

HARVEST (1) SEASON

This month we are focussing our prayers around the theme of Harvest. In the Bible this agricultural metaphor is often used in reference to salvation, fruitfulness and mission. Across the Elim movement let's lift up our prayers to the God of the harvest and take our place in his Kingdom mission.

The one thing that a farmer dreads is to lose his harvest.

1. He can lose his harvest if he tries to harvest too early and the harvest is not ready – in fact he fails to recognise the time of harvest.
2. There is no harvest because he has not planted seed.
3. There are labourers to bring in the harvest.
4. A safe place to bring the harvest to.
5. He can lose his harvest if there is unprecedented stormy weather.
6. The harvest is lost if it is ignored.

In an uncertain climate we can be sure of God's heart to save, rescue and redeem. Let's recognise that the harvest is now and we each have a part to play with our prayers and witness.

Bible

In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:2 (NKJV)

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields." Matthew 9:36-37 (NLT)

Now let the sickle do its work; the harvest is ripe and waiting. Tread the winepress, for it is full to overflowing with the wickedness of these men. Joel 3:13 (TLB)

Prayer Points

- For God to equip the Church and individuals with a renewed passion to engage in harvesting.
- For there to be an understanding of the heart of Jesus as He looked upon the harvest with a great heart of compassion.

- Pray for more labourers. God, start it in us.
- Pray for REACH Elim's evangelism department. Pray for wisdom, provision and fruitfulness.
- Pray for your gathered services/moments that you would consistently invite people to know Jesus and see people respond.
- Thank God that he has made salvation possible. Who can you pray for specifically to come to know Jesus?
- Pray for any particular needs or circumstances you are currently facing.
- Thank God for any answers to prayer or blessings He has given you.
- Use the Scriptures as a basis for your prayers. Ask God what he wants to reveal to you through them.

Creative Ideas

- Get some images or objects that remind you of harvest. As you pray use these as a catalyst for prayer.
- Read aloud the words of Jesus about Harvest. Imagine you are hearing those for the first time. How can you respond?
- Write the names or display the photos of people you are praying salvation prayers for. Keep them displayed for the whole month as you pray for them to know Jesus.
- Through the month Journal anything God is showing or highlighting. Is there a thread or a theme? What do you need to do in response?