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Who can we trust?

HAVING JUST COME THROUGH AN ELECTION, MANY OF US MAY BE WONDERING HOW CERTAIN OUR FUTURE WILL BE. BALLOT PAPERS, FILLED WITH VOICES, CALLED US TO PLACE OUR TRUST IN THEM. WHILST THERE IS ALWAYS A SEMBLANCE OF HOPE ON ONE HAND, OUR PAST EXPERIENCES ON THE OTHER HAND CAUSE US TO QUESTION THE LEVEL OF TRUST, WE CAN PLACE IN THOSE, NOW IN AUTHORITY.

IT IS AGAINST THIS BACKDROP THAT WE ARE REMINDED OF A GOD WHO IS FULLY TRUSTWORTHY. HEBREWS 13: 8, JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY AND TODAY AND FOREVER, NIV. HE IS LIKE THE ARMS OF THE FATHER INTO WHOM A CHILD JOYFULLY JUMPS. FREE FROM FEAR/INHIBITION AND WITH TOTAL ABANDON, THE CHILD INSTINCTIVELY KNOWS THAT THE FATHER IS CAPABLE AND WILLING TO CATCH THEM. AS A NATION FACING CHANGE, WE DO KNOW THE ONE WHO REMAINS THE SAME. MAY WE LEAN UPON HIM, THE ONE WHO HOLDS US FAST DURING STORMY TIMES. YOU CAN DEPEND UPON JESUS WHEN ALL OTHER GROUND IS SINKING SAND. JUMP INTO HIS ARMS.

John 13: 34-35 A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

Monday, 1 | Today is the midway point of the year and we give you thanks, Lord, for how far you have brought us as a movement. We also give thanks for the number of successful Holiday clubs and camps which ran these past two weeks.

Tuesday, 2 | We invite you to pray for all those holiday clubs still taking place in this week. Merlewood SU KZN Southcoast requests prayer for the lives of the children as well as their leadership team.

Wednesday, 3 | Lord, we bring before you the SU KZN boys camp planning meeting taking place today between Garland, Jayce and Reinhardt. Lead them to the right financial resources and people needed for an effective camp. We also pray for a fruitful and encouraging educators' breakfast taking place in the SU Western Cape region today.

Thursday, 4 | SU Algoa region is requesting prayer today for the holiday club being run at Meals on Wheels this week. We lift up Vuyokazi Hoza and her team to you, Lord. We pray for strength and a sensitivity to the Holy Spirit as the three- week holiday club programme draws to a close.

Friday, 5 | SU Gauteng is most grateful to God for the St. Georges Methodist Church holiday club led by Stacy this week. Overall, we are grateful for a wonderful and fruitful season of ministry. Our appreciation goes to out to every volunteer, director, leader, helper and work-crew member who served faithfully these past three weeks.

Saturday, 6 | We wish to commit in the Lord's hands our SU Western Cape Youth Leaders' Training together taking place today. May they be well equipped to lead the current and next generations well!

Sunday, 7 | SU Gauteng wishes to give the Lord thanks for safe travel for Martha and her team to QwaQwa last week. They ran a very successful holiday club within the QwaQwa community and we stand amazed at the wonderful partnerships God has enabled.

Monday, 8 | We are so grateful for the number of first-time commitments made to the Lord during our holiday clubs and camps programmes over this past holiday season. Help each one to stay true to you Lord, even as they settle back into their school contexts.

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Tuesday, 9 | South African schools re-open today. In the light of this we pray for each school head, Christian teacher and Christian student today. May they be encouraged in their faith where you placed them!

Wednesday, 10 | SU Western Cape were thrilled to be able to train approximately 200 holiday club leaders from the George area this past holiday season. This group were part of a broader leadership team responsible for 15 holiday clubs within the George district.

Thursday, 11 | We bring Natasha and her team from our SU Eastern Cape region before you, Lord. We pray especially for the life skills work which they pick up again this week in the following schools: Illinge, Republic PS, James Ndudula and Astra. Grant them guidance and strength as they daily deal with numerous challenges within these schools.

Friday, 12 | SU Gauteng is excited about the possibilities that have presented themselves within the broader Soweto area. Please join us in prayer for Mpume as she connects with churches and schools in Soweto.

Saturday, 13 | SU KZN has a grateful heart for a successful Unity gathering that took place at the Wykeham Collegiate last month. Along with this also for the successful worship rally at the St. Mary's DSG Christian Arts Festival.

Sunday, 14 | Father we give you thanks for a successful season of Froggy Pond camps conducted in SU Western Cape these past holidays. The senior girls camp was well led and we are very grateful for the impact upon the lives of so many underprivileged children.

Monday, 15 | We praise God for Enrique and Margarita from Chile who recently joined our SU Gauteng region as missionary volunteers. They have been helping with the holiday club programme. May their stay in Gauteng be a blessing to both them and Scripture Union.

Tuesday, 16 | We invite you to join us in prayer as we ask the lord to lead us to the right speaker for our SU Western Cape 100-year Business Breakfast gathering.

Wednesday, 17 | In terms of campsite ministry, we give God thanks for the number of bed nights and full camps taking place at Stoney Ridge. Help us Lord to complete all the on-site maintenance work, currently on the go. We pray for favour from the Lord with regards to the sale of Kadesh Barnea. May it be sold to the right people at the right price.

Thursday, 18 | It is the Nelson Mandela International Day. As we consider the 60 minutes of goodwill, help us as a movement to extend our witness way beyond a day.

Friday, 19 | SU is living up to its name of Scripture Union as a group of young people from Pretoria in SU Gauteng are preparing themselves for a Bible quiz next month. The content is taken from the book of Acts, and our prayer is that they will not only be well versed in the scriptures, but also be transformed through their preparation.

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Saturday, 20 | SU KZN wishes to express their gratitude to the Lord for a life skills programme in South City that enabled a young man to connect with a local church. The South City team also had the privilege of ministry with two young people who requested Bibles whilst wanting to know more about God. We give the Lord thanks.

Sunday, 21 | SU KZN asks us to bring their mission partners before God today. We give the Lord thanks for how this has grown and its impact has extended throughout the region.

Monday, 22 | Lord, we bring the SU KZN Independent Unity schools gathering happening at St. Anne's (Hilton) to you today. May every Christian pupil and school leave this meeting encouraged and enthused to be a witness in their respective schools. Use Graydon Scholtz mightily as he prepares for tonight.

Tuesday, 23 | Please join us in prayer today for the two SU Gauteng schools who are about to embark upon the "Leader in Me" programme. Grant us wisdom and guidance as we prepare the next generation of leaders in this nation of ours.

Wednesday, 24 | Our SU KZN team will be leading a youth rally at Maritzburg college this evening. Pray for a good response and for God's spirit to work in the lives of those in attendance.

Thursday, 25 | We pray today for our "Stationary with Purpose" project. Bless the concept and lead us to collaborate with the right partners for success. Our prayer is that this will provide both open doors to schools, as well as sustainable income, for us as a movement.

Friday, 26 | We thank you for Mariska de Beer's leadership as SU General Director and we pray for strength and wisdom to make sound, bold and wise decisions each day. We also ask you Lord to give her strength to do what you have called her to do.

Saturday, 27 | We also pray for Alan Pitt (SU Operations Director) as he explores funding possibilities both locally and overseas. Bless his work with the Gauteng team too at this time.

Sunday, 28 | Today we invite you to pray for SU KZN region. We pray especially for the supervisors and facilitators of the PACT programme taking place in the communities of Cetshwayo and Ugo districts.

Monday, 29 | We bring our National administration team before you Lord as they faithfully serve in various parts of SU. We pray for Lucinda to enjoy a good sabbatical, for Sharon to manage her load of work well, for Marc to continue to find meaning in his IT work and Jodi and Jaclyn to tell our stories through social media.

Tuesday, 30 | In the light of a number of funding proposals constantly being presented from an SU perspective, we pray that the Lord will open the right doors and avenues for us. Grant us discernment to knock on the right doors in the right way, Lord.

Wednesday, 31 | We pray that even as we consider Nelson Mandela's legacy this past month, we will as a movement represent our Saviour and live out his purposes together as a movement. Let your Kingdom come, Lord!