



CHRISTIAN RESIDENCES FOR YOUNG WOMEN NPC

PRAISE and PRAYER

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UNLIMITED LOVE

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us!" 1 John 3:1

1 Corinthians 13 is a familiar passage to many. It is read at weddings and any other time someone wants to define love from a biblical point of view. For most of us, it is the surest description of how we are to love. But think about the passage's foundational idea: love is not an out-of-the-blue emotion. It is a choice that takes its cues from the very nature of God. And if God loves, we can know that His love, like all of His attributes, is infinite. That's an amazing thought. God doesn't just love us; He loves us infinitely. When He forgives, He forgives completely. When He saves, He saves us thoroughly. When He makes a covenant with us, it's a forever covenant. The eternal, infinite God does not express His core attributes in temporary, partial ways. He is an extreme God with an extreme love.

That's good for us to know, because we question His love often. Things don't work out as we planned, and we wonder if God loves us. He doesn't give us what we asked for, so we speculate the He might be withholding His affection. When we harbour such thoughts, we are under-estimating God. We are applying our finite experience to an infinite being. The result is a distorted view.

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, making a couple of slight assumptions. Instead of seeing it as your instructions on how to love others, see it as God's unlimited expressing of Himself. To paraphrase: God's love is infinitely patient, infinitely kind. It is completely devoid of envy, boasting and pride. It is never rude, self-centred, or easily angered, and it keeps no record – none at all – of wrongs. God's love could not possibly delight in evil, and it always rejoices with truth. His love is extremely zealous to protect, trust, hope and persevere.

Having read that as a description of God, now envision that kind of love as the subject of today's verse, 1 John 3:1. That's the kind of love God has lavished on us – unlimited, amazing and free. We can never exhaust it!

Taken from: "Worship the King" by Chris Tiegreen

THE YW BLOEMFONTEIN

PRAISE:

- We thank God for all the new ladies we have staying with us this year, and all the others that are still to come in.
- We thank God for all the prayers and support from our National Office and EXCO.
- We thank God for the amazing ministry work that Ps. Esme and her faithful team are doing with the ministry evenings (Homecell) that have begun now, for the year.
- We are grateful for our Committee (Ps. Esme) and for all the prayers and support that is received from you (the readers), and we trust that God will add more new Committee Members this year, to make a difference and a lasting impact in the lives of the young women at The YW Bloemfontein.

PRAYER:

- We pray that all the ladies that are staying in the House this year will be God-Loving, God-Fearing, Disciplined, Kind-hearted and Respectful.
- Our continued prayer is for the WILLOWS area to be a safe environment, especially for all the new students that will make Willows their home for the duration of their studies.
- We continue to trust God to finalise the Nashua issue.

- We pray that God will continue to send us God loving and God-fearing Committee members to fill Our Committee for 2025.
- We pray for God's protection to always be on The YW House residences, the Managers and their families, all The YW Staff and the Committees, our National Office and EXCO.
- We pray and trust GOD that our House will be full this year, and that God will make supernatural provision for YW BFN for 2025 and beyond.
- WE PRAY THAT WE WILL ALWAYS BE IN UNITY WITH OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND THAT WE WILL GROW YW BFN FROM STRENGHT TO STRENGHT AND FROM GLORY TO GLORY.

Staff: Willem & Vanessa, Mittah Casuals: Lelle and Elisa

THE YW CAPE TOWN

PRAISE for:

- God's amazing provision and for His protection over this house.
- That the house is almost full for this year – The YW has a reputation as being one of the best Women's residences in Cape Town.
- Our life coach, Sjah, who has committed to serve The YW in her capacity as a mentor and counsellor for the students.
- Our Wild West Welcome party that was arranged by our student Committee was a great success.
- Our student Committee that is dedicated and taking a leadership role in the house.
- The support, encouragement and prayers of our church, friends, and family.

PRAYER for:

- The protection of our children and residents – physical, spiritual & 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.
- New students as they adjust to travelling in a new city and their 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 the challenges that come our way.

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

"The Lord your God is with you; the Mighty one will save you.

He will rejoice over you. You will rest in His love; He will sing and be joyful about you. "

Zephaniah 3: 17

THE YW NATIONAL OFFICE

PRAISE:

- We praise God for the young women He is directing into our YW Houses this year, and we praise Him for the many young women who will come to know the Lord Jesus as their personal Lord and Saviour during this time.
- 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 and the help it is to our YW residences as well as to young women embarking into the call of God to minister His Word into other young lives.
- We praise God for the legacy which Michael & Cynthia Stemmett are leaving in the hearts and lives of the residents, staff, and Committee at the Cape Town YW, as they are planning to retire shortly.

PLEASE PRAY:

- For Willem & Vanessa in Bloemfontein as Willem's mother passed away in Kimberley during February. Please pray for them and for Willem's extended family at this time.
- For couples to apply for the positions as Manager and Assistant Manager at the Cape Town YW. We need to fill these positions before May.
- For Heather and Jeanette on Mayotte Island, that the Lord will open new opportunities for them to minister into people's lives as everyone attempts to begin life again. Pray for the many left destitute after the storm.
- We pray that young women who are needing to find a place to stay while studying throughout 2025 will be directed to come to The YW Houses in both Bloemfontein and Cape Town.
- That both YW residences will be filled with young ladies throughout the whole year!
- **For our Managers:**
 - Willem and Vanessa McKuur – Bloemfontein YW, and
 - Michael and Cynthia Stemmett – Cape Town YW.
- For those women from outside The YW who come in to hold Christian evangelical ministry within the Houses. May they reap a reward in the hearts and lives of the young women and their friends.
- We pray for the **Campus Outreach** young women who minister in the local universities of Pretoria and Johannesburg.
- Our **Retired Workers** are: Cheryl Hooper (EL), Beverley Green (PE/Q), Almarie Gouws and Fred and Penny Hammond (WC).
- Our current serving and retired **YW Missionaries** are: Jayne & David-John Dewsnap (Poland); Denise Atkins (CT); Heather Simkin and Jeanette Lelliott (Mayotte Island); Lynne & Nick Swanepoel (ex-Kenya/UK) and Margy Cowell (ex-Mozambique/Jhb).
- **Please pray for healing:** Jeanne de Winnaar and Jean & Henri Pienaar (Pta); 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

John 3:16 - *"For God so loved the world that He gave His Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him, will not perish but have eternal life."*

PRAISE:

- That the Lord is ever present.
- For improved attendance by ladies at Chapel time on Mondays.
- That residents, staff and families have been kept in good health.
- We thank God for answered prayers.

PRAYER:

- We pray that the Lord may guide us in everything we do at Bromley House. That we may be an example to the young women in our care and wise in our dealings with them.
- That the Lord would protect and guide our ladies and that they would be aware of the Holy Spirit.
- May they make correct choices in matters of life.

STAFF: Mrs Ncube and Bromley House staff