

May

TRUSTING IN GOD'S FAITHFULNESS AND PROVISION

THE MONTH OF MAY STARTS OFF WITH A PUBLIC HOLIDAY IE. WORKERS DAY. IN THE LIGHT OF THE FORMATION OF THE AFRICAN UNION, IT IS ALSO CALLED AFRICA MONTH. YET, WITHIN THE BROADER SU FAMILY, ALL SYSTEMS ARE GO, FOR THE END OF OUR FINANCIAL YEAR. NUMBERS ARE BEING CRUNCHED AMIDST FERVENT PRAYER, AS BUDGET CALCULATIONS ARE CONSIDERED FOR THE NEW FINANCIAL YEAR.

IT IS AGAINST THIS BACKDROP THAT WE HOLD THE TENSION BETWEEN WHAT IS REALISTIC AND WHAT IS CALLED FAITH. THIS BALANCE CALLS US TO A LEVEL OF SPIRITUAL AND EMOTIONAL MATURITY. MEMORIES COME FLOODING BACK, WHEN, AS AN EX- REGIONAL DIRECTOR, I CONSIDER THE LEAD UP TO THE FINAL DAY BEFORE YEAR-END. SPREADSHEETS, DONOR NAMES, FUNDING APPLICATIONS AND PRAYER USUALLY ACCOMPANY THIS SEASON. I HAVE OFT BEEN QUOTED AS HAVING SAID, "THIS SEASON IS BAD FOR BLOOD PRESSURE, WONDERFUL FOR FAITH." YET, FOR ALL THE MANY YEARS, I HAVE NEVER SEEN GOD FAIL US YET. NOT ONCE! (PSALM 37 V 25)

WE ALSO PAUSE TO CELEBRATE ALL MOTHERS ON THE 10TH OF THE MONTH. WE HONOR YOU
- HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
DARYL HENNING

I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging for bread. Psalm 37 v 25

Friday, 1 Workers Day | We start the month of May with a public holiday, as we celebrate Workers Day today. Thank you, Lord that as a movement, we are able to provide employment for a number of staff. We pray and think too of those struggling to find work in a culture and environment of high unemployment rates within South Africa.

Saturday, 2 | SU Western Cape will be holding their Youth Leaders Training today. Our prayer is for open hearts and for the Lord to lead the team well.

Sunday, 3 | SU KZN has been at the forefront of SU Sundays and today is no exception. We commit each Mission Partner and volunteer representing SU within their local church today.

Monday, 4 | We rejoice and give thanks for the more than 100 children and young people who gave their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ at the SU Amatola Easter camp. Father God, may they be well disciplined and grow in their faith.

Tuesday, 5 | We give thanks for a successful Vision night held recently by the SU Western Cape team. The testimonies coupled with 70% new potential supporters left us inspired. Pray that these new partners will not only catch the vision, but run with it too.

Wednesday, 6 | SU Gauteng are thrilled to announce the appointment of June Thekiso as their new Provincial leader. June brings a wise head, calling, experience and passion to the role. We commit June into your hands O, God and pray that she will be undergirded with your power and grace for the task at hand.

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Thursday, 7 | Please join us in prayer for the SU Western Cape's Holiday Club coordinator's dinner event taking place this evening. We pray that this will be a meaningful and encouraging time for both the staff and each Holiday club coordinators. May their experience be one of shared vision, purpose, support and accountability.

Friday, 8 | We pray today for the formation of the SU Gauteng Provincial Committee (PEC). Please keep Tom Miles in prayer as he sets up the Committee and looks for a treasurer to add to the Chair and vice chair appointments, that they already have in place.

Saturday, 9 | SU Western Cape wishes to give God thanks for three recent training events where numbers of young leaders were trained. Firstly, for the 105 children's workers, followed by the 100 holiday club leaders, as well as the number of Youth Leaders being trained through their TYLT program.

Sunday, 10 | Today we celebrate all of the mothers within the SU family. Bless each of them and may they be honored and appreciated for the role they play. Bless our "SU mothers" too, who may not have children, but play a nurturing role to many of our campers and participants.

Monday, 11 | Schools and School groups are well into the second term by now. Please pray for wisdom and favour as we support and encourage our Christian Union groups in their school contexts. May they be a witness and blessing to their school peers, staff and parents.

Tuesday, 12 | A lot of travel takes place with staff, volunteers and Mission partners travelling to schools, churches, supporters. Please pray for safety and journey mercies, especially where the distances are great and the roads are wet.

Wednesday, 13 | SU KZN has had the recent privilege of training seminarians at Seth Mokotime. This is an evening lecture at their Leadership Academy. Thank you for the opportunity Lord to influence young theological minds.

Thursday, 14 | SU Eastern Cape expresses their gratitude, and we join them in giving thanks for their volunteer Yeboneer training program. They have asked for prayer especially for Sandile who will be managing 29 Yeboneers in our SU Amatola region. Grant him strength, support and grace, as he undertakes this task.

Friday, 15 | Many of the Provinces have benefitted enormously from the ministry and gifting of Peter Nuttall. Peter is from the U.K. and felt a calling to SU South Africa, a number of years ago and has been a blessing, traveling from one region to another, training up leaders and children's workers. Lord, bless Peter as he labours for you.

Saturday, 16 | We give thanks today for the children workers attending the SU Algoa Inspire Children's ministry training Conference taking place today. Please join us in prayer for the equipping of volunteers, as well as Mission partners working with the children of broader Algoa. May they be inspired in their calling, as they work with both children and young people.

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Sunday, 17 | Today we bring before you Ngobile (Angel) Mqadi before you Lord. She is a member of our SU KZN team and will be taking on added responsibilities within the social media space, prayer and other areas. Please join us in prayer for Angel as she seeks to fulfill these additional roles. Grant her your strength and peace as she learns and grows into the role.

Monday, 18 | SU Amatola and Algoa has requested prayer today as the budgeting process is finalised. Grant wisdom to these areas as they plan, strategize and steward the resources that you Lord have given them. May they experience the goodness of God through the process, where faith is balanced with a healthy dose of wisdom.

Tuesday, 19 | SU KZN has led our prayer space work effectively, whilst also pioneering our Mission enabler work at the same time. May they continue to enjoy the favour of God in this region, seeing many coming to faith and the work growing through these initiatives.

Wednesday, 20 | We thank you Lord for how you are enabling us to utilise our Campsites viz. Glencairn and Stoneyridge. Thank for the recent addition of Chantal and groundsmen at the Glencairn site. There has been a request for unity amongst the staff and a heart to be a witness for the Lord when engaging with the campers.

Thursday, 21 | We pray today for Chicks, Lerato (camp directors for Stoneyridge) and their son Remo, as they find themselves in the middle of a trip to Moolmanshoek in the Free State. The purpose for their trip is to learn from other campsites. May they also find rest during this time too.

Friday, 22 | Many activities carry a fair measure of risk at our campsites. We pray Lord for your protection and safety over the leaders and campers in every activity during their stay at the site.

Saturday, 23 | Lord, we ask for your blessing upon the SU Algoa holiday club training place today. May they be well prepared and end up on the same page with regards to the themes and programs for each age group. Prepare each leader emotionally, as well as spiritually for this time of ministry. Be especially with those presenting/facilitating.

Sunday, 24 | We pray for our Church leaders. We are most grateful for our relationship that we enjoy with the local church. May ministers and board members function out of their calling and unity as they seek to fulfil their purpose. May they be relevant in our nation and world at "such a time as this."

Monday, 25 | This week's prayers are focussed upon leadership and we want to pray particularly for our Provincial leaders Garland Sam(KZN), Sam Otigo (E ,Cape).June Thekiso (Gauteng) and Keenan Farquhar (W ,Cape) We pray that will be encouraged this day. May you hear their prayers Lord and grant them good health. Provide the necessary support and provide the resources they require to lead their provinces well. Bless their families and expand their vision and networks.

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Tuesday, 26 | We bring every Provincial committee before you today. Praying for the right people, called of God to take up the cudgels of responsibility within their Province. Bless every chairperson to hear from God, and to lead from a position of strength out of their relationship with God. Bless the unity in these teams and the synergy with the full-time staff, Director and volunteers.

Wednesday, 27 | We pray for each Mission Partner playing a leadership role within their community and church today. May they enjoy the presence of the Lord in all they do, whilst building your Kingdom, God. Bless them with fresh ideas and resources to implement these ideas.

Thursday, 28 | We pray for both our National team and our National executive today. Thank you, Lord for those who give of their time and skills, so generously. Grant them strength and wisdom in the decisions made. May they interpret the times, the people and the opportunities with discernment and courage.

Friday, 29 | Kindly join us as we lift up Mariska de Beer our General Director, and Trevor Saul, National chair of Scripture Union in prayer. Grant them wisdom and discernment, as they make critical decisions on behalf of the movement. May they know your peace Lord, especially as we approach the end of our financial year.

Saturday, 30 | We bring the Children's Ministry Conference taking place today within our SU Amatola region before you God. We pray for those presenting and those being equipped. May they experience the blessing and grace of the Lord upon this training event today.

Sunday, 31 | Thank you, Lord for every donor and every supporter who so generously gave into this ministry for the 2025-2026 financial year. We bless and give the Lord thanks for the generous spirit that exists within the movement. Please also pray for the SU Western Cape's 2026 Holiday club Commissioning service this evening- called "Preparing Hearts and Logistics" - a significant note to end our month upon!