

Circle of Hope International's Prayer Guide for Saturday's Prayer Time

1. **STILL YOUR HEART:** Psalm 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God." Still your heart and mind to receive and pray what God has for us during our prayer time. We need to pray God-inspired prayers to bring about God-inspired answers.
2. **REJOICE IN GRATITUDE:** Spend some time praising God for past, present and future blessings.
3. **PUT YOUR TRUST IN JESUS:** He has proven himself to us. We know that he can supernaturally provide and meet all the need.

Pastor Phiri's Prayer Requests

1. Drastic Rise in Prices. Example 1: In July the cost of fuel at the pump was \$8 a gallon now at the pumps it is \$11 a gallon...but it is not available at the pumps. On the black market it costs \$36 a gallon. Example 2: In October, right before Phiri came to the US the oil that we purchase for our feeding programs for one week cost \$16. 2 weeks ago the same oil cost \$24 for one week. The price has gone up again this week. Example 3: 2 weeks ago Phiri purchased iron sheeting for a small church (not the big church COH is raising money for). Each sheet cost \$25. On Thursday this week he purchased iron sheeting for another small church. This week each iron sheet cost \$55.
2. Rain. The rains have not started well yet this year.
3. Ministry. Since his return to Malawi, Pastor Phiri has been overwhelmed with people come to beg him for money, assistance, etc. He asks that we pray for his ministry that he will have wisdom and a strong heart to answer each person satisfactorily.
4. Grace Center Church: Please pray that Jesus will provide the funding to put the roof on the Grace Center Church (\$80,000). We have raised about \$14,000 so far.
5. Land. While Phiri was here in the US, we raised funds to add to the Grace Center property. He has purchased one piece of property but we did not raise enough funds for the second piece of property. The owners of that second piece are being very pushy and want him to give them some money for the property even if he can't pay for the whole property right now. Pray that Jesus will give him wisdom and strength to answer them. Pray that the owners will believe him when he says he does not have the money to purchase the land. Pray that the owners will just stop asking him until the money is raised to purchase the land. Pray that Jesus will provide the funds to purchase the land that is needed for all the ministries of the Grace Center.

4. **ASK FOR SUPERNATURAL ANSWERS:** Miraculous intervention. Wealth and resources to be rained down from God's resources. Supernatural provision of resources for the Grace Center. Anointing of the people of the Grace Center to pour out love over their fellow Malawians during this time of suffering. A miraculous building of the Kingdom of God in the hearts of his people.
5. **UPHOLDING THE ARMS OF PASTOR PHIRI:** Supernaturally hold up the arms of Pastor Phiri so he will be strengthened as he goes about building the Grace Center. Let our prayers be the vessel for this miracle. Take away all feelings of being overwhelmed and place in their place courage, confidence and boldness and wisdom in this time of suffering and difficulty.

Exodus 17:11-13 ¹¹ As long as Moses held up the staff in his hand, the Israelites had the advantage. But whenever he dropped his hand, the Amalekites gained the advantage. ¹² Moses' arms soon became so tired he could no longer hold them up. So Aaron and Hur found a stone for him to sit on. Then they stood on each side of Moses, holding up his hands. So his hands held steady until sunset. ¹³ As a result, Joshua overwhelmed the army of Amalek in battle.

6. **PRAY FOR PEOPLE OF SALT AND LIGHT:** Ask Jesus to raise up men and women who will be salt and light at the Grace Center and in the government of Malawi and across Africa. Pray that people are feeling hopeless and oppressed by hunger, high prices, lack of a way to fight back against the government and the oppression will be filled with hope that comes from Jesus. God is sovereign. He is in control. He will make things right in the end. For there is no authority except from God, and the Authorities that exist are appointed by God. Appointed by God, removed by God. Also pray for mercy and that those that are in authority would come to know Jesus.

Salt and Light – Matthew 5:13-16 ¹³“Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage. ¹⁴⁻¹⁶“Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.

Romans 13:1 ¹ Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

7. **THE CHILDREN.** Pray especially for Mwatita (Mwa -TI-ta) who is very sick right now. Stand firm in the promise that Jesus loves all children and that He will bring justice.

Mark 10:14-16 Let all the children come to me and do not forbid them; for of such is the Kingdom of God. And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.

8. **PRAY CONTINUOUSLY.** Justice will be granted, don't give up, keep asking. Keep the situation of the Governments in Africa and Malawi before the Lord and ask God for justice.

Luke 18:1-8 The Parable of the Persistent Widow

¹ Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’ ⁴ “For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!’” ⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

9. **OUR RESPONSE:** What will you do? Praying calls for acting. As you end your prayer time ask Jesus for your assignment. Will you GIVE generously? Will you GO to help? Will you SEND someone to help?