

strive and strain to measure up to a life in Jesus. Does a river struggle to roll down hill? We are merely the river bed and His life is the river. He flows through us until our lives are hid with Christ in God”.

Excerpts taken from 'The Real Faith' by Charles S Price and 'Stop Trying to live for Jesus..Let Him live through you' also by Charles S Price

Lord, Help me to put you first in my life, help me to seek you, to know more of you, to let more of you into my life so that I can follow the path that you have laid before me and live the life that you planned. Help me to surrender to you so you can have all of me to do your will. Amen

Prayers for a new academic year

I had the pleasure of spending time with our youth at Fortify this summer. When I least expected it, I encountered God in a personal and life changing way. I discovered the power of the Holy Spirit runs deep in the openness and simplicity of hearts free from religion and hungry for relationship. I learnt a great deal and feel a real kinship and debt of gratitude to our young people. Chains were broken and hearts were healed. Thank you Guys.

I ask you to join me in praying for all those that are returning to school, many to face exams this year or starting new courses. Some are off to pastures new and our prayers go with them. Please also pray for their teachers and for the teachers in our church family who are returning to challenging and stressful environments. May the blessing and wisdom of our Lord anoint and strengthen them every day and in every situation.

Wednesday Prayer Event

We will be meeting at 7:45pm on Wednesday 16th September to pray together. This time, please pray into and listen for God to speak into the following verse:

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

Romans 8:22-23



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Prayer for Our World

With so much media coverage, conflicting reports and opinions with regard to the refugee crisis, I have often been at a loss as to how to pray into this situation. What should I pray for? How can I possibly find the words especially when there are no easy answers?

On the website of Prophecy Today is an article

on "Who are the real Muslims", It reads:



The only way to win this war is on the

*ideological front: by **presenting a different narrative**. It is here that the teaching of Jesus to love our enemies is the greatest weapon that we have.....Many Christians believe that God has allowed millions of Muslims to come into the West so that they may experience at first-hand a different ideology. Christians have to say to Muslims that **Western values are not Christian values!** This throws a great responsibility upon Christians to live in accordance with the teaching of Jesus, to love our new neighbours and to show the power of a living faith that transforms lives of bitterness and hatred into love and gentleness.*

That is certainly something to think and pray about.

“The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”

James 5:16, NIV

“Father, we feel utterly helpless when we see the desperate plight of these families. But You know their situation even better than we do. Help, Lord, Help! The nations of our world are in confusion; their governments and leaders are impotent when it comes to a solution, all they do is debate but no one does anything concrete. Lord of all might and power, God of all creation, Master of all that exists, we come to you pleading for a resolution to the mess this world is in. Touch the hearts of our leaders with compassion and the will to help; may this dreadful situation cause opposing nations to get together to find a way forward. Pour out Your great compassion on the individuals caught up in this turmoil, and grant that each family will very soon find the security and peace that they long for.

Dear Lord, as we pray for the refugees and all those suffering persecution, we also pray for those people who are perpetrating the horrors that are causing this chaos. We pray that Your Holy Spirit might infiltrate the hearts and minds of those who promote and encourage conflict, that they may turn from their evil ways and begin to hunger for peace and the return to normal life. May the enemy's evil infiltration into the minds of such human beings be destroyed at the very source of his influence. AMEN.

Perhaps those who speak in tongues will find it helpful at these times when we simply don't know how to pray in English. Praying "in the Spirit" is a safe and Scriptural way of making prayer that is totally in agreement with God's Holy Will and Purpose for our world.

Christ in me the hope of Glory

I have often tried to be a better Christian. I have understood that Christ is in me and that my body is the temple and occasionally I have endeavoured to ensure that everything that my body is subjected to would be OK with God. In truth this has often lasted only a few minutes. Watching what I digest physically was not as hard as what I take in through my eyes and ears and what I let out of my own mouth and allow into my mind. I am now beginning to grasp that as suggested by Charles Price, I should

“Stop trying to live for Jesus and let Him live through me”.

How though? Yes I am still responsible for my own body and mind and mostly what goes on in both but I am to be a channel of His activity not become a substitute for it. Abraham substituted his activity for God's and Ishmael was the result when all along God had promised him Isaac. We need to remember God has promised to finish what He started (Phil 1:6). That we can do nothing apart from Jesus (John 15:5)

To paraphrase Charles Price, a light bulb has the capacity to give light but only has the capability when it is connected to the electric. The same analogy can be found in John 15 with the vine and branches. Our own efforts will produce nothing. We need to seek Him, the giver not the gift. As we deepen our relationship with Him we open ourselves to Him and He can then work IN us and through us. For *“The virtue is not what we do for Him. It does not go from us to Him. It flows from Him through us”* You don't have to