

Prayer for Peace, Hope & Justice

The Psalmist says “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil ...” But we are a nation in fear amidst evil and death.

Many of us fear the consequences of:

- Going to work tomorrow in the light of a planned “national shutdown”, especially if we travel by taxi
- Opening our businesses to make up for the losses due to loadshedding
- Going to college/ university occupied by angry students
- Exposing corruption among people in power.

We light this candle this morning to seek hope and strength in the promise that God’s “rod & staff”, in whatever form they exist, will indeed comfort us.

Let us pray, and end with the Prayer for Africa.

- Lord, we know that you are never far from us in our fears
- Fear of being harmed by people who fear their irrelevance and powerlessness
- Fear of assassination for exposing corruption
- Fear of a mother sending her child to a school with a pit for a toilet
- Fear of seeking medical care in a hospital that is dirty, unhygienic and unsafe.

We hold onto the promise that “perfect love casts out fear”

Help us to be bearers of perfect love that casts out fear

Inspired by you as you resisted the temptation of compromise with evil

As you faced threats of death with the knowledge and assurance of your belovedness

Show us how we can be light in the valley of darkness and shadow of death.

With a love that

- never gives up,
- never loses faith,
- is always hopeful and
- endures through every circumstance.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord & Saviour

We pray the Prayer for Africa and the World:

God bless Africa & the world

Guard our children

Guide our leaders

And give us peace. Amen