

WEEK ONE

The Most Vulnerable

Thank you for joining the Hands at Work family around the world in prayer for 40 days on behalf of the most vulnerable children in Africa and our work to support them. As the body of Christ, we commit to coming together to intercede and bring hope to the hopeless.

Hello. My name is Nonhle. I am 14 years old. I live in the community of Sthobela, South Africa, with my younger brother and my grandmother.



Join Us

for Africa's Vulnerable Children
& Hands at Work

Wednesday, March 6th

Day 1 - MAKE IT PERSONAL

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people" – Ephesians 1:18

As we begin 40 Days of Prayer together, become familiar with the story of Nonhle a 14-year-old girl living in the community of Sthobela in South Africa. How can you make her story personal to you? Remember that we make it personal because Jesus made it personal with us first. As we head into these next 40 Days, ask God to deepen your relationship with Him and ask what He desires to teach you through the life of Nonhle allowing Him to transform your heart, body and mind as you intercede on behalf of Africa's most vulnerable children and Hands at Work.

Thursday, March 7th

Day 2 - FATHERS IN A FATHERLESS GENERATION

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. – Proverbs 22:6

Across Africa, there are many fathers who are absent; either having passed away or having left their families. Pray for more male Care Workers in our communities to rise up and be an example for younger boys to follow. Pray for Godly men to take responsibility

within their communities and families, bringing lasting transformation.

Friday, March 8th

Day 3 - CLEAN AND ACCESSIBLE WATER

The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. – Isaiah 58:11

In many of the most vulnerable communities across Africa, access to safe and clean drinking water is limited. Pray for the health of those who have no choice but to drink dirty infested water. For those, who walk long distances to collect this basic necessity, ask God to give them safety and energy as they travel. Pray for clean water sources to become available in areas where water has run dry.

Saturday, March 9th

Day 4 - CHILDHOOD MARRIAGE

The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." – Deuteronomy 31:8

In countries like Mozambique, young girls are susceptible to being given up for marriage as early as 12 years old. This occurs, not only due to traditional beliefs, but when families are financially desperate. Pray for Godly men and

women within their communities to courageously speak on their behalf. Ask God to bring physical, emotional and spiritual healing to young girls who are deeply traumatised and impacted by early marriage.

Sunday, March 10th

THE FIRST SUNDAY

On Sundays, we pause to anticipate the coming of Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. – Mark 8:31

The Crisis: Poorest of the Poor

WEEK TWO

Hands at Work is committed to working in the poorest, most dysfunctional communities in the countries we serve. From HIV/AIDS to violent unrest, the most vulnerable people are surrounded by afflictions difficult to comprehend.

Monday, March 11th

DAY 5 - CHILD-HEADED HOUSEHOLDS

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven continually see the face of My Father who is in heaven.

– Matthew 18:10

Throughout the most vulnerable communities in countries like Zimbabwe, many young children are left under the care of their older siblings when their parents pass away or leave to find work. Ask God to protect and provide for them. Pray that as they grow up without parental figures, they will come to see God as their Heavenly Father who deeply loves and cares for them. Pray for the local church and surrounding community to stand in solidarity with them and commit to supporting and encouraging these young families.

Tuesday, March 12th

DAY 6 - CORRUPTION

I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

– John 13:15-17

In many of the poorest communities and countries across Africa, the government systems are susceptible to corruption; creating an even greater level of vulnerability and desperation for the most vulnerable children and their families. Ask God to reveal himself to those who are causing this hurt and injustice. Pray that God would speak peace and compassion into their hearts. Pray for the church to defend the most vulnerable, and pray for people in positions of influence to speak on their behalf. Ask God to give those who are victims of oppression, His hope and comfort as they live in the midst of challenging circumstances.

Wednesday, March 13th

DAY 7 - THOSE OUTSIDE OUR REACH

A father to the fatherless, a defender of

widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, He leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

– Psalm 68:5-6

Pray for the most vulnerable who are outside of our reach. Ask God to give peace, comfort and restoration to those living amidst war, injustice, persecution and corruption on a daily basis. Ask God to come and heal the brokenness and trauma in their lives and to free them from fear and anguish.

Thursday, March 14th

DAY 8 – ESSENTIAL SERVICES

He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor. For the foundations of the earth are the LORD'S; on them he has set the world. – 1 Samuel 2:8

In countries like Nigeria, having a daily meal and access to education and health care is simply out of reach for the most vulnerable. Pray for Hands at Work as we strive to effectively provide these services for the most vulnerable children. Ask God to give each volunteer Care Worker in our communities across Africa, strength and energy as they fight to ensure that the most vulnerable children are holistically cared for.

Friday, March 15th

DAY 9 – CHILDREN ACROSS AFRICA

Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

– Isaiah 41:10

Today, we encourage you to pray for the most vulnerable children like Nonchle who you know by name. Hands at Work deeply desires for each of our children, to have a personal relationship with Jesus, knowing and believing the unconditional love that He has for them. Ask God to give the most vulnerable children a spirit of joy and hope in the midst of desperation. Through the Godly display of love from their Care

Workers, pray for each child to feel a sense of belonging, hope and love for their future.

Saturday, March 16th

DAY 10 – HIV/AIDS

Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise. – Jeremiah 17:14

The HIV/AIDS epidemic continues to devastate the most vulnerable communities across Africa; ending lives, tearing families apart and leaving children as orphans. Pray that the families of those struggling with HIV/AIDS will have grace and compassion with their loved ones and that they would not accept the cultural norms of stigmatising this disease. Pray for those who are victims of abuse resulting in HIV/AIDS. Ask God to guide Hands at Work as we respond to the crisis of orphaned children who have lost one or both of their parents from HIV/AIDS. Ask God to bring hope, love and restoration into the lives of the people afflicted with this disease.

Sunday, March 17th

THE SECOND SUNDAY

On Sundays, we pause to anticipate the coming of Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, “We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. He will be delivered over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him and spit on him; they will flog him and kill him. On the third day, he will rise again.”

– Luke 18:31-33

Hands at Work encourages, challenges and mobilizes the local church to care for the most vulnerable and we envision the church outside Africa unified in this same mission. We are the body of Christ, and the International Church is called to join with the local church to care for those in need.

Monday, March 18th

DAY 11 - THE LOCAL CHURCH

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. – 1 Peter 4:10

Hands at Work envisions the local church in Africa effectively caring for the most vulnerable. Pray for the church to be gracious and compassionate; understanding the biblical mandate to care for the orphans and widows in their communities. Ask God to open the hearts and minds in the church to see the needs of the most vulnerable living around them. Pray that local pastors and churches in the areas where Hands at Work are serving will rise up and take on the responsibility of serving the poor and the destitute.

Tuesday, March 19th

DAY 12 - CARE WORKERS

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" – Isaiah 52:7

Thank God for our volunteer Care Workers who are committed to bringing healing into the hearts of our children and ask that God would continue to lead them in supporting each child. Ask God to bring encouragement and hope to the Care Workers, who on a daily basis, give of their time, energy and resources to serve the most vulnerable children. Pray for our Care Workers to be unified as they serve and that more men and women would recognise their calling to serve the most vulnerable.

Wednesday, March 20th

DAY 13 - PASTORS

Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. – 2 Timothy 4:2

Many of the pastors in the local church have a strong influence in their churches. Pray that they would recognise the responsibility that they carry as a pastor and that they would speak truth and hope to their congregations. Pray

that they will be deeply rooted in the promises and love of God, so that others may be brought to Christ through them.

Thursday, March 21st

DAY 14 – INTERNATIONAL CHURCH AND INTERNATIONAL OFFICES

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbour as yourself." – Galatians 5:13-14

Hands at Work believes that the International Church has a responsibility to live out the Biblical Mandate of caring for the most vulnerable together with the local African church. Pray for the International Church to respond to the crisis of poverty and injustice across Africa. In AU, CA, the UK and the US, Hands at Work has International Offices, existing to support, challenge and encourage the church in caring for the most vulnerable. Volunteers in these offices desire transformation, not only to the lives of the most vulnerable in Africa, but to their own church and community. Ask God to continually give them unity and passion as they respond to the cry of the broken.

Friday, March 22nd

DAY 15 – INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" – Isaiah 6:8

Pray for our International Volunteers, who commit to serving the most vulnerable on the ground in Africa. As many of them are away from their families, ask God to give them peace and encouragement. Pray that they will grow deeper in understanding God's heart for justice and their calling to serve the most vulnerable.

Saturday, March 23rd

DAY 16 – TEAMS AND PARTNERS

"Feed the hungry, and help those in

trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon."
– Isaiah 58:10

Across the world, Hands at Work has partners who have committed to supporting communities in Africa. Thank God for their commitment. Groups of people have come together to pray, raise support, to send teams, and to build a relationship with Hands at Work. Pray for these relationships to continually grow stronger and deeper. Many of these partners send teams to serve with Hands at Work on the ground in Africa yearly. Pray for each team who will be coming to Africa in 2019. Ask God to give each person a willing heart to experience all that He has for them in Africa. Pray for transformation in their hearts and lives, and pray for strength and boldness as they return home and share their stories and experiences.

Sunday, March 24th

THE THIRD SUNDAY

On Sundays, we pause to anticipate the coming of Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

"Do you now believe?" Jesus replied. "A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me. "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

– John 16:31-33

The Local Response: Community Ownership WEEK FOUR

A core value of Hands at Work is our commitment to local community ownership. It is essential for local people who have hearts of compassion to serve their community through grace, love and sacrificial giving. Through this, complete transformation can take place.

Monday, March 25th

DAY 17 - MARANATHA WORKSHOPS

Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

– Matthew 11:28-30

Maranatha Workshops is a tool that we use to share the good news of Jesus Christ in our communities across Africa. In places like the Democratic Republic of Congo these workshops are continuing to be facilitated by the Hands at Work Local Office teams for the Care Workers, Primary Caregivers and the children. Pray for each person to come with an open and expectant heart for all that God wants to do. Pray for each person attending, to come to know the unconditional love of their Heavenly Father and that they will desire a personal relationship with Him. Ask God to bring healing and restoration into the broken areas of people's lives and that as a result, they will then be able to bring transformation to their families and surrounding community.

Tuesday, March 26th

DAY 18 - FOOD INSECURITY

For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. – John 6:33-35

Food security remains a serious issue in many of the most vulnerable communities in countries like Malawi that Hands at Work are serving. Many people face desperate hunger between November and February when their food supplies run out. Today, pray for people with hearts of compassion to give out of their resources to those who are suffering around them. Ask God to bring comfort, peace and provision to those who are living day to day and don't know how they are going to survive. Praise God for volunteer Care

Workers, who have committed to daily providing the most vulnerable children with a hot and nutritious meal.

Wednesday, March 27th

DAY 19 - EDUCATION

He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. – Deuteronomy 10:18

In 2019, due to a change in Government policy, children who do not have proper legal documentation to attend school in South Africa will no longer be permitted. The vulnerability of children increases, not only due to the lack of education, but in the routine of day-to-day living. Hands at Work sees Life Centres as opportunities to facilitate growth and development. Ask God to give Hands at Work wisdom and discernment. Pray for each child to enjoy learning at the Life Centre and that they will feel safe, even though it may look different than being in school. Pray for each child, that despite not being permitted to attend school, they will belong and will be accepted.

Thursday, March 28th

DAY 20 – RECOMMIT

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. – Galatians 6:9

Today, we encourage you to recommit yourself to the second half of 40 Days. Be thankful that we have a Heavenly Father who unconditionally loves and desires to have an intimate relationship with each one of us. Pray for God to give you a deeper understanding of His heart for justice and a closer relationship with Him as you recommit to interceding on behalf of the most vulnerable. Believe the words of Galatians 6:9 and let them sink deep into your heart; infiltrating into every part of your life.

Friday, March 29th

DAY 21 – LIFE CENTRES

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. – John 10:10

A Life Centre is not simply a physical place, but it is an emotional, spiritual and relational place where the most vulnerable people can come knowing that they are loved, accepted and cared for. Our dream for the most vulnerable children and their families is that they will experience healing and restoration from their trauma and brokenness. Pray for more Care Points to be transformed into Life Centres across Africa. Pray that in their time of brokenness, they will experience the love of Jesus and desire a personal relationship with Him.

Saturday, March 30th

DAY 22 – PRIMARY CAREGIVERS

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. – Isaiah 40:31

In many of the most vulnerable communities in countries like Swaziland, orphaned children are being cared for by their grandparents, aunts, uncles, older siblings or other relatives who have themselves experienced trauma, similar to the children under their care. Pray for complete healing and restoration in the lives of Primary Caregivers, that they will be set free from their inner brokenness. Pray that as they experience the transformational love and grace of Christ, they will feel compelled to pour out this same love and grace to the children that they are caring for. Pray that they will see the Life Centres as a safe place where they can share their burdens with and encourage one another.

Sunday, March 31st

THE FOURTH SUNDAY

On Sundays, we pause to anticipate the coming of Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. – Matthew 16:24-25

Raising African Leaders and Youth

WEEK FIVE

Hands at Work is committed to investing into the youth in our communities across Africa, knowing that they are the next generation and are continually looking for ways to grow and develop our existing and new African leaders.

Monday, April 1st

DAY 23 - RAISING AFRICAN LEADERS

Whoever wants to serve me must follow me, so that my servant will be with me where I am. And my Father will honour anyone who serves me. – John 12:26

Hands at Work desires to see African Leaders with hearts of grace and compassion serving the most vulnerable. Pray that God will send us more leaders with hearts that desire to be set apart from their cultural norms and sacrificially serve the most broken.

Tuesday, April 2nd

DAY 24 - AFRICAN LEADERS

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. – Colossians 2:6-7

Hands at Work is committed to continually growing and developing our African Leaders into men and women of love and compassion. Ask God to deepen their understanding of the truth and promises in God's word and His desire for their lives.

Wednesday, April 3rd

DAY 25 - HANDS AT WORK LOCAL OFFICE TEAMS

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. – Hebrews 6:10

Hands at Work has Local Office teams across Africa who are committed to supporting the Care Workers and the most vulnerable children. Pray for each person in the office to remain united in the truth of Jesus as they bring the hope and love of Christ to the most vulnerable.

Thursday, April 4th

DAY 26 – REGIONAL SUPPORT TEAMS

Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. – Philippians 2:2

Pray for our Regional Support Teams across Africa. African Leaders and International Volunteers work together on these teams to support the Care Workers and mobilise the local church to effectively care for the most vulnerable in their own communities. As people on these teams come from different cultures and backgrounds, pray for unity and wisdom as they make plans and preparations for the year ahead and strive to serve the Care Workers with grace, love and compassion.

Friday, April 5th

DAY 27 – YOUTH LEADERS

The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. – Zephaniah 3:17

We dream of seeing the youth in the communities that we are serving, actively involved and engaged at the Care Points. It can be a challenge being a youth in the most vulnerable communities, as societal and family pressures can lead them to make negative decisions which in many cases, can have a direct impact on their future. Pray that as Care Workers and Hands at Work Local Office Teams invest into their lives, the youth will make positive life choices. Pray for our youth to experience the love and hope of Christ. Ask God to fill the youth with love, grace and patience as they help to serve the younger children at the Care Point.

Saturday, April 6th

DAY 28 – YOUTH CAMPS

“You are my witnesses,” declares the Lord, “and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. – Isaiah 43:10

In Zambia, youth camps are hosted by the Hands at Work Local Office Teams and the Regional Support Teams at Kachele Village. At these camps, the youth spend several days learning about Jesus and what it means to be a servant leader. Pray for the children

to have a deep understanding of who Christ is and can be in their lives. Pray for our youth to know and believe the unconditional love of Christ and that in turn, they will have a desire to serve the other children.

Sunday, April 7th

THE FIFTH SUNDAY

On Sundays, we pause to anticipate the coming of Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, ‘The time has come for me, the Son of Man, to enter into my glory, and God will receive glory because of all that happens to me. And God will bring me into my glory very soon. Dear children, how brief are these moments before I must go away and leave you! Then, though you search for me, you cannot come to me – just as I told the Jewish leaders. So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.’

– John 13:31-35 (NIV)

The Example of Jesus: Relationships

WEEK SIX

Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighbourhood - John 1:14 (MSG)

God chose to appear in human form through His Son Jesus, to have a relationship with each of us. As He wanted to know us, so we are called to know others.

Monday, April 8th

DAY 29 - SOMEONE YOU KNOW

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. – Psalm 147:3

Today, we encourage you to pray for someone who you know who is struggling and in desperate need for the love of God to heal and bind up their brokenness. Pray for these words from Psalm 147:3 to speak true into their lives. Pray that they will encounter the living God and His desire for a personal relationship with Him. Ask God to continually soften your heart to the needs of the broken and the vulnerable around you.

Tuesday, April 9th

DAY 30 - COMMUNITY LIVING

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. – Ephesians 4:1-3

At Hands at Work, our Local and International Volunteers live and serve together as the Body of Christ. We are different ages, cultures and personalities but we all feel called to serve the most vulnerable here in Africa. We believe that before we go out and serve the most vulnerable, we must serve the people around us. Pray that Christ will remain the foundation of everything that we do. Pray for our communities to be united through relationship building, healing, and discipleship. Pray that as a community we will seek to serve with honesty, vulnerability, accountability, sacrifice and love.

Wednesday, April 10th

DAY 31 - RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL OFFICES

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome

one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. – Romans 15: 5-7

As our International Offices work together to serve the most vulnerable, ask God to give them a spirit of unity despite the distances. Pray for strong relationships of love, honesty, grace and accountability to develop as they learn from and grow with one another.

Thursday, April 11th

DAY 32 – RELATIONSHIP GROUPS

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. – Galatians 6:3

Relationship groups are a safe space where people can come together to read the Word of God, share their challenges, encourage and pray with one another. Our desire is to see these groups happening, not only for the people that we serve, but on every level of Hands at Work: from the International Offices, Hub, Regional Support Teams, Local Offices and among Care Workers. Ask God to give people peace and courage as they share their stories, many of whom will be sharing their story for the first time. Pray for these groups to be places where healing and restoration can be found through the love and hope of Jesus Christ. Ask God to give people soft and willing hearts to hear the needs and challenges of the people around them.

Friday, April 12th

DAY 33 – HOLY HOME VISITS

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. – James 1:27

At Hands at Work, the foundation of our care is Holy Home Visits. The core of a home visit is in what Christ has done for us. We visit because Christ visited us first. As the Care Workers visit the most vulnerable children and their families in their homes, pray for these visits to be Holy Spirit led and that the Care Workers will have courage to speak the gospel and the hope that we have in Christ.

Saturday, April 13th

DAY 34 – YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest on me."

– 1 Corinthians 12:9

Today, we encourage you to spend time in relationship with God. Pray that He will give you a deeper understanding of His love for you. Ask God to expose the areas of brokenness in your life that prevent you from surrendering to Him and following His call on your life.

Sunday, April 14th

PALM SUNDAY

On Sundays, we pause to anticipate the coming of Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

– Mark 14:22-25

As we approach Easter, we pray for Christ to remain firmly the foundation of Hands at Work. We pray for Him to be at the centre of each life, serving and being impacted by our vision.

Monday, April 15th

DAY 35 - HOLY MONDAY

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

– John 3:16

We celebrate Holy Week in the anticipation of Christ’s death and resurrection. Pray that throughout this week you will deepen your understanding of the weight of Jesus’ sacrifice for you. Pray for those around you who don’t know Christ. Pray that they will come to know His unconditional love for them, demonstrated by the giving of His life on the cross.

Tuesday, April 16th

DAY 36 - HOLY TUESDAY

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.” – Jeremiah 1:5

Each one of us was created in the image of God. Ask God to remind you of this truth and pray that you will be courageous in sharing the truth that we were made in the image of God, with the people around you.

Wednesday, April 17th

DAY 37 - HOLY WEDNESDAY

“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. – Luke 15:3-7

When Jesus told the parable of the lost sheep, he said that the shepherd left the ninety-nine to go and look for his lost

sheep. This is exactly what Jesus did and continues to do for us. Pray that we will become like the good shepherd. Pray that we will follow the heart of God to the lost and the destitute; sharing the good news of Jesus with them. Ask God to open your eyes and ears to the needs of the people around you.

Thursday, April 18th

DAY 38 – MAUNDY THURSDAY

So, Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him. – Hebrews 9:28

As Jesus spent time in the garden of Gethsemane, He prayed in agony, knowing the weight of the sacrifice that was to come. Contemplate on the depth of Jesus’ sacrifice.

Friday, April 19th

DAY 39 – GOOD FRIDAY

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

– Galatians 2:20

The Crucifixion is the most scandalous event in history. This is how the world meant to put a stop to Jesus and all that He was about. He came to proclaim good news to the poor, set the captives free, to bring sight to the blind, give liberty to the oppressed. Thank Jesus for His sacrifice and for showing us an excellent way. Pray that Nonchle and other vulnerable children, Care Workers, Primary Caregivers across Africa, churches and volunteers with Hands at Work in Africa and the world, would feel the weight of what it means for Jesus to die for us. Pray that God would compel us to lay down our lives as living sacrifices. Let us begin our prayer with a few moments of silence.

Saturday, April 20th

HOLY SATURDAY

But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we

could be healed. All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God’s paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all. – Isaiah 53:5-6

Today, we pause to anticipate the coming of Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Sunday, April 21st

DAY 40 - EASTER SUNDAY

He Is Risen. As we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection, remember His words:

He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus, come! – Revelation 22:20

Arising from the dead, Jesus has shown us that there is no wound too deep, no scar too unbearable that He cannot heal. As we await His triumphant return, He is still ‘binding up the broken-hearted, proclaiming freedom for the captives and releasing from darkness the prisoners’.