



CHRISTIAN RESIDENCES FOR YOUNG WOMEN NPC

## **PRAISE and PRAYER**

**MARCH 2024**

### **A CLEAR DIRECTION**

*"I have set the Lord always before me." Psalm 16:8*

David pursued a lot of interests: his sheep, victory over the Philistines, the kingdom of Israel, Bathsheba, Absalom, and more. Most of his intentions were good; some were not. Regardless, he was governed by one overriding interest, one passion that superseded all others: he wanted to know the heart of God.

David set the Lord always before him. Or, to say it another way, David continually set himself in the direction of God. Regardless of the intermediate pursuit – whether it was a kingdom, a military victory, a temple, or whatever – the intermediate was only a means to a higher purpose. David was consumed with knowing God. No, he didn't follow his passions perfectly, and sometimes they were misdirected. But they were always brought back to this one. God's ways, His character and His will were paramount. The heart of any worshipper knows this.

According to Psalm 16, this one overriding passion was relevant to David's security, his inheritance, his wisdom, and more. It affected everything. But all of these benefits were only side effects; they were not the main attraction. God was the main attraction, and in a worshipper's heart, He always will be. A greater Example, foreshadowed in this Psalm, reinforces the message with even more purity and singlemindedness. Jesus more completely and passionately set God before Him. If David is a worshipper's great example, Jesus is the fulfilment of our desire. His Spirit within us worships God as He worshiped God on earth. David tried to make everything in his life point to God. Jesus not only tried, He succeeded.

Our lives often seem like a conglomeration of multiple goals and pursuits. Positions, possessions, places, people and plans – all will occupy our thoughts from time to time. Our priority, according to Scripture, must be God Himself. Not the things God gives us, but God. Not the ways God leads us, but God. Not even the worship of God, but God. It's so easy to understand, so hard to grasp. Be relentless about it. Set the Lord always before you.

*Taken from: "Worship the King" by Chris Tiegreen*

### **THE YW BLOEMFONTEIN**

#### **PRAISE:**

- We thank God for all the new students we have this year and trust that we will walk this journey together as they grow in the knowledge of The Word and that those that don't know Jesus Christ as their LORD and Saviour will encounter God's Love and Grace and surrender their lives to Christ and commit their lives fully to Him.
- We thank God for the amazing work that Ps. Esme is doing with her team every week with our Ministry (Home cell), the ladies are really open and involved this year.
- We are grateful for our amazing and hard-working cleaners that work passionately to keep our property clean and tidy every single day.
- We are grateful for an awesome Committee and pray that God will empower and add more to make a difference in The YW Bloemfontein.

#### **PRAYER:**

- We are really praying and trusting God that the NSFAS Funding issues will be sorted out ASAP as all the students are also in the dark and worried about the matter.
- Our prayer is to live in an environment where we are all safe, and that is our prayer for this suburb of WILLOWS, that everywhere every student will feel loved and can be safe.

- We pray that God will continue to send us God-loving and God-fearing Committee members to fill our committee.
- We pray for God's protection to always be on The YW residences, Managers, Staff and Committee members, as well as our National Office and EXCO members.
- We pray that God will continue to send the right girls to The YW BFN for 2024, God-fearing girls who will understand and adhere to the vision and mission of The YW BFN.
- Our prayer is that our YW House will be full in 2024, and that God will make supernatural provision for The YW BFN.
- We continue to pray that we will always be in unity with our committee members and that we will grow the Bloemfontein YW from strength to strength and from glory to glory, in Jesus' Name.

**Staff: Willem & Vanessa, Mittah, Adeline, Emma**

## **THE YW CAPE TOWN**

### **PRAISE:**

- God's amazing provision and for His protection over this House.
- Our Staff and their dedication to this work.
- That the new intake of students are excited about ministry and the 'Connect' evenings.
- Sjah Ndaba, our Life Coach, who is available every Monday for 'Connect' evenings with the students.
- That the lounge is being used every Wednesday evening for a cell group consisting of a few of our students.
- That three of our older students have found places to do their internship and are still staying with us.
- That the House is almost full for the year.
- The support, encouragement and prayers of our church, friends, and family.
- For the 'Concert in the Park Welcome Party' which was a time of fun, good food and fellowship.

### **PRAYER for:**

- The protection of our children and residents – physical, spiritual, and emotional protection; that their eyes will be open to the plans of the evil one.
- There has been an increase in crime in our city – please continue to pray for protection of our residence, staff, and property.
- Good and supportive relationships between the students in the House.
- Wisdom and understanding for Sjah as she leads the 'Connect' evenings; pray that the students will be free to chat and share with her if they are struggling.
- New students as they adjust to traveling in and around a new city as well as studies.
- Continue to pray for additional suitable Committee members.
- That God will grant us wisdom and understanding with each of the students as we manage the House and all the challenges that come our way.

**Staff: Distone, Wendy, Irene, Alice, Nikki, Bernadette, Heathia, Mike, Cynthia and Joshua**

*"But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when the heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."*

Jeremiah 17: 7 – 8

## **THE YW NATIONAL OFFICE**

### **PRAISE:**

- We praise God for the young women He is directing into our YW Houses for 2024.
- We give thanks for the many people involved in the work of The YW voluntarily: the Local Association Committee members; our EXCO members and the Trustees of our YW Trust.
- We praise God for The YW Trust.

### **PLEASE PRAY:**

- That our two remaining YW Houses: in Bloemfontein and Cape Town are still in need of a few more girls to fill their rooms.

- We pray that this year's girls are hungry to grow – not only in knowledge and wisdom to pass their exams - but also with a hunger and thirst to know the Truth and to meet Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour.
  - **For our managers:**
    - Willem and Vanessa McKuur – Bloemfontein YW, and
    - Michael and Cynthia Stemmett – Cape Town YW.
  - We pray that God will fill the Managers and their Staff with hearts of love for the young women in their care and that they, together with their Committee, will see God's blessing on their ministry.
  - For those women from outside The YW who come in to hold Christian evangelical ministry within the Houses. May they too reap a reward in the hearts and lives of the young women and their friends.
  - For the **Campus Outreach** young women who minister in the local universities of Pretoria and Johannesburg: we pray for them also as their new year begins.
  - Please keep our **Retired Workers** in your prayers: Cheryl Hooper (EL), Beverley Green (PE/Q), Almarie Gouws and Fred and Penny Hammond (WC).
  - Please also keep our current serving and retired **YW Missionaries** in prayer: Jayne and David-John Dewsnap (Poland); Denise Atkins (CT); Heather Simkin and Jeanette Lelliott (Comoros Islands); Lynne and Nick Swanepoel (ex-Kenya/UK) and Margy Cowell (ex-Mozambique/Jhb).
  - **Please pray for healing** for: Jeanne de Winnaar and Jean and Henri Pienaar (Pta); Norma Green (PE); Lorna Jackson and Kathy Chetty (Dbn) and Veronica and Richard Werth (Bft). Thank you.
- Directors of The YW:** Margrit Temple (President); Mark Baisley (Treasurer) and Noreen Hallam (Administrator).

### **BROMLEY HOUSE, HARARE**

Galatians 6:9 *"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap if we do not give up."* This scripture tells us never to give up. No matter how long strenuous and painstaking the road or trials are in our lives, there is always a new season ahead, a season of new beginnings!

#### **PRAISE:**

- We praise God that we had our official House Meeting and prayer in February when all our ladies were present. They were asked to introduce themselves, explain where they were from and what they were studying.
- We extended a warm welcome to all our new residents. We are blessed to have them as part of the Bromley family. We are also delighted to have our older residents join us again this year. We pray that our Lord Jesus will bless each one of them during their stay in Bromley.
- Starting a new year change is guaranteed. Although the majority of girls here this year are 'returnees' we have a new crop of 'newbies' to add to the family
- Thank God that our medical students passed their exams and most of them are now qualified doctors.

#### **PRAYER:**

- To pray for Prudent, one of our residents here who is not feeling well.
- To pray for CTA students who are about to write their exams.

### **THE YW's MOTTO VERSE for 2024**

*"Let the beloved of the Lord rest secure in Him, for He shields him (them) all day long."* Deuteronomy 33:12