripture which was the opposite of the contrary spirit.

Eph 4v7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come near to God and he will come near to you.

Our repentance breaks the legal right of the enemy. When we submit to God - we resist the temptation to partner with the enemy and he has to flee.

Ephesians 6v12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Also, the verse below teaches that when we walk in the fruit of the Spirit, no law can stand against us. As we exercise the fruit of the spirit and position ourselves with Holy Spirit, and we can have victory.

Galatians 5v22-23 says 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things, there is no law.

As we live by God's Truth and walking in the fruit of the spirit, we will not be reeled in with the operating spirits in an area.

We ask Holy Spirit what is at work and then we ask the Lord what He wants us to release in prayer and scripture. Having dealt with our own hearts first.

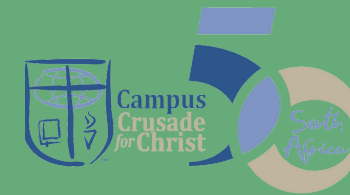
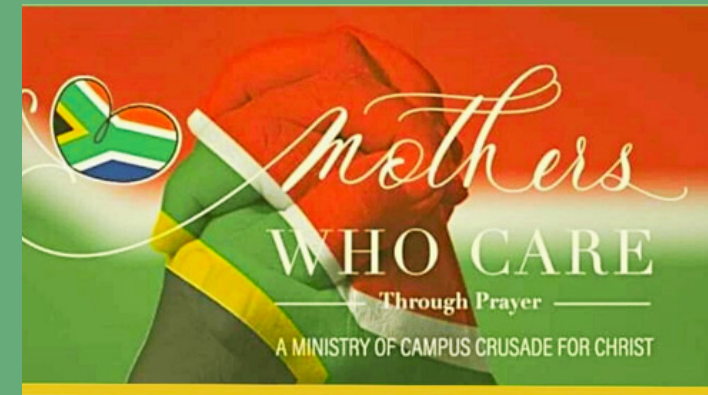
As we prayer-walk or prayer-drive, in our neighbourhood surrounding our schools and pray the word of God.

Jeremiah 1v12 Then said the LORD unto me, You have seen well: for I will hasten my word to perform it.

I believe that God will use our prayers and our going out this week around our schools and community to create a 'bulkhead' in the spirit.

[A bulkhead is a partition or barrier between two compartments. often used in ships. Also used on land to partition earth, fire/water.]

Do not let this book of the law depart from your lips. **Meditate** on it by day and by night, that you may carefully observe all that is written in it; then you will attain your goal; then you will succeed. **Joshua 1:8** This word meditate is a hebrew word *hagar* [H1897-Strong's ref] means to **mutter, to talk, to utter, to study, to murmur, to ponder.** [It's an active word - not idle at all]



HOW TO USE THIS STRATEGY

Please understand, this is not a formula, but rather a working together with Holy Spirit as He leads you and your prayer group.

- See what your school community/area is in need of and release Truth related scripture over that region. We have listed a few – perhaps the Lord will show you others He has in mind for your school community, town, city, or province, as you prepare for the week of prayer.
- It may be helpful to look at our SWEEP document on our website

<https://www.motherswhocare.co.za/resources/>

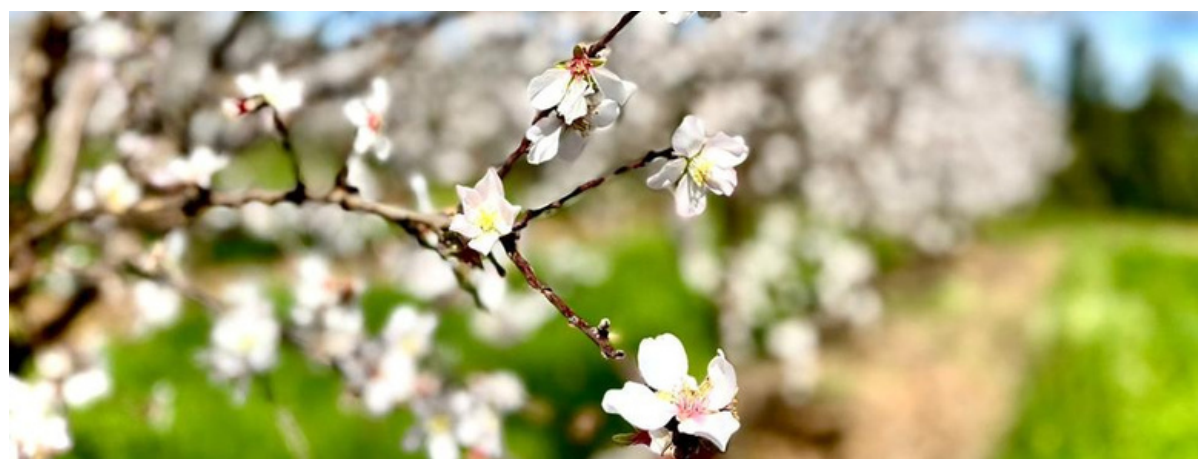
Look at point number 2.3 STICKING TO OUR MANDATE on Page 3 & point 3. UNDERSTANDING PRAYER WALKING IN TEAMS on page 4 - for clarity. The entire document is a great read and tool for more the upcoming prayer week 21-25 August 2023.

- We encourage teams to prayer walk or prayer drive in the surrounding community. [Fill your car/walk in a group as you pray.]

Joshua 1:3 I have given you every place where the sole of your foot will tread, just as I promised to Moses.

- Arrange to meet with another group so as to display unity and relationship with a neighbouring school prayer group, which is such a weapon in itself against division.

John 17v21 I pray that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.



Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the **fields**, that they are **white** for **harvest**. NCB. Do you not have a saying, 'Four months more, and then comes the **harvest**'? "I tell you, open your eyes and look at the **fields**; already they are **white** for **the harvest**. NCV John 4v35

SCRIPTURES TO PRAY AND SPEAK INTO THE ATMOSPHERE YOU ARE WELCOME TO USE YOUR OWN AS WELL

UNITY INSTEAD OF DIVISION

Antonym of division is unity, together

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.
1 Cor 1:10

That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; Col 2:2

How good and how pleasant it is when the brethren dwell together in unity... For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.
Psalms 133: 1+3

CONNECTION INSTEAD OF DISTANCE

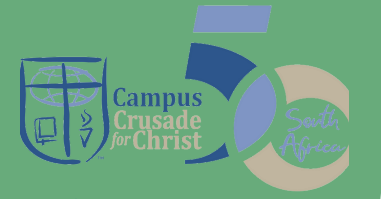
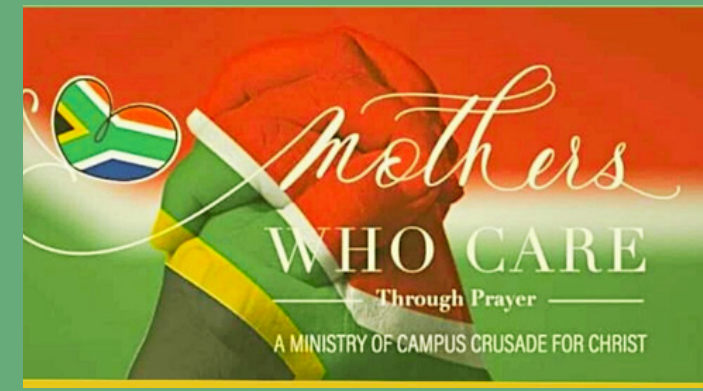
Antonym of distance is connection

We have many parts in the one body, and all these parts have different functions. In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in union with Christ, and we are all joined to each other as different parts of one body.

But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.
1 Corinthians 6:17

Proverbs 27:17 "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another."

Colossians 3:13 "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."



HUMILITY INSTEAD OF PRIDE

Antonym for pride is humilty, meekness, respect

“For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” Luke 14:11 NIV

“As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” Ephesians 4:1-3 NIV

“But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”” James 4:6NIV

MEEKNESS INSTEAD OF DISRESPECT

Antonymm for disrespect, forwardness, impertinence, rudenss, is meekness, respect

“In your majesty ride forth victoriously in the cause of truth, humility and justice; let your right hand achieve awesome deeds.” Psalms 45:4 NIV

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.” Matthew 5:5NIV

Matthew 11:29 - Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Colossians 3:12 - Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering.

Titus 3:2 - To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

GENTLENESS INSTEAD OF BRASHNESS

Antonym for brashness is gentleness and kindness

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” Galatians 5:22-23 NIV

“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” Matthew 11:29NIV

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” Colossians 3:12NIV

“Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.” John 14:12

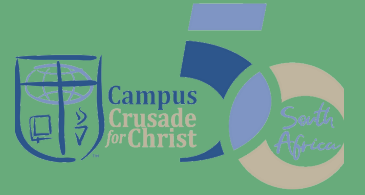
“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,” Colossians 3:23NIV

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might Deuteronomy 6:5

HONOUR INSTEAD OF DISHONOUR

Antonym for dishonour - respect, integrity, praise

Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work. 2 Timothy 2:21



HOPE, CHEER, JOY INSTEAD OF HEAVINESS

Heaviness: A person who is feeling the influence of the spirit of heaviness may feel like the things they used to do with ease now look overwhelming.

Antonym of heaviness - hope, hopefulness, cheerfulness, joy

Isaiah 61:1

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, 2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, 3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jer 29v11

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, into God's inner sanctuary. Hebrews 6:19

Now may the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

"Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." Neh 8:10

SWEETNESS, HONEY, UNDERSTANDING, INSTEAD OF BITTERNESS

Antonym of bitterness or dysphoria is sweetness, friendship.

Psalm 119:103

103 How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

104 I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.

Proverbs 24:14

Know also that wisdom is like honey for you: If you find it, there is a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding. Prov 9:10

"Looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled" Heb 12:15

PURITY INSTEAD OF IMMORALITY / PERVERSION

Antonym for immorality/promiscuity is purity

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Col 3:5

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Ephesians 5:3

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; Gal 5:19

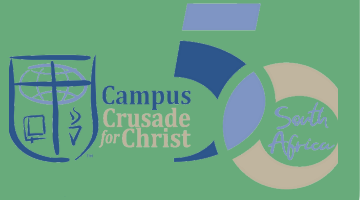
Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Hebrews 13:4

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Matthew 5:8

For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; 1 Thessalonians 4:3

Colosians 3:5

So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.



ENTHUSIASM INSTEAD OF APATHY

[an absence of emotion or It's like our spiritual "eyes" have cataracts. Our spiritual perception becomes blurry when we yield to the spirit of slumber]. There is a feeling of being overwhelmed, wanting to quit and run away.

Antonyms to apathy - interest; care; concern; feeling; passion; zeal, vision, diligence

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak." (Isaiah 40:29)

Ephesians 5:8-15

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) 10 and find out what pleases the Lord. 11 Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. 13 But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. 14 This is why it is said: "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." 15 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

Revelations 3:1-3

These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits[b] of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. 2 Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. 3 Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

The diligent hand **will rule**, but laziness **will** lead to forced labor. Proverbs 12:24

Romans 12: 10-13

10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Galatians 6:9-10

9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Galatians 6:2-3 Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. 3 If you think yourself too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.

Colossians 3v12-13

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, [13] forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

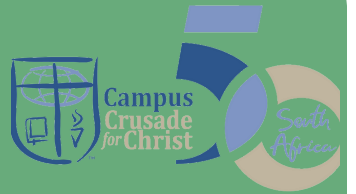
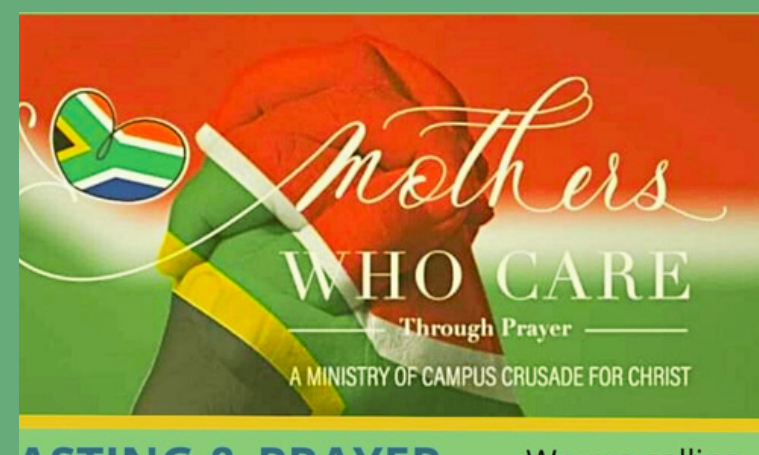
1 Peter 3v8-9

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. 9 Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

Eph 4:32

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. Hosea 4:6



GENEROSITY, ASSISTANCE, YIELD INSTEAD OF WITH-HOLDING OR POVERTY

Antonym for poverty, greed, selfishness, harshness is generosity

Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. Luke 6:38

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

For every beast of the forest is mine, And the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains: And the wild beasts of the field are mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: For the world is mine, and the fulness thereof. Psalm 50:1--12

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice. Psalm 112:5

RIGHTEOUSNESS INSTEAD OF UN-RIGHTEOUSNESS, THEFT, CORRUPTION

Antonym for unrighteousness is righteousness, righteousness

We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. 23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. 24 Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. Romans 3:22-24

PEACE INSTEAD OF STRIFE, CONTENTION

Antonym for strife is peace and grace

2 Thessalonians 3:16. Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.

John 14:27 My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled; do not be afraid. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.

Psalm 119:165

Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble.

Psalm 4:8

I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. 4 Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD himself, is the Rock eternal. Isaiah 26:3-4

The kingdom of God is not food and drink. It is righteousness, peace, and joy which come by the powerful working of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Romans 14:17

Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another. And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD. Leviticus 19:11-13