



CHRISTIAN RESIDENCES FOR YOUNG WOMEN NPC  
**PRAISE and PRAYER APRIL 2025**

**A DEEP DESIRE**

*“Suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come.” Malachi 3:1*

Most of us don't understand our own desires. We all want fulfilment, and we think we know how to get it, but we don't. Nearly everything we expect to be fulfilling is a temporary fix. It may scratch some itches, move us deeply, or even satisfy our longings temporarily, but ultimately it all falls short. Deep down, we want to be fulfilled completely and forever. We've never come up for a solution for that.

God has. Malachi prophesied that the messenger of the covenant, the Messiah, was actually the desire of our hearts. He is the Lord we were seeking, the One we delight in. And, Malachi says, He will come!

Impure hearts like ours don't necessarily find that comforting. We want our desires to be fulfilled, and to a person, we all seem to think that God doesn't quite understand our desires. Our assumption is that He has a great plan for us – as He defines “great” – but that it will be harder or more noble or less satisfying than we want it to be. Somehow, we got the message that God's plan is best, but not fulfilling – or fun.

We are wrong. We didn't get that message from God or His Word. In fact, it sounds suspiciously like a lie once told by a serpent in a garden: “There are better things than what God has offered you,” the lie says. But according to God and the prophets He inspires, we have a destiny that will thrill us from our heads to our toes. When we understand that, we become willing participants in the process.

We understand what the refinery produces, so we submit ourselves to the Refiner Himself. We take humanity's biggest hang-up – the desires of the fallen heart – and let them be purified into something which matches the heart of the Father. And we embrace the most fulfilling promise ever given: the One whom we seek will come!

*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.
- We thank God for all the prayers and support from our National Office, EXCO and everyone who reads this leaflet.
- We thank God for the amazing ministry work that Ps. Esme and her faithful team are doing with the ministry evenings (Homecell) with our ladies.
- We are grateful for the Committee (Ps. Esme) and for all the prayers and support, and we trust that God will add more new Committee Members this year, to make a difference and a lasting impact in 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 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 are still trusting 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 residents and their families, all The YW Managers, YW Staff, Committee members, our National Office and EXCO.
- We pray and trust GOD that our House will be full this year, and that He 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 STRENGTH TO STRENGTH 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 residents 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 student Committee that is dedicated and taking a leadership role in the House.
- The support, encouragement and prayers of our church, friends, and family.

### **PRAY 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.
- Our student Committee is planning some fun around the Easter theme.
- Good and supportive relationships between the students in the house.
- New students as they adjust to traveling in a new city and their studies.
- Continue to pray for additional suitable Committee members.

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

*"He that dwells in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."*

Psalm 91:1

## **THE YW NATIONAL OFFICE**

### **PRAISE:**

- We praise God for the appointment of new Managers at the Cape Town YW. Alan & Lynne Gibb will begin their tenure on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2025.
- We praise and thank 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 retire at the end of April. We, at National Office, thank them for their commitment and diligence to the Lord in the service they have given Him through their work at the CT YW.
- We are thankful that Heather & Jeanette (Mayotte Island) are back online and able to communicate with the world again. We also rejoice in the healing of Heather's leg which has been a process and we continue to pray for complete and total healing of it.
- 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; those who come and minister the Gospel to the Residents throughout the year; 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.

**PLEASE PRAY:**

- Continue to pray for Heather and Jeanette on Mayotte Island, that the Lord will open new opportunities for them to minister into people's lives. We also continue to uphold the many still struggling after December's devastating storm.
- That both YW residences – in Bloemfontein and Cape Town - will be filled with young ladies throughout the whole year!
- Pray for Mike & Cynthia as they step out into a new era of service for the Lord Jesus. We pray that everything that they are desiring to accomplish for Him, will fall into place, in His time.
- For our Managers:
  - Willem and Vanessa McKuur – Bloemfontein YW, and
  - Michael and Cynthia Stemmett – Cape Town YW.
  - Alan & Lynne Gibb – as they prepare themselves for service in the CT 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**

Psalms 136:1 – “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.”

**PRAISE:**

- We are thankful for God's protection since the beginning of the year.
- We are grateful that all the CTA students were successful in their examinations.
- We praise God for our management and staff that have worked tirelessly in the running of the hostel.
- We thank God for Pastor Banda and Pastor Nkoma from Dorothea Mission who come every Tuesday to minister the Word of God to our staff members.
- We thank God for spiritual growth through our Monday chapel services.

**PRAYER:**

- We pray for those who are writing mid-year exams - that they may succeed.
- We pray for all those who will be departing from us this year end. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours. We pray that the new girls' who will move in will uphold the standard and values of this hostel.
- We ask God to keep us and our loved ones safe throughout this year

**STAFF: Mrs Ncube and Bromley House staff**