

NEW HORIZONS: 27 Dec – 3 Jan

We stand at the point of the conclusion of the old year, and the beginning of the new. Firstly, we look back on 2015 and thank God for His blessings both in the midst of the good and challenging times. We now have before us 'NEW HORIZONS' as we face the opportunities and challenges ahead.

Our prayer theme this month is based upon ISAIAH 43: 18-19. These are words spoken by God through the Prophet to His people who were in captivity on account of their sin and disobedience. God is promising that He would not desert His people, and that a season of spiritual and national renewal would begin. They were to return to their home land, and there they would rebuild the waste places, and the broken down walls, and they would once again experience His blessing and provision.

As we commence this New Year, let us pray that in our personal lives, in the life of our Local Church, our Elim Movement, and indeed our nation, a season of spiritual renewal and restoration may be evidenced resulting in Kingdom growth.

KEY BIBLE VERSES

Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. The beast of the field will honour Me, The jackals and the ostriches, Because I give waters in the wilderness And rivers in the desert, To give drink to My people, My chosen. This people I have formed for myself; they shall declare my praise. **Isaiah 43:18-21**

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 3: 13-14**

Prayer Points

- PRAY FOR YOURSELF PERSONALLY; THAT THIS WILL INDEED BE FOR YOU A SEASON OF NEW HORIZONS, THAT GOD MAY EXPAND YOUR VISION, AND THAT YOU MAY BE READY TO RESPOND TO THE LEADING OF HIS HOLY SPIRIT.
- PRAY FOR THE LIFE AND WITNESS OF YOUR LOCAL CHURCH. THAT THIS MAY BE A SEASON OF FRESH VISION AND EXPRESSION. PRAY FOR YOUR LEADERS; THAT THEY MAY BRING A SENSE OF CLEAR DIRECTION TO THE WORK.
- PRAY FOR OUR ELIM MOVEMENT. PRAY THAT THE SUCCESSOR TO JOHN GLASS AS GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT WILL BE ONE WHO IS CLEARLY ANOINTED AND CHOSEN BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND THAT HE MAY BE ENDUED WITH GREAT WISDOM.
- FOR OUR NATION. THAT THIS WILL BE A YEAR OF SPIRITUAL BREAKTHROUGH, BEGINNING IN THE CHURCH, AND THEN FLOWING OUT INTO OUR COMMUNITIES.

Creative Ideas

- CONSIDER BEING PART OF A PRAYER TRIPLET OR SMALL GROUP THAT CAN MEET AND PRAY INTO THE ABOVE ISSUES.
- LIST PRAYER POINTS AND NEEDS NOT ONLY WITHIN A PRAYER ROOM, BUT ALSO IN PROMINENT PLACES IN YOUR CHURCH BUILDING THUS REMINDING PEOPLE OF THE PRAYER FOCUS OF YOUR FELLOWSHIP.
- SEEK TO BE PART OF LOCAL AND NATIONAL PRAYER INITIATIVES THAT WILL SERVE TO EXPAND YOUR PRAYER HORIZON.
- WHY NOT GET A PICTURE OF A HORIZON AND PLACE IT SOMEWHERE AS A REMINDER TO SEEK GOD FOR NEW HORIZONS?