

January

STARTING WELL

I HAVE OFTEN WATCHED THE ADVANTAGE ATHLETES GAIN OVER THEIR COMPETITION BY THEIR ABILITY TO GET OUT OF THE BLOCKS QUICKLY. IT IS SIMILAR TO LIFE AND MINISTRY.

THOSE STILL STUCK IN 2024 WILL GET LEFT BEHIND (SEE VERSE FOR THE MONTH PHILIPPIANS 3 :13 BELOW). THE EUPHORIA OF CELEBRATING A NEW YEAR QUICKLY FADES, AS WE BUCKLE DOWN TO WHAT GOD HAS CALLED US TO DO. THE KEY, THOUGH, IS FOUND IN RUNNING THE RIGHT RACE. SIFTING THROUGH OUR PRIORITIES, SAYING "NO" TO THOSE TIME-WASTERS AND SAYING AN UNEQUIVOCAL "YES" TO THAT WHICH MATTERS, WILL SPUR US ON IN THIS RACE MARKED OUT FOR US. HEBREWS 12 VERSE 1B "...AND LET US RUN WITH PERSEVERANCE THE RACE MARKED OUT FOR US".

Philippians 3:13b-14 But one thing I do; forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.

Wednesday, 1 | As a family and a movement, we take a moment to give God thanks for the transition to a new year. May this year be a blessed one for us all.

Thursday, 2 | We also pray for the blessing of the Lord over our nation today. We pray that you, God, will grant our political and spiritual leaders' great wisdom to govern and lead South Africa well.

Friday, 3 | Our SU Western Cape team gives God thanks for the opportunity to join the Leadership Lab Bridge (LLI) team as a facilitator this year. We pray that the partnership will grow and produce much fruit.

Saturday, 4 | We pray for good health for all our staff, volunteers and participants this year. May we know your blessing in healing and strength for 2025.

Sunday, 5 | We pray that our walk with God will be deep and intimate this year. Help us not to minister out of our own strength, but to lean into you and all that you are, Lord.

Monday, 6 | Today we bring our SU Western Cape Froggy Pond Girls' Camp to you, God. As the children arrive, we pray that they will feel welcomed and accepted.

Tuesday, 7 | We pray for protection over our camps and campsites, Lord, and we ask for a Godly atmosphere to exist. Bring healing to broken lives, we pray.

Wednesday, 8 | We pray for a breakthrough at the Froggy Pond Girls' Camp. Grant our leaders discernment to be able to know when and how to present the good news.

Thursday, 9 | As the Froggy Pond Camp draws to a close, we pray that each girl will leave inspired and full of hope in the Lord Jesus

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Friday, 10 | We pray that our Stationery with Purpose project will reap many benefits as schools and parents gear up for the start of school next week. Help us to meet our goals and fulfil our commitments.

Saturday, 11 | We thank you for our campsite staff today. Thank you for the finances that are brought into the movement through this ministry. We pray too that this ministry will reach many people who don't know you, as we fulfil the mission you have given us.

Sunday, 12 | As churches gather to worship you Lord, we pray that your Spirit will move amongst your people, reviving our hearts and our love for you and your mission. Bless our partnerships with the local churches we pray, O God.

Monday, 13 | Most of our staff are returning to work today and our prayer is that they will be inspired and refreshed to start the year well. May their calling be fulfilled for the year ahead.

Tuesday, 14 | We pray for all schools as they prepare to reopen across the nation tomorrow. We commit our principals, educators, staff and students into your hands, O Lord, trusting for safe spaces and open doors of ministry.

Wednesday, 15 | We bring SU Western Cape staff member, Celest Bossr, before you Lord, as she prepares to leave for her mission to Guatemala. We pray that you will not only provide for her, but we ask that you will use her mightily on this trip.

Thursday, 16 | Thank you, Father for the amazing opportunity that you provide staff such as Celest to minister within another culture and country. Provide the necessary support she requires, O Lord.

Friday, 17 | We pray today for the opportunities that the Pact programme presents for us within the SU KZN region. Thank you, Lord, that the contract has been extended for 2025.

Saturday, 18 | Thank you for the role that Alan Pitt plays as National Operations Director within our movement. We pray for his well-being and trust that you will use him to grow and establish the work.

Sunday, 19 | We thank you Lord for the role that our Chaplain Daryl Henning continues to play within the movement. Use him as he coaches some of our key leaders and strengthen him as he helps build the spiritual tone for us as an SU family.

Monday, 20 | We thank the Lord for open doors, that we as a movement enjoy within Education. Today, Maggie Mamorobela from SU Gauteng will be starting up work within a new school in Soshanguve. Pray for God's blessing upon this school and our schools work across the country.

Tuesday, 21 | Our SU KZN team requests prayer today for the new Missions Teams starting up within the Chatsworth and Ladysmith areas. Pray that the teams will have favour both with churches and schools.

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Wednesday, 22 | Our SU Algoa region is planning a Children's Ministry Conference for next month. We ask you Lord to raise up many children's worker mission partners who will be fully equipped within this region, reaching many children with the gospel.

Thursday, 23 | We lift up the SU Algoa and SU Amatola staff as they continue to lead in the absence of Sam Otigo, the Regional Director. Sam is on a well-deserved Sabbatical rest until the end of February.

Friday, 24 | Our SU Amatola region has asked for prayer for all the preparation that goes into their Surfers Challenge 2025. The event is a key fundraiser and we pray that the planning will go well and that they will reap the benefits of their hard work. We ask that they will have sufficient athletes, healthy and willing to participate.

Saturday, 25 | Thank you, Lord, for the literature ministry we have through the SU Bookshop. Thank you for the many opportunities you have given us within this space, including the joy of partnership with many other ministries and resources. Bless our team working within this area of ministry. Bless their networking with the Passion Movement's visit to South Africa later this month.

Sunday, 26 | We are excited for the first 2025 Unity Schools Conference taking place today within our SU KZN region today. The request is that the event will be wonderful time of growth and encouragement for all involved.

Monday, 27 | SU Gauteng has requested prayer for the areas of Westrand, Sandton, Randburg Centurion, Pretoria East, Soshunguve and Ikemeleng. Their request is for the new strategy to be implemented and doors to open in these areas.

Tuesday, 28 | SU Western Cape has asked that God will strengthen the unity within their team as they as they pursue their mission with God's help.

Wednesday, 29 | Our SU KZN team has requested prayer today for the "Count me in" programme which commences today. We pray for each new staff member, volunteer and Missions partner to learn and acclimatize to the SU ethos.

Thursday, 30 | We bring our General Director, Mariska de Beer, before you today and pray for God's blessing and favour upon her life. Bless her children (Walter and Johan) and her extended family, as she leads. Surround her with Godly and wise counsel, so that she can hear from you Lord, and lead well.

Friday, 31 | We pray for the direction and strategy that you are giving our movement, Lord. In this light, we pray for our National Executive Committee to hear from you, in making wise and discerning decisions. Both in our current world, as well for our future.