



PRAYERS FOR THE NATION

TOPIC: NATIONAL SECURITY

While others sleep, work, go to school, rest, enjoy, tour around, and so forth, there are others who are on alert, watching and ensuring that the rest of Kenyans are safe. The Kenya defence forces, consisting of the Kenya army, navy and air force, are always on guard. Sometimes, many Kenyans forget that we have our fathers, mothers, sons and daughters that have put their lives on line for the sake of our peace and security. Lifting these sons of our soil before the Lord, for divine protection and success, is like the moment when Moses prayed for the Israelite soldiers as they fought the Amalekites at Rephidim (Exodus 17:8-16). At that time, whenever Moses' hands went down, the enemies won; and whenever his hands were up, the Israelites won.

Monday. 30th April: 2018 God's Wisdom and Direction in our Forces

Pr 9:10 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding

We begin the week by praying for God's wisdom and direction.

- a) Confess our sins, the sins of the Church and the nation, in forgetting, ignoring, and not remembering to faithfully seek wisdom from above in matters of our security.
- b) Thank God for the faithful few that have continually held this nation before the Lord in matters of peace and security.
- c) Pray for our armed forces, that in executing their duties, they will have the fear of God in them.
- d) Pray for all, the high and the low in ranks; the generals and the lieutenants; the majors and the sergeants; the captains and the corporals; that the fear of the Lord will be their portion.
- e) Pray for wisdom on our soldiers that sit to assess situations, make decisions, and strategize on action to take. Pray that the Lord guides them in their roles.
- f) Pray for wisdom on all our soldiers that are on the front lines. Pray that the Lord causes them to make the right decisions, and that they yield to the promptings of the Spirit.
- g) Pray for wisdom on all our soldiers that give logistical support. Pray that they will always be prompt and timely in executing their duties.
- h) Pray for wisdom on all our soldiers; that they don't stir trouble or make small things to escalate into big problems. Pray that our soldiers will have godly wisdom in handling situations that come their way.
- i) Pray for the peace of our nation; because when we have peace, so shall our hearts be at peace and the nation will prosper.

Tuesday 1st May 2018: God's Protection and Defense

Ps 127:1 Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.

- a) Confess our sins, the sins of the Church, and the nation, in trusting only in the might of our forces, and forgetting, ignoring, and not remembering that God is our protector.
- b) Thank God that despite our failure to continually look to Him, as a nation, He has remained merciful and given us peace.
- c) Pray that God's protection and peace will continually surround us just as mountains surround Jerusalem. That the enemy will not have easy access to reach us-because God is our protection.
- d) Pray that God neutralizes all the fiery arrows of enemies of our nations.
- e) Pray that God will scatter in seven directions all those who may come together to scheme and plan evil against our nation.
- f) Pray that the Lord will cause all our enemies to be overcome with fear that none may approach our territories. Pray that their evil counsel will not stand.
- g) Pray that persons that God has anointed will arise and lead the forces of this nation, just as Deborah, Gideon, David, and others.
- h) Pray that while others may trust in their military might, numbers, equipment and fame, we will remember the name of the Lord; and our victory shall be of the Lord.
- i) Pray that God will protect us by day and by night-for He does not sleep nor slumber.
- j) Pray for the peace of our nation; because when we have peace, so shall our hearts be at peace and the nation will prosper.

Wednesday 2nd May 2018: God's Revelation and Insights

2Ki 6:9 The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: "Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there."

2Ki 6:10 So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places.

2Ki 6:11 This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, "Will you not tell me which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?"

2Ki 6:12 "None of us, my lord the king," said one of his officers, "but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom."

On this day we plead for God's revelation and insight.

- a) Confess our sins, the sins of the Church, and the nation, in not allowing the Holy Spirit to lead, and make known the things we need to know and do.
- b) Thank God that He does not change, and that He reveals even the secret things of men.
- c) Pray for the church that it will take up its rightful place in seeking the Lord for revelation and insights on our security.
- d) Pray for the military chaplains, and believers within the forces, that they will be sensitive to revelations and insights from the Spirit of God.
- e) Pray that God will reveal and overcome any plans, schemes and strategies of our enemies.
- f) Pray that God leads our forces to respond appropriately as they are led by the Spirit.
- g) Declare that we are a people of God, and that God will make known any plans of the enemy against our nation.
- h) Pray for the peace of our nation; because when we have peace, so shall our hearts be at peace and the nation will prosper.

Thursday 3rd May 2018: God's Favor in Battle

2Ch 20:15 He said: "Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's

We don't win because of our might, knowledge, skills, or wisdom; we win because God gives us that favor. Israel was strong, but AI defeated them badly. Let's pray for favor in battle.

- a) Confess our sins, the sins of the Church, and the nation, in looking merely at our forces as our only hope.
- b) When facing terrorist groups, pray that God will cause our forces to outsmart the aggressors and attackers.
- c) When protecting our vast boundaries, pray that God Himself will seal our boundaries; and that He will make us strong in protecting the walls as in the days of Nehemiah.
- d) When foreign aggressors seem too big and strong for us, pray that God will make us like Joshua and Caleb when they saw the giants, or David when he saw Goliath.
- e) When there is only one soldier and aggressors are many, pray that God's anointing will come on him as was with Samson, or as was with Gideon when God used 300 trumpet-blowing soldiers to defeat an army of tens of thousands.
- f) When enemies go down in bunkers and fortify themselves against us, pray that all these fortifications will come down like the walls of Jericho on the day when God gave victory to Israel. That none of their hiding places will give them shelter.
- g) Pray for the peace of our nation; because when we have peace, so shall our hearts be at peace and the nation will prosper.

Friday. 4th May 2018: Coordination and Understanding Between Forces

Jos. 5:13 Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?"

Jos. 5:14 "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence....

- a) Confess our sins, the sins of the Church, and the nation, that have often divided us and put irreconcilable differences between us.
- b) Thank God for the work that our forces have done together over the years.
- c) Pray for those in authority within the forces: the commander-in-chief, the generals, the lieutenants, brigadiers, and colonels. Pray that they execute their work with diligence. Pray that they build good relations with their juniors.
- d) Pray for the subordinate staff that they serve the nation with undivided hearts. Pray for the privates, corporals, and sergeants. Pray that they have good relations with their seniors.
- e) Pray for continued cordial relations between the various platoons, companies, battalions and brigades. Pray for those in command that the Lord helps them work at internal unity within their units, and unity with other units in the forces.
- f) Pray for the central command at the defense headquarters. Pray for smooth working relations. Pray for a team spirit. Pray for God's involvement and direction in all they do.
- g) Pray for the peace of our nation; because when we have peace, so shall our hearts be at peace and the nation will prosper.

Saturday 5th May 2018: Peace and Protection in the Camps

Jer. 29:7 Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

Our forces have been stationed in various parts of the country. Them having weapons, or being in military camps, has not been a guarantee for their safety and oneness.

- a) Confess our sins, the sins of the Church and the nation, in overlooking the safety of our soldiers in military camps.
- b) Thanks God for the continued protection that He has been giving to our soldiers.
- c) Thank God for the relative calm we have seen after the painful attack on El Adde. Pray for families whose members have been lost or maimed while on duty to protect this nation.
- d) Pray that the Lord will protect all our soldiers against any form of internal sabotage, betrayal, or friendly fire where a soldier attacks his own colleague.
- e) Pray for grace and strength on all our soldiers that are sent out on duty every now and then. Pray also for those that serve outside the country in peace keeping missions. Pray for their families: wives, husbands, children, siblings, parents, friends....
- f) Pray that our military camps will remain safe and conducive for all who serve within the forces.
- g) Pray for the peace of our nation; because when we have peace, so shall our hearts be at peace and the nation will prosper.

Sunday 6th May 2018: Citizens and Their Forces

Ecc. 10:8 Whoever digs a pit may fall into it; whoever breaks through a wall may be bitten by a snake.

Ecc. 10:9 Whoever quarries stones may be injured by them; whoever splits logs may be endangered by them.

We, the citizens, just as the armed forces, are responsible for the security of our country. Church ministers, just like other men on the street, should all be concerned about the security of the nation. None should toy around with things or people that may hurt us.

- a) Confess our sins, the sins of the Church and the nation, in failing to take our general security as our responsibility.
- b) Thank God for the level of peace that we have experienced, despite our lack of concern with matters of ensuring our security.
- c) Many ordinary citizens have seen soldiers from the armed forces as aliens, tough and rough, bullies, and so forth. Pray that God helps us feel secure and at peace whenever we are around our soldiers.
- d) Due to testimonies shared about battle fields across the world, soldiers have a tag on them that they are corrupt, sexually abusive, blasphemous..., pray that God changes the citizens' perceptions, and that He transforms any soldier that has bad inclinations.
- e) The perception of some Kenyans has been that the regular police, and the armed forces, are not one. Pray that all our security agents, regardless of their area of operation, will work together for the good of us all.
- f) Thank God for keeping this nation together. Pray to the Lord that He puts us under a canopy of His grace and presence, and that Kenya will remain as a peaceful nation in this part of the world.
- g) Pray for the peace of our nation; because when we have peace, so shall our hearts be at peace and the nation will prosper.

May God Bless Kenya