



CHRISTIAN RESIDENCES FOR YOUNG WOMEN NPC

PRAISE and PRAYER

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GOD WILL SPEAK – SO LISTEN

“I can of myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge.” John 5:30

Jesus did only those things placed in His mind by His Father. And He wants you to learn to live that way too. You ask, “Is such a life possible?” Yes, it’s not only possible, but it’s also essential to fulfilling God’s will for your life. The Bible says that Mary took time to listen to Jesus, but her sister Martha didn’t because she was too busy ‘serving’. (See Luke 10:40). You can get so busy serving the Lord that you lose your sensitivity to His voice and end up preoccupied with secondary things. You learn to hear from God by making time to hear from Him!

Fifteen times in the New Testament Jesus said, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” (Matthew 11:15). When you become a new creation in Christ, you got new spiritual ears, but you must learn how to use them. Indeed, that must become one of the highest priorities in your life. A newborn child has the ability to hear but doesn’t understand what he or she is hearing; understanding takes time. It takes learning, it takes attention, it takes intimacy with his or her parents.

When Jesus met the two disciples on the road to Emmaus following His resurrection, they didn’t recognise Him. But He loved them, so “he opened their minds so they could understand.” (Luke 24:45).

As you look back over your life, you’ll recognise times when God walked and talked with you, but you didn’t understand what He was saying. No problem! God is patient, and He will work with you and develop you.

Soul Food: Jer. 18-21; Matt. 28:16-20; Psalm 69:19-36; Prov. 8:30-31

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THE YW BLOEMFONTEIN

PRAISE:

- We thank God for all the new students we have this year.
- We thank God for the amazing work which Ps Esmé 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 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.
- Our prayer is for this suburb of WILLOWS and for every student to feel loved and 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.
- Sjah Ndaba, our Life Coach, who is available every Monday for 'Connect' evenings with the students.
- That a few of our students meet every Wednesday evening for their cell group in our lounge.
- A few of our older students are graduating this year and have found places to do their internship.
- That the House is almost full for the year.
- The support, encouragement and prayers of our church, friends, and family.
- That Cynthia has able to complete the Lighthouse 2 Lighthouse Ladies walk to raise funds for Overstrand Hospice. This was a 100 km walk over 4 days with 105 other ladies.

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.
- Time management and balance between work, studying and rest for the students as their work and assignments pile up.
- 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.
- Continue to pray for additional suitable Committee members.
- That God will grant us wisdom & understanding with each of the students as we manage the House and challenges that come our way.

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

"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most high will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Psalm 91: 1 - 2

THE YW NATIONAL OFFICE

PRAISE:

- Praise God that He was with Noreen as she fell in the driveway of the complex she lives in, and for the doctors and nursing staff at Olivedale Hospital as she was operated on and cared for.
- Unfortunately, Noreen developed a pulmonary embolism shortly after the operation and had to be re-admitted to Olivedale Hospital for another few days. We praise God for the wonderful care of the doctors and nurses once again.
- We praise God also for the friends who helped Noreen immediately after her discharge, and for Berris, Noreen's sister, who flew out from New Zealand to continue to care for Noreen while she is recovering.
- We praise God for Margrit's availability to 'cover' for Noreen while she was out of action.
- 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 as Noreen gets back to working, we trust she will soon be back to her normal healthy self.
 - That our 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

PRAISE:

- For God's protection over the House and Residents over the past month.
- For the safe travelling of girls who are going home during the Easter holiday.
- We are thankful for the ladies who did very well in their medicine and CTA exams.

PRAYER:

- That our ladies will remain focused as they begin their exams.
- For Alice Sithole's wedding – to be blissful and successful during the Easter holiday.
- For many Residents who will be leaving us permanently, having completed their studies; that God will direct their ways.
- Continued guidance with the refurbishing being undertaken at Bromley House.
- For Miriro, our Accounts Clerk, who is going on maternity leave, to have a safe and successful delivery.

Bromley House General Secretary and staff

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