

CAPA PRAYER CYCLE



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" And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

Ephesians 6:18

WEEK 1

Pray for the Nations' Leadership (Civil and Church) (1 Timothy 2:1-3)

Let us join in prayer as we lift church and civil leaders to the Lord's care. May He cause them to be steadfast, immovable and always abounding in His work. Pray that they will know that their toil is not in vain. Through the uncertainties occasioned by the COVID 19 pandemic, may they not be distracted, discouraged or doubtful and thus neglect the spiritual gift the Lord has given them. May the Lord give them the tenacity to take great pains to maintain the path He has cleared for them and to be absorbed in the work laid before them.

In particular, let us pray for the leadership and faithful members of the Dioceses of Botswana, Central Zambia, Central Zimbabwe and Eastern Zambia that God may keep them faithful to His Word and strengthen them as they rise up to their calls.

WEEK 2

Pray for Healthcare Providers (Psalm 30:2, Psalm 67:2, Psalm 107:20)

Commit doctors, nurses and all those whom God has called to study and practice the arts of treating the sick and the prevention of disease and pain into His able hands. Pray that they rejoice in the skills He has given them, which enable them to bring hope, healing, and wholeness to those in their care. May the Lord safeguard them and their families as they use their gifts to serve His people.

This week bring before the Almighty God the Dioceses of Harare, Lake Malawi, Luapula, Lusaka, their leaders and the Christian faithful. As they continue using their diverse skills to serve God and the people committed to their care and those around them.

WEEK 3

Pray for the Wealth and Resources of the nations (Deut. 8:18, Eccl 5:19)

This week we pray for the wealth and resources of the countries in the Province of Central Africa. Pray for their natural resources, their workforce and their economies, that they may all be used for the growth and development of the countries in the Province. That all those in positions of power and trust may be sensitive to the needs of the citizens and put them first as they exploit the resources.

We covert your prayers for the Dioceses of Manicaland, Masvingo, Matabeleland, Northern Malawi as well as their wealth and resources. That her constituents may be good stewards of the riches you have blessed them with.

WEEK 4

Pray for the Family Unit (Ephesians 3:14 – 21)

Let us pray for Family units in the countries of the Province. Pray that all members of the family live in peace and harmony; that God may restore love and hope in all homes and bring them to experience the breadth, length, depth and height of Christ's love. As cases of Gender-based and Domestic violence are being reported, may God's reign of love be established and may homes and communities witness positive change as children learn what is right from parents and parents take with pride and honour their guardianship roles. Pray especially for "street" families, child-headed families and the elderly and vulnerable groups within the countries of the Provinces.

This week we pray for the Dioceses of Northern Zambia, Southern Malawi, Upper Shire and the family units they represent. May they be good examples to those around them.

URGENT PRAYERS

- Let us raise prayer to God for a slowing in the COVID-19 pandemic especially as countries de-escalate restrictions and open international borders. Let us pray that God will provide for the needs of especially people in the informal economic sectors and those on the margins of economies.
- Pray for the loss of safe space for children by the closure of schools and other educational facilities. Let us pray for God's protection for these little ones against all forms of abuse and danger. Let us keep in focus and prayer the young girls been raped and murdered in Sierra Leone.
- Let us raise urgent prayer for persons vulnerable and at risk of being trafficked during these difficult and challenging times of the coronavirus pandemic. Let us pray that the Lord will make them hopeful even in their difficult circumstances (Psalm 42:5, Jeremiah 17:7)
- As we pray for the resources of the countries of the Province of Central Africa, let us also pray for the resources of the CAPA Secretariat that the Lord will be our sufficiency in the coming weeks and months (Psalm 112:3, Isaiah 45:3)