











Dedicating to God






1 Dedicating the lost to God

-  **Scripture:** *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life (Jn.3:16).*
-  **Proclamation:** We proclaim that God loves every person in South Africa; He gave His one and only Son, so that whoever believes in Him shall have eternal life.
-  **Prayer:** Father, we pray that every person will have a clear revelation of Your one and only Son, that they will come to an understanding that You love them and do not want them to perish, but to have eternal life.
-  **Blessing:** Father, pour out the blessing of salvation through Jesus Christ on every person in South Africa who do not know You.
-  **Something practical to do today:** Ask God to prompt you to pray a blessing of salvation in Christ Jesus over anyone who does not know Him yet.


2 Dedicating all those in authority to God


-  **Scripture:** *I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone, for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness (1Tim.2:1).*
-  **Proclamation:** We proclaim that God rules this nation and that all people in human authority are subject to Him. May godliness and holiness guide all political leaders and government officials.
-  **Prayer:** Father, we pray and intercede and give thanks to You for our President, for every cabinet minister in government, and authorities on a regional level, that they may know Your purposes. We ask that they will come to have peace through Jesus Christ, and live lives filled with godliness and in all holiness.
-  **Blessing:** Heavenly Father, bless our nation so everyone will taste and see and enjoy the peace of God and live godly and peaceful lives.
-  **Something practical to do today:** Take time to pray for someone in authority to come to know the Lord Jesus Christ, and also to exercise their authority according to God's purpose for them and the country.


3 Dedicating the holiday season to God


-  **Scripture:** *The Lord blesses you and keeps you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace (Nm.6:24-26).*
-  **Proclamation:** We proclaim Gods mercies over all the people in our land – that people will travel in safety, and for His peace to reign in our nation.
-  **Prayer:** Father, we pray for Your protection over everyone bothe visiting and living in South Africa this holiday season. May they have a special awareness of Your grace and peace resting them. Turn Your face towards everyone who may be involved in an accident or face their final hour. Let them know grace through Jesus Christ.
-  **Blessing:** Heavenly Father, may everyone in South Africa experience Your blessing, Your favour, Your grace and Your peace this holiday season.
-  **Something practical to do today:** As you pass through traffic, speak God's blessing and protection from this verse over those around you.


4 Dedicating education to God

 **Scripture:** *I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ (Eph.3:7).*


 **Proclamation:** We proclaim that all wisdom is with God and that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. May the fear of the Lord reign in our education system in this country so that the unsearchable richness of Christ may be made known to teachers and pupils.


 **Prayer:** Father, we pray for every full-time and part-time teacher, every headmaster and all those in government, that they will be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ. We ask that they will become ministers of the gospel in every circumstance and that You would give them wisdom to convey the unsearchable riches in Christ to those around them.


 **Blessing:** Heavenly Father, bless this nation with the knowledge of the unsearchable riches of Christ and cause all believers to become servants of the gospel.


 **Something practical to do today:** Ask God to show you how you can share a testimony today of His goodness in your life with someone who does not know Him.


5 Dedicating business people to God

 **Scripture:** *Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him (Dan.2:20-22).*


 **Proclamation:** We proclaim that it is God, and not man, who appoints kings and rulers and also removes them. It is God who gives wisdom and knowledge and reveals hidden things.


 **Prayer:** Father, we pray for all businessmen and women in South Africa. We ask that You would give them wisdom and make them wise, give them knowledge toward better discernment. Bring into the light all corrupt and evil business practices. Let Your light expose the darkness and heal our country's economy. Remove from us all evil and unrighteousness so that Your light might dwell with us in everything.


 **Blessing:** Heavenly Father, bless our nation with wisdom and knowledge. Bless all business people with wisdom and discernment. May Your light expose all darkness.


 **Something practical to do today:** Today ask someone (specifically someone in the marketplace) if you can pray a blessing over their lives. Ask for them to receive the wisdom and knowledge of God in their hearts and to apply this in their lives and the lives of their family and friends.


6 Dedicating believers to God

 **Scripture:** *For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way (Col.1:9-10).*


 **Proclamation:** God's throne is a throne of grace and answer to prayer. At the right time He will help us in this country and Christ will be made known to all people in South Africa.


 **Prayer:** Father, we pray that You will pour out a spirit of prayer and supplication upon the saints, so they will cry out to you night and day. Fill them with all the knowledge of Your will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. We ask that their lives will be such a testimony of Your goodness, that many others will be drawn into believing in You. We cry out specifically for marriages and relationships between parents and their children; let their lives be worthy of You.


 **Blessing:** Father, pour out Your blessing on people to know Your will. Also bless every marriage and parent-child relationship with Your spiritual wisdom and understanding.


 **Something practical to do today:** Ask God how you can be a blessing to your family, children or a friend today. Make a special effort to pray a prayer of blessing over their lives.


7 Dedicating tribes, tongues and ethnic groups to God

 **Scripture:** *Let all the earth fear the Lord, let all the people of the world revere him. For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. ... But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance (Ps.33:8-12).*


 **Proclamation:** We proclaim that the plans of the Lord will stand firm forever and that all His purposes will come to pass.


 **Prayer:** Father, we pray for every tribe and tongue and small ethnic group in our country, that they will come to know You, Your plans and Your purposes in this generation and for all generations to come. Reveal Yourself to them as their Lord and that You have called each by their name as Your inheritance. We cry out for the salvation of all people groups living in South Africa, also tourists and all illegal immigrants.


 **Blessing:** Heavenly Father, bless every soul with the knowledge that You are their Lord and that they are Your workmanship.


 **Something practical to do today:** Today, look out for people from a different language or ethnic group than yours. Ask the Lord to give you an opportunity to minister to them, and pray a prayer of blessing over their lives.


8 Dedicating all artists to God

 **Scripture:** *David and the whole house of Israel were celebrating with all their might before the Lord, with songs and with harps, lyres, tambourines, sistrums and cymbals (2Sam.6:5). ... the Lord ... filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts - to make artistic designs ... and the ability to teach others ... (Ex.35:30-35).*


 **Proclamation:** May God be enthroned in the midst of the praises of His people.


 **Prayer:** Father, we pray that the lives, skills, abilities, knowledge and gifts of every musician, artist and famous person in South Africa would be redeemed for the purpose of Your kingdom and for worship unto You only. Touch the heart, soul and mind of each one to search and find You as their source and object of worship. Help them then to teach others in their sphere of influence.


 **Blessing:** Heavenly Father, bless all musicians, artists and those who are famous and well known in South Africa with a hunger and thirst after the only Living God, so that their gifts and talents will be redirected towards glorifying You only!


 **Something practical to do today:** Ask God to show you someone who is an artist or a celebrity whom you can bless and pray for, until their hearts and gifts are redeemed for the kingdom of God.


9 Dedicating ourselves to God

 **Scripture:** *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it (Jn.1:1-5).*


 **Proclamation:** We proclaim that Jesus Christ is the Word of God, He is the creator of all things, He is life and He is light. Lord Jesus Christ, we declare today that You are the Living Word of God, You are the Way, the Truth and the Life (Jn.14:16).


 **Prayer:** Father, we pray that today many people will realise the miracle of the Word that became flesh. We specially ask for the salvation of those caught up in the different religions of the day to have a personal encounter as the light of Your truth shines into their darkness.


 **Blessing:** Heavenly Father, pour out the blessing of the revelation of Your Son as the beginning of all things. Bless every person with a clear understanding that Jesus is the light that shines in the darkness.


 **Something practical to do today:** Share a testimony from your own life with someone who does not follow Jesus Christ. Testify to God's goodness and how Jesus has shattered darkness through His everlasting light in your life.


10 Dedicating the youth to God

 **Scripture:** ... *The Lord is the everlasting God ... He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint (Is.40:28-31).*


 **Proclamation:** We proclaim that our Lord is the everlasting God over the upcoming generation in South Africa. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. We proclaim that He will strengthen this generation and cause them to soar on wings like eagles.


 **Prayer:** Father, we pray for the upcoming generation in South Africa. We ask that You will reveal Your strength to them in times when they feel weak and grow tired and weary. We ask that everyone that stumbles and falls will find their hope in You. Cause them to soar like eagles, cause them to run with the gospel and not grow weary, cause them to walk in Your ways and not become faint.


 **Blessing:** Heavenly Father, bless the upcoming generation in South Africa with Your strength. Bless them with the knowledge that in You they can soar like eagles and run and walk without restraint.


 **Something practical to do today:** Ask the Lord to show you a young person whom you can bless. Ask him/her if there is something specific that you can pray for him/her and then bless him/her according to this passage in **Is.40:28-31**. He/she will never forget it!


11 Dedicating prisoners to God

 **Scripture:** ... *They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor. They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations (Is.61:1-4).*


 **Proclamation:** We proclaim that God's mercies are new every morning – may His mercies be new over every prisoner daily, and may many prisoners be called oaks of righteousness and become a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendour.

 **Prayer:** Father, we pray specifically for every person in prison in our country. We ask that they will be saved and called oaks of righteousness. Make them grow spiritually so that they can become a planting in Your kingdom for the display of Your splendour. We pray that they will return to their families and towns and cities and start to rebuild the ancient ruins of faith and trust in You. We ask for favour for them to restore the places long devastated and that Your Name will be glorified from this generation forth and forever.


 **Blessing:** Heavenly Father, bless every prisoner in South Africa with salvation. Strengthen them and plant them in the communities they come from for the display of Your splendour.


 **Something practical to do today:** Take time to locate the prison nearest to you. Pray for this prison by name and ask for God's purposes to become a planting in the lives of each inmate, as well as all those guarding and overlooking them.


12 Dedicating the church to God

 **Scripture:** ... *My sons, do not be negligent now, for the Lord has chosen you to stand before him and serve him, to minister before him and to burn incense (2Chron.29:11).*

 **Proclamation:** We shall be sanctified by the truth, which is the Word of God.


 **Prayer:** Father, we pray for the church in South Africa, that she will yield to the cry of Your Spirit to consecrate and set herself apart for You. Give her a renewed hunger and thirst after Your written Word, that she would no longer be negligent in standing before You, in serving You, in ministering before You and giving her life as a living sacrifice to You.


 **Blessing:** Heavenly Father, bless the church in South Africa with strength and a willingness to consecrate herself and set her heart towards You and Your Word.


 **Something practical to do today:** Take time to pray and ask God for a hunger after His Word to return to your heart. Begin by reading from the first chapter of one of your favourite Bible books today.


This might be the year in which you can read through the whole Bible for the first time, or once more if you have done it before!


13 Dedicating shepherds to God

 **Scripture:** ... Jesus said ... "do you truly love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Again Jesus said ... "do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." The third time he said to him ... "do you love me?" ... He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep" (**Jn.21:15-17**).


 **Proclamation:** Jesus is the Great Shepherd of His flock – He takes care of the church, which is His body.


 **Prayer:** Father, we pray for every shepherd, minister and spiritual leader in South Africa. We ask that they will have a personal relationship with You and that they will love You more than anything else. Please teach them how to feed and take care of Your sheep.


 **Blessing:** Heavenly Father, pour out Your blessing over every person who has a spiritual responsibility towards Your sheep, that they will love You with all of their hearts. Bless them with wisdom to feed and take care of Your sheep every day.


 **Something practical to do today:** Take special care to pray for the spiritual leaders in your own sphere of influence. Also pray the same for those ministering on television channels, that the Lord Jesus will remain their first love, over and above their ministry.


14 Dedicating writers to God

 **Scripture:** *My heart is stirred by a noble theme as I recite my verses for the king; my tongue is the pen of a skillful writer. You are the most excellent of men and your lips have been anointed with grace, since God has blessed you forever (Ps.45:1-2). I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of Egypt. Open wide your mouth and I will fill it (Ps.81:10).*


 **Proclamation:** The hearts and minds of all people are like streams of water in the hands of God – He will lead them where He wants. Like with Cyrus, God will make Himself known to the world even through people that are not fully committed to Him.


 **Prayer:** Father, we pray for all writers in South Africa, those writing for the media, magazines, radio, television, fiction and non-fiction. As they open their hearts and minds to write, that You would fill and anoint them with thoughts of grace, bringing glory to You. We pray that they will no longer be filled with the thoughts and inspiration of this world, but with words of truth and grace from Your heart.

 **Blessing:** Heavenly Father, bless all those who write in South Africa that they will choose noble themes that will bring glory to Your Name. Bless them with a revelation of Your excellence, and bless them with salvation in Jesus Christ forever. Bless them by filling their hearts, minds and mouths with Your words.

 **Something practical to do today:** Ask God to show you over whose life to pray this blessing today.

15 Dedicating marriages to God

 **Scripture:** *Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. ... Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself (Eph.5:22-28).*

 **Proclamation:** God created women with the purpose and ability to live in godly submission to their husbands. God created husbands with the responsibility to love their wives, to make them holy and to cleanse them by ministering God's Word to them. May His will be done. God created husband and wife to live in submission to one another.

- 🙏 **Prayer:** Father, we pray that wives will come to find rest in submitting to their husbands and have a revelation of Your intention of submission. We cry out for husbands to take up their priestly role by giving themselves up for their wives, to love them, to lay down their lives for them and to minister to them Your Word, and beautify them for Your kingdom.
- 🙌 **Blessing:** Heavenly Father, bless all married couples in South Africa with an understanding of Your destined roles for them in marriage.
- 😊 **Something practical to do today:** If you are married, spend time with your spouse today, blessing him/her as the Lord leads you. Otherwise, pray this blessing over every married couple in your family and circle of friends.

16 Dedicating the sick to God

- 📖 **Scripture:** *"As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give'" (Mt.10:7-8). And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed (Mk.6:56). And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven (Jas.5:15).*
- 🗣️ **Proclamation:** Through the church God makes known to the world His manifold wisdom in Christ Jesus. The kingdom of God is not a matter of talk, but of power. Through the church God's kingdom is coming in this world. We declare that the church will once again preach the kingdom of heaven, heal the sick, raise the dead and drive out demons. We proclaim that she will do it everywhere there is a need and without taking money in the marketplace.
- 🙏 **Prayer:** Father, we pray for forgiveness for the church for not proclaiming the kingdom of heaven and not being filled with power from on high to heal the sick, raise the dead and drive out demons. We ask forgiveness for not reaching out into the marketplaces of our day and for having little faith. Please forgive us our sin. Empower us with Your love to do all these things willingly and freely as You have commanded us. May we see the supernatural healing of people suffering from HIV/AIDS, cancer and other incurable sicknesses from now on.
- 🙌 **Blessing:** Heavenly Father, pour out Your blessing on the church/every believer in South Africa today, that each one of them may find themselves preaching the kingdom of heaven, healing the sick, driving out demons and doing so freely and in all the marketplaces of our day. Bless us with faith in You to continue our obedience to these commandments you gave.
- 😊 **Something practical to do today:** Ask God to show you opportunities where you can testify to His goodness, or pray for a felt need for someone. Do not be so afraid someone will not be healed that you do not pray with anyone at all! Every person on the face of the earth wants someone else to pray for them!

17 Dedicating our deeds and intentions to God

- 📖 **Scripture:** *Her officials within her are like wolves tearing their prey; they shed blood and kill people to make unjust gain. Her prophets whitewash these deeds for them by false visions and lying divinations. ... The people of the land practice extortion and commit robbery; they oppress the poor and needy and mistreat the alien, denying them justice. "I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it" ... (Ez.22:27-30). The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed (Ps.103:6). Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you (Ps.89:14).*
- 🗣️ **Proclamation:** God's throne is built on righteousness and justice, love and faithfulness. God's throne will be established in our country, as well as to the ends of the earth.
- 🙏 **Prayer:** Father, we pray that bloodshed, unjust gain, whitewashing of these things, extortion, robbery, the oppression and exploitation of the poor and needy and the mistreating of foreigners in our country will come to a complete stop! We cry out to You to stir up righteousness and justice in every heart, so that many would know right from wrong and stop all deeds of unrighteousness. We ask that many will

rise up in day-and-night intercession to restore justice in and to remove wickedness from our nation, so that Your kingdom may come in our nation.



Blessing: Heavenly Father, bless every South African citizen with an understanding of righteousness and justice, with love and faithfulness. Bless them with willing hearts to follow Your ways in everything they do.



Something practical to do today: Ask God to show you things you do yourself that are not right and just before Him. Ask forgiveness and declare yourself willing to change your ways so your life may glorify God more and more.