

Prayer Guide for the week 24 February to 2 March

Jesus was often busy but never hurried.” John Ortberg, Soul Keeping: Caring for the Most Important Part of You

In the Western Cape, this is our fire season. The weather is mainly **hot** and dry with often strong south-easterly winds, a recipe for serious fire concerns. This season we have already had a few fires, fortunately quickly extinguished. But now we have one above Kirstenbosch, and, as I write this, it has not yet been extinguished. Other fire-hit countries like USA, Australia and Portugal have had to contend with far, far more serious fires. We have seen the tv clips of the last fire in California, pretty much destroying an entire city.

Sadly, so often in these major fires, there is loss of life, loss of property, loss of prized memories in the form of photos, home videos, souvenirs and irreplaceable documentation. Fire is a strange thing; occasionally they show shots of a house left unscathed in the midst of total destruction. (one wonders if the owners had prayed for a miracle 😊).

So, at the time of these wildfires, we need to remember and pray for the firefighters, who go out to fight these fires and place themselves in danger to save our properties. We remember the members of the Volunteer Wildfire service here in the Western Cape, the pilots of the Helicopter firefighters and we give thanks for them and their services.



With loadshedding back again, even though we are told it is only for a week, we pray for the power station workers as they sort out the problems. We pray for the folk who need the electricity to keep their medical devices operational.



With the news of the Pope being critically ill, we bring him before God to ease his suffering at this time. We thank God for his tireless work in his attempts to ease the suffering of others.

In our country, we bring the violence in the townships before you. We pray for the ministers and Christian organisations that work to bring salvation and peace in those areas.

