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STRONG AND VERY COURAGEOUS

THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A TIME IN OUR CURRENT WORLD AS CRITICAL FOR GOOD LEADERSHIP AS NOW! WITH THAT IN MIND, I WONDER WHAT KIND OF LEADER YOU CONSIDER JOSHUA IN THE BIBLE TO BE. HE WAS, AFTER ALL, NOT CONSIDERED TO BE THE POPULAR CHOICE TO SUCCEED MOSES AT THE TIME. THERE WERE OTHER MUCH MORE SEASONED AND EXPERIENCED CANDIDATES AVAILABLE. LEADERS SUCH AS AARON AND CALEB. BUT THE LORD CHOSE THE ARMOUR-BEARER, MOSES' AIDE AT HIS SIDE. EXODUS 33:11 PROVIDES A CLUE TO WHY GOD CHOSE JOSHUA OVER MANY OTHERS. "SO THE LORD SPOKE TO MOSES FACE TO FACE, AS A MAN SPEAKS TO HIS FRIEND. AND HE WOULD RETURN TO THE CAMP, BUT HIS SERVANT JOSHUA THE SUN OF NUN, A YOUNG MAN, DID NOT DEPART FROM THE TABERNACLE (LINGERED IN PRESENCE OF THE LORD)"

IT MUST HAVE BEEN A TERRIFYING PROSPECT TO TAKE ON THIS ONEROUS TASK, STEPPING INTO THE SHOES OF THE GREAT MOSES. YET THE LORD ENCOURAGED JOSHUA WITH THE VERSE WE HAVE CHOSEN FOR THE MONTH OF MAY: BE STRONG AND (VERY) COURAGEOUS. AND THE LORD HIMSELF PROMISED TO GO WITH HIM AND GIVE HIM SUCCESS. AND HE DID. THAT SAME MESSAGE STILL RINGS TRUE FOR YOU AND FOR ME TODAY. DON'T BE AFRAID TO LEAD IN YOUR CONTEXT - FOR I, THE LORD, AM WITH YOU! AND YOU WILL SUCCEED.

Joshua 1 verse 9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Thursday, 1 | We start our month with a SU Gauteng request for prayer on this public holiday. There is a special children's outreach training taking place in conjunction with the Salvation Army. We are grateful for this opportunity and pray that the gap-year young people will be inspired and equipped to reach children effectively within their communities

Friday, 2 | Our SU Western Cape team wishes to give thanks to the Lord for a fruitful Holiday Club and Children's Ministry Training Programme which recently took place in the George area. The team of four from the Western Cape travelled safely there and back.

Saturday, 3 | SU KZN is most grateful to the Lord for a hugely successful Unity Freedom Day workshop which took place at Michael House this week.

Sunday, 4 | We are most grateful to the effective partnership between SU Western Cape and the Rocklands Campsite. Both Daryl Henning (Chair) and Karen Meyer from SU, serve as Trustees on the Rocklands Campsite Committee. May this partnership grow from strength to strength, bearing much fruit in God's Kingdom.

Monday, 5 | SU Gauteng gives thanks for the schools work in Pretoria. Thank you, Lord, for open doors, partnerships and positive feedback coming out of these schools. Please also pray for both Garland and Jayce as they present at KZN Bible Society regional meeting. We pray for good partnership and favour.

Tuesday, 6 | SU Western Cape is grateful to God for the Year Beyond programme taking place within 5 Langa schools. Thank you, Lord, for the 30 Yeboneers well on track with their learning programme.

Wednesday, 7 | We invite you to pray today for the annual Youth Leaders 2025 Conference planning meeting taking place in SU Western Cape today. Thank you, God, for the representatives from churches and organizations coming together from a wide range of backgrounds. We also thank you Lord for staff attending the Veritas training taking place in Pietermaritzburg today

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Thursday, 8 | Volunteers are the life blood of SU and today we wish to focus our prayers upon those who faithfully give of their time, energy and expertise. SU Gauteng is particularly grateful serving within the school's context. And we pray specifically for the 112 grade 12 learners from Temple Valley Secondary who are attending a 2-hour training session led by Jayce and his team in SU KZN today.

Friday, 9 | Please join us in prayer for Pastor Carl, one of newer SU Missions Partners from the Reservoir Hills Durban. SU KZN has asked that we keep Pastor Carl in prayer as he recovers in hospital, following a health setback.

Saturday, 10 | Please pray for a successful SU Gauteng iVangelli training session taking place today at Brooklyn Methodist. We pray that all those attending will find the material practical, relevant and impactful for the spaces in which they minister. We also pray for the 25 selected Youth leaders meeting today for training within the SU Western Cape region.

Sunday, 11 | Today we celebrate all the moms within Scripture Union and the broader South Africa. May you know how much you are valued and appreciated within the SU family and beyond. We bless each of you this day. Numbers 6 verse 22 to 24.

Monday, 12 | SU Western Cape request prayer today for a successful application for funding for their Langa Sinawe Schools programme. This includes the work they are doing within the Heroes for Hope Trauma-informed programme.

Tuesday, 13 | We pause to give thanks for the success of the SU KZN South Coast Kids Adventure Camp held recently. Thank you, Lord, for the impact upon many lives.

Wednesday, 14 | SU Gauteng is actively seeking more volunteers to serve the Lord within the Gauteng North region i.e. both schools' and children's ministries. We ask you Lord to send us the right people, called of God and full of His spirit.

Thursday, 15 | We give thanks for a new door that has opened for SU KZN for ministry in Phoenix. We bring Brailsford Primary School to you Lord as we pray for Jayce and his team as they facilitate ministry within this school.

Friday, 16 | SU KZN is preparing for their Children's Ministry Training taking place tomorrow. We pray that this event will enhance their partnership with the local church.

Saturday, 17 | We ask you Lord for your blessing upon the School Christian Group Training taking place in SU Western Cape today. This is essentially for both primary and high school volunteers and teachers.

Sunday, 18 | As churches gather for worship today, we give you thanks for the partnership that exists between Scripture Union and the local church. May these continue to bear much fruit as we work alongside one another in the Kingdom of God.

Monday, 19 | We thank the Lord for the Missions partnership programme spearheaded with SU KZN. We bless these relationships and pray for greater impact in this part of God's vineyard.

Tuesday, 20 | SU Eastern Cape has asked for specific prayer regarding their fundraising drive this month. They are asking us to pray for a further 150K so that they can break even and meet their budget for 2025.

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Wednesday, 21 | We thank the Lord for the camps that are being arranged within SU Algoa and SU Amatola this term. Bless each leader and camper, we pray.

Thursday, 22 | Thank you for our finance team being led under the leadership of Alice China. We ask that you will grant favour with the banks and other institutions in terms of permissions and accesses required by this team.

Friday, 23 | We give you thanks for the role that our chaplain Daryl Henning plays. Grant him strength, wisdom and spiritual guidance as he fulfils that which you have called him to do.

Saturday, 24 | We bring before you today the SU Gauteng Children's Ministry Training taking place today at Kempton Park. Our prayer is that the attendees will be both challenged and inspired to take their learnings back to their churches and places where they minister with children.

Sunday, 25 | Thank you for the campsite and for the many camps being run at Stoney Ridge. We ask for your blessing over this ministry and for each camp being run there over this season.

Monday, 26 | SU Amatola and SU Algoa are requesting prayer for their teams this term working within their school's context. We pray that term three would be a specifically blessed one for their region as they work with children, teachers, principals and parents across the region.

Tuesday, 27 | Thank you for our SU Bookshop and the resources that are not only sold through this ministry but also each of the staff involved and their numerous networks too, O Lord.

Wednesday, 28 | Thank you, Lord, for all of the effort and work that has gone into the revised SU Constitution. May this document become a living document which formulates a valuable framework for SU as a movement in the future.

Thursday, 29 | We bring Mariska de Beer, our General Director, before you today. We pray for strength, courage and wisdom for her. We also ask for healing and renewed health, O God.

Friday, 30 | We pray for our National Executive Committee under the guidance of Anthony Ryan today. Grant this team your wisdom and direction, O Lord.

Saturday, 31 | Today is the last day our financial year within Scripture Union. We pray that you will meet us at our point of need O God and that we will finish the year strongly and with your hand of provision and blessing. We also thank you Lord for every financial gift, supporter and provision in 2025.