

JAMAICA DIASPORA DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING

7th August, 2021

Prayer Agenda

Jamaicans are gathered today all across the globe in small pockets in homes, in larger settings in churches first to give praise and thanks to the God of our Nation for establishing us as a people from a mixed heritage, out of many one people. As a Diaspora people we pray for the land that hosts us away from our native land as the Lord said: **“Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper” (Jer.29:7)**

And we hear the cry of the peoples across the globe and claim their nations for God: “Ask of me and I will give you the heathen for an inheritance, the ends of the world for your possession.” (Psa.2)

IDENTIFYING WITH THE SINS OF OUR PEOPLE

“If My people who are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face then will I hear from heaven forgive their sin and heal their land” (11Chron. 7:14)

1. We begin with a consciousness of the sins and iniquity of our nation as the Lord commands us to do with ardent sustained intercession as the Church.
2. For the general callousness and indifference of our people toward God and general disobedience to His Word.
3. Mere lip-service being offered by people of influence toward God and compromise in their discipline toward righteous living in both private and public spheres.
4. Reluctance to embrace the need for gratitude and public celebration to the Lord for His mercy and grace toward us as a people.

LEADERS IN AUTHORITY

“ Therefore I ^{1a}exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, ² for kings and all who are in ^{1b}authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and ^{1c}reverence. ³ For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,” (1Tim.2:1-3)

1. For Our Governor General especially for his spiritual leadership and as a father to the nation. Bless his wife and family, his staff and core of volunteers.
2. For the Prime Minister and Members of Parliament, Senators, Councilors, Leaders in the Professional and Business sectors. For all who lead in our cities and our towns.
3. For leaders in the Judiciary, Health, Security, Sports, Arts and Culture and other Service fields that they will continue to work together to bring peace and goodwill to the people.

THE SUFFERING MASSES IN THIS TIME OF DISTRESS

“The Lord said, “I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters, for I am aware of their sufferings.” (Ex.3:7)

1. Pray for the voiceless children emotionally, physically and sexually abused.
2. The crime hotspots across the land especially in St James, Spanish Town and Kingston inner-cities.
3. Disoriented youth, caught in gang warfare, drugs, suicidal ideation and educationally isolated.
4. Heightened unemployment especially of men through economic shutdown.
5. General disillusionment with political ineptness.
6. Crisis in the Business sector with heightened unemployment, increased bribery, extortion and corruption.

CRISIS IN THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM

1. Back-log in overburdened scheduling of case trials
2. Setting up of Community Mediation Court Settlements
3. Reformation of policing to train in keeping with critical community needs.
4. Training of Justices of the Peace to adjudicate in Civil Courts.

RESTORATION AND PROTECTION OF THE INSTITUTION OF FAMILY

1. Protection of single mothers from neglect and abuse.
2. Restoring fathers to their family responsibility in the home.
3. Guard against confusion in gender roles and targeting children in gender biased orientation.

CHURCH AND CHURCH LEADERSHIP

1. Unity of Church leaders to offer relief to the people, wisdom to government and development plans for community transformation.
2. Engagement of Church leaders in crisis management within communities
3. Provide consultation and problem-solving strategies to civic and State leadership.