

# February

## IT STARTS WITH A PEOPLE FOCUS FIRST

BY NOW YOU ARE PROBABLY WELL INTO THE YEAR, AS WE FIND OURSELVES INTO THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AKA. THE MONTH OF LOVE. WE WILL BE TAKING A DIFFERENT APPROACH THIS MONTH WITH A SPECIFIC FOCUS UPON A NUMBER OF STAFF. WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO COVER THEM ALL BY NAME, BUT WE WILL MENTION A NUMBER FOR PRAYER. THESE ARE REAL HUMAN BEINGS, WITH IDEAS, COMMITMENT AND EMOTIONS. FROM THE VERSE OF THE MONTH, IT IS CLEAR THAT GOD VALUES PEOPLE AND PLACES A HIGH PREMIUM UPON EACH OF THEM. IN FACT WE ARE REMINDED THAT HE LOVES US AND TAKES DELIGHT IN US AS THE APPLE OF HIS EYE. WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AND PRAY FOR OUR STAFF BY NAME IN THE WEEKS TO FOLLOW.

*'What is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You made them a little lower than the angels, and crowned them with glory and honor.' Psalm 8: 4-5*

Sunday, 1 | We start this short month off by giving thanks to the Lord for a very special Staff conference held recently at Stoneyridge. We give thanks for safe travel, great input and a wonderful spirit fostered over the days spent together, as a staff.

Monday, 2 | We bring Trevor Saul our National Chairperson before the Lord today. We ask for wisdom, guidance, courage and insight as he builds the National leadership team for 2026 and beyond. We also ask that you will bless our National staff prayer meeting as we gather to pray this morning.

Tuesday, 3 | SU finances are a critical part of how we steward. In this regard we want to pray specifically for Peter Golesworthy, as treasurer, and the National finance committee. Lord, we ask firstly that you will continue to provide for us as a movement, whilst secondly, we pray for wisdom to steward well the resources you have blessed us with.

Wednesday, 4 | Let us pray for the other members of the SU National board today. They are Anthony Ryan, Jo Sharples, Samkelo Blom, Cladious Nhawu, Lerato Ncube and Willie Bruce. We pray for insight, networking doors and the ability to make wise and sound decisions for this movement.

Thursday, 5 | For the next few days we want to hone in on the National staff team. So, we pray especially for Mariska de Beer our General Director. We pray that she will settle quickly into her new location based in Gauteng. We pray that this strategic move will bear much fruit. We pray that her family will also quickly adjust to their new culture and surroundings.

Friday, 6 | Alice Chinya is a key member of this team, responsible for the National finances. We ask you Lord, to continue to provide the systems, tools and resources required to make good decision, as books are balanced, and decisions are made.

Saturday, 7 | Other members of this team are Wendy Khoza, Paul Sawyer and Lucinda Hendricks. Each have some very specific functions and play a critical national administrative role. We ask that you will bless this team and that they will continue to find joy in what they do and contribute.

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Sunday, 8 | We pause today to steer our prayers around our relationship with the local church. Please pray for our chaplain/ambassador, Daryl Henning, as he carries the SU flag in ministering at Claremont Baptist today and at Community Bible Fellowship later in the month. These are local churches within the SU Western Cape region.

Monday, 9 | We start this week by praying for our SU Gauteng region. We give God thanks for Tom Miles as he heads up the work in this important region. Gauteng has experienced many changes and we pray that you Lord will grant Tom the grace and guidance of the Holy spirit as he seeks to build the work in this region.

Tuesday, 10 | We also bring the two current staff workers before you Lord in Maggie and Anastesia. We thank the Lord for the many years of good service of Maggie as she draws her service to a close next month in retirement. Bless Stacey too, as she picks up the SU Gauteng reigns for this year.

Wednesday, 11 | Whilst in Gauteng, we want to pray for our Stoneyridge team. We specifically pray for Chicks and Lerato Radise as they spearhead the work at the campsite. May they find joy in what they are doing and grace as they lead their team. Bless every camp and cause it to be a profitable space for SU.

Thursday, 12 | We also pray for the staff at Stoneridge today in Thabo, Kgomotso, Stone, Bala and Ethel. Grant this team new strength each and every week as they serve the Kingdom of God through what they do each day.

Friday, 13 | Lord we also pray for doors to open for financial support for SU Gauteng. Lead us to the right partners so that the work in this region can expand. We ask that you will guide us to good volunteers and potential staff.

Saturday, 14 | Today is celebrated as Valentines day in many parts of the world. Help us as a movement to experience the Love of God anew and to demonstrate this to the world around us and through the activities of Scripture Union. Bless families and marriages within our movement too.

Sunday, 15 | Today we pray for our Mission Partners. They represent not only their local churches but act as ambassadors across their region for SU.

Monday, 16 | We commence our week by bringing the KZN team to you, Lord. Firstly, we commit Garland Sam as regional director to God. May God grant him grace and strength to lead well. We give thanks too for the school's ministry, prayer spaces and especially the Mission Partner strategy. We give thanks too for the added contracted support of Jayce Naidoo.

Tuesday, 17 | We give thanks for the role that SU KZN staff such as Neo continues to play. And we thank you for the recent addition of Coral as the Independent school's coordinator. Bless the work across the wider KZN area and expand their reach with the local church and their networks, God.

Wednesday, 18 | We commit our South Coast team into your hands Lord. We pray for God's blessing upon Yolande, Lesley and Angel. May they continue to find new strength in God as you lead them Lord into what they have been called into.

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Thursday, 19 | We want to bring our ministry amongst the deaf community to you Lord. (SASL) In this light, we pray for Phumi, Busiswe, Christopher and Unise. Lord we ask you to use this team to be a blessing and to win many for the Lord within the contexts that you entrust them to.

Friday, 20 | We thank you for the ministry of our SU Resources and Bookshop, God. We commit Grant Griffiths as the leader into your hands and pray that you will lead him in the direction this ministry takes.

Saturday, 21 | We bring other important members of the Resources and bookshop team before you too, God. We pray for the blessing over Robyn Roodt, Tristan and Charmaine. May the Holy Spirit guide and use them to make connections as their giftings are exercised.

Sunday, 22 | We are most grateful for the work of the team of staff at the SU Western Cape region. We pray especially today for Keenan Farquhar as the Regional Director, as he provides leadership, vision and direction. Bless the regional executive too as they work alongside and set up the region for its next successful season.

Monday, 23 | We pray for Karen Meyer who has been a long- term staff member in the Western Cape. We pray for new joys, as you continue to use her within the region.

Tuesday, 24 | We pray for other valuable staff in the Western Cape today. We commit Shenick Visser, Jody Potts, Sonia, Thandeka, Buzelwa, Aldine and Pastor Bob into your hands. May you inspire and use this team for your glory. Refresh them.

Wednesday, 25 | Today we want to bring the Eastern Cape team before the Lord. Firstly, we pray for Sam Otigo as he leads the region. May he know your presence and strength for the year ahead, and may he find grace to lead well.

Thursday, 26 | We bring Natasha Prince, Jabu and Tracy before you Lord. Give them renewed strength and energy to fulfil that which you have called them to. Provide the necessary resources they require to do the ministry, and add to their number those you have called. Grant them good health and a peace for 2026 to fulfil their calling.

Friday, 27 | We are also grateful for the work in Amatola. In this light we pray for Kwakes, Bunthu, Owen and Sandile. May this year be an extraordinary year of God's favour upon their lives as they put their trust in you, Surprise them with your goodness, O God.

Saturday, 28 | At the end of tax year, we are trusting you Lord for many generous donors to sow into the work of the Lord at Scripture Union. Raise up new supporters and may many more be inspired and encouraged in their giving through the tax benefits and advantages provided.