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PRAYER FOCUS:  
ON ZIMBABWE



# Thanksgiving

- As we pray for the nation, it is important to Give Thanks to God for Zimbabwe.
- The Bible says;
- “Give thanks to God for He is good; His Love endures forever ” Psalm 136:1
- “give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18



# Why We Must Give Thanks For Zimbabwe

**THANKSGIVING IS; THE PRACTICAL ACT OF GIVING THANKS; GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF BENEFITS ESPECIALLY TO GOD.**

- Thanksgiving is Therefore AN ACT coming from the Receiver of a Blessing/Benefit to The Giver Of The Blessing
- Thanksgiving Is The Natural of a Grateful People to the God who did great things in their lives
- “What can I offer the LORD for all He has done for me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and praise the Lord’s Name for saving me” Psalm 116:12-13



# Prayer Point 1: Thanking God For Zimbabwe

## 1.GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR THE RELATIVE PEACE AND STABILITY IN ZIMBABWE

“He grants peace to your borders” Psalm 147:14

2.Give Thanks To God For Preserving Our nation from the worst of COVID19 and Pray against future variants.

- Despite our many challenges as a nation, COVID did not affect us in the same way it did many other nations.

“Praise be to the Lord, who has not let us be torn by their teeth. We have escaped like a bird from the fowler’s snare” Psalm 124:6-7





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## 2. The Leadership of Zimbabwe

- Pray for Wisdom Over Our Current Leaders to navigate our nation through its present challenges
- Pray for a Peaceful, Free and Fair Election without dispute and unnecessary post election contention
- “But God is the Judge: He puts down one, And exalts another.” Psalm 75:7
- Pray for David type Leaders. Those appointed by God to be successfully elected, who will lead with wisdom and integrity
- “He also chose David His servant, And took him from the sheepfolds; From following the ewes that had young He brought him, To shepherd Jacob His people,” Psalm 78:70-71”





## 2. The Leadership of Zimbabwe

- Pray for God To Strengthen Key Institutions In The Nation
- Government – The Executive, Judiciary and Legislature
- Pray that these are free from corruption, human manipulation and are principled, just, and full of excellence.
- Industry and Commerce As An Institution
- Pray for a Revival of Industry, the rise of visionaries, innovators, and pathfinders that will bring success and progress to Zimbabwe
- The Family Institution
- Pray against the scourge of divorce, child marriages, polygamy, and abusive marriages. PRAY ALSO FOR GODLY families that espouse godly values and ethos which builds communities and the nation at large
- The Church





# 3. The Church in Zimbabwe

- There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all” Ephesians 4:4
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- Zimbabwe is reputed to be over 75% yet the soul of the nation does not reflect this.
- The lack of unity in the Church limits the effectiveness of its voice to government and the citizenry.
- The mushrooming of the Prophetic Movement with its excesses has cast doubt on the authenticity of the Church.
- An immoral Church leads to an Immoral Nation
- Corruption, infighting, and moral controversies in some Church leaders have disillusioned the nation and dimmed its light and challenging its right to speak Prophetically over Zimbabwe.

# 3. The Church in Zimbabwe

- Pray for Unity in the Zimbabwean Church
- “Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” Ephesians 4:3
- Pray against the spirit of contention, and warring in the Church. Declare the peace of God within the Church.
- “Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God” Matthew 5:9
- Pray for the Holy Spirit’s leading over the Church directing and amplifying its Prophetic Voice over Zimbabwe
- “Those that are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God” Romans 8:14



### **3. The Church in Zimbabwe**



**Pray and Declare that The Church is full of integrity and leads the nation in this way**

**1 Peter 4:17 “For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God.”**

