



CHRISTIAN RESIDENCES FOR YOUNG WOMEN NPC

PRAISE and PRAYER

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HOLY REVERENCE

“The Lord’s anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act.”

2 Samuel 6:7

It’s easy to empathise with Uzzah. After all, he was only being careful about the Ark of God, making sure it did not topple over and hit the ground. What could be wrong with that? What’s wrong with trying to protect the presence of God?

God doesn’t need our defence. He is the ultimate defender. He’s sovereign over every atom in this universe, and He created the physical laws by which the Ark almost fell. Furthermore, God had made it clear that the Ark was untouchable. Uzzah had even observed the great lengths to which the Ark’s carriers had gone – inserting poles under it and placing it on the cart without human hands having touched it. Yet somehow in Uzzah’s thinking, he replaced reverence with practicality. He got casual with the holy presence.

We can imagine ourselves making such a mistake, and for that we can sympathise with Uzzah. But it was still a mistake. Many places in Scripture stress the evil in being casual about holiness. Uzzah did that. So do we.

How relevant is Uzzah to us? Consider this: The Ark was where God said His presence dwelt – first in the Tabernacle, then in the Temple. In the New Testament the Holy of Holies, where the High Priest met with God, was opened when Jesus paid the final sacrifice. The veil was torn to show that the presence of God no longer dwelt in a temple. There’s a living temple now – the individual bodies of the saints and the collective Body of the Church, according to 1 Corinthians 6:19. In a sense, the holy Ark of God is holding these words in hand and reading them right now.

How casual are you with your own body? Do you consider yourself a fallen human being or a vessel of the Most High God? You were once the latter, and the vestiges of fallenness remain. But just as the Ark was made with common wood, the temple of God is made with common flesh. Even so, don’t treat it commonly. Live in reverence for what you have become.

Taken from: “Worship the King” by Chris Tiegreen

THE YW BLOEMFONTEIN

PRAISE:

- We thank God for all the students we have so far this year.
- We thank God for the continued prayers and support from our National office and EXCO.
- We thank God for the amazing work that Ps. Esme is doing with her team every week with our Ministry (Home cell) with the ladies.
- We grateful for the committee that God will empower and add more to make a difference in The YW Bloemfontein.

PRAYER:

- We pray that students will enjoy their holiday break at home and that God will watch over them and their families, and that they will return to us safely.
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- 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, Committee members. our National Office and EXCO members.
- We pray that God will continue to send the right girls to The YW BFN, God fearing girls that understand and adhere the vision and mission of The YW BFN.
- We pray and trust GOD that our House will be filled during 2024, and that God will make supernatural provision for 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, Marorisang

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 and willing to meet with the staff and students on a one-to-one basis.
- That a few of our students meet every Wednesday evening for their cell group in our lounge.
- That the House is almost full for the year.
- Although 3 of our residences have left early, we have already filled their rooms.

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.
- Please continue to pray for protection of our residence, staff, and property as there has been an increase in crime in our city.
- Time management and balance between work, studying and rest for the students as their work and assignments pile up.
- 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 and 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

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus " - Philippians 4: 6 – 7

THE YW NATIONAL OFFICE

PRAISE:

- That our National Office AGM was successfully held (via Zoom) on Tuesday, 18th June 2024. We rejoice in the positive Reports tabled.
- We praise God for the young women He is continuing to direct into our YW Houses.
- 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:

- As 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 Committees, 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.
 - Please keep our Retired Workers in your prayers: Cheryl Hooper (EL), Beverley Green (PE/Q), Almarie Gouws and Fred & Penny Hammond (WC).
 - Please also keep our current serving and retired **YW Missionaries** in prayer: Jayne & David-John Dewsnap (Poland); Denise Atkins (CT); Heather Simkin and Jeanette Lelliott (Comoros Islands); Lynne & Nick Swanepoel (ex-Kenya/UK) and Margy Cowell (ex-Mozambique/Jhb).
 - **Please pray for healing** for: Jeanne de Winnaar and Jean & Henri Pienaar (Pta); Norma Green (PE); Lorna Jackson and Kathy Chetty (Dbn) and Veronica & Richard Werth (Bft). Thank you.
- Directors of The YW:** Margrit Temple (President); Mark Baisley (Treasurer) and Noreen Hallam (Administrator).

BROMLEY HOUSE, HARARE

PRAISE:

- We praise God for the continued protection and His abundant provision, for his endless mercy, grace and favour.
- We praise God for the quick healing of our residents after we had a challenge with the borehole water being contaminated.
- We praise God for the continued wisdom and excellence which he showers on our girls as almost all who sat for their exams in various disciplines passed extremely well.

PRAYER:

- For the provision of more rain in the Summer ahead.
- We pray for direction as to the expansion of our accommodation here at Bromley House in Harare.
- Pray for the girls to have open hearts and ears to hear the Holy Spirit's prompting.
- For the guidance of Cynthia, Delight and Mai Panashe as they deal with the young girls daily.
- Pray for Zimbabwe to hold a peaceful SADC meeting in August.

STAFF: Mrs Ncube and Bromley House 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