

6. Peace & protection

"Blessed are the peacemakers." — Matthew 5:9

- We declare peace over South Africa.
- We declare protection over voting stations, candidates, officials & voters.
- We declare that violence, intimidation & unrest will not have the final word.
- We declare that South Africans will choose dialogue over hatred & peace over violence.

7. Municipalities & communities

"Also, seek the peace & prosperity of the city to which I have carried you... Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

— Jer 29:7

- We declare that municipalities will function with wisdom, integrity & excellence.
- We declare that essential services will be restored & strengthened.
- We declare that our towns & cities will be places of safety, dignity & opportunity.
- We declare that local leaders will listen to the needs of their communities & serve faithfully.

8. The Church in South Africa

"You are the light of the world." — Matthew 5:14

- We declare that the Church in South Africa will arise in unity, holiness & power.
- We declare that the Church will not be silent when truth needs to be spoken.
- We declare that the Church will be a source of reconciliation, hope & practical help in our communities.
- We declare a fresh awakening & a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit across South Africa.

Blessing

We bless South Africa with peace, righteousness & hope. May God heal our land, strengthen our families & unite our people. May wisdom rest upon our leaders, integrity guide our communities, & justice & truth prevail. May the Church arise as salt & light, & may the goodness of God be seen throughout our nation. May South Africa flourish & become a blessing to Africa & the nations. May the Lord bless South Africa & keep her, & give her His peace.

Remember

to post 'your age group colour' to the prayer mountain in the foyer of ESCC to show your commitment to praying for & from your generation.

NEW PRAYER PATHWAYS

*Declarations over South Africa
& the upcoming elections*



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As we pray for our nation,
we are reminded of our scripture for this year:

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

These verses give us a pathway for prayer. When His peace guards our hearts & minds, we can pray from a place of faith & hope.

- We begin with rejoicing – because He is Lord over SA.
- We bring petitions before Him – for the elections & the many challenges facing our nation.
- We pray with thanksgiving – choosing to remember God's goodness, faithfulness & all He has already done in SA.
- Finally, we declare God's peace over our nation.

'If 84,5 % of South Africans profess to be Christian (Census 2022), what would our nation look like if we truly lived as disciples of Christ?'

– Bruce McCallum

A declaration in prayer...

is speaking God's truth & promises over a situation in faith,
agreeing with His word & His purposes.

A helpful scripture foundation is Job 22:28

**'You will also declare a thing, & it will be established for you;
so light will shine on your ways.'**

1. God's purposes over South Africa

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD."

– Psalm 33:12

- We declare that South Africa belongs to God.
- We declare that God has good purposes for this nation.
- We declare that righteousness, justice, truth & peace will prevail in South Africa.
- We declare that South Africa will become a nation of blessing to Africa and the nations.

2. Forgiveness & repentance

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves & pray & seek my face & turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, & forgive their sin..."

– 2 Chron 7:14

- We declare that we all take responsibility for our own sin & unforgiveness.
- We declare that forgiveness & repentance will flow across our nation, breaking the power of bitterness, hatred & resentment.
- We declare that God is healing wounds of our past & bringing reconciliation.

3. The elections set for 4 November 2026

"He removes kings and raises up kings."

– Daniel 2:21

- We declare that God is sovereign over the elections in South Africa.
- We declare that every process will be governed by truth, integrity and justice.
- We declare that corruption, manipulation, intimidation & violence will not prevail.
- We declare that these elections will be peaceful, free, fair & credible

4. Leaders

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession & thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings & all those in authority."

– 1 Timothy 2:1-2

- We declare that leaders in South Africa will be people of integrity.
- We declare that God will raise up leaders who love truth, justice & righteousness.
- We declare that dishonest & corrupt practices will be exposed.
- We declare that leaders who serve (rather than exploit) their communities will be strengthened.

5. Against corruption

"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin condemns any people."

– Proverbs 14:34

- We declare that corruption will be exposed & brought into the light.
- We declare that stolen resources will be recovered & restored.
- We declare that truth will prevail over deception.
- We declare that South Africa's resources will be used for the good of its people.