

THE GIFT OF LIFE

God bestows upon each of us the ultimate gift - ***the gift of life***. We may take this gift, and with proper nurturing and caring, develop it into an entire galaxy of talents, unfolding as a beautiful flower unfolds in the glory of the morning sunshine.

In sharing these talents with others we may help our fellow travellers to see beauties they may have missed, to remember dreams they may have forgotten, to break through barriers they may have thought were closed forever:

Often in giving we receive far more than we give. A gift may be like a tiny seed planted in the desert. Nurtured by God's love and infinite patience, it may eventually become a million thriving plants, stretching as far as the eye can see, across the wilderness, and beyond!

Give of your love, that it may form a bridge over the tumultuous rapids and ever-changing streams of life, between your heart & every other heart.

Give of your hopes, your dreams, your time, your skills, your memories, your knowledge, your love and happiness. ***Above all give of yourself. Give today! Don't wait for tomorrow!***

Give not only to others ***but to yourself***. Give yourself time, time to walk barefoot on the grass, feeling the pulsing earth under your feet, time to cradle a baby, break bread with a friend, or watch a changing sunset.



It is not so hard to receive as it is to **have** to receive. To be obliged to take a gift makes us agree swiftly with the words of the Lord Jesus when He said, "*It is more blessed to give than to receive*". Then we see how hard it is to take gracefully the kindnesses of our friends

We must be willing, not only to serve, *but to be served*; not only to bear others' burdens, *but to let others bear ours*; not only to minister to the sick, *but to be simply and thankfully ministered unto*; not only to give, *but to receive*.

It is sometimes the will of God that we should let others do the will of God, and ourselves be occasions instead of the authors of kindness.

How can there be any giving, any serving, *if there be no receiving?* *Someone must receive if another is to give. We give joy to the giver when we become the grateful receiver. Thus, as paradoxical as it may seem, in receiving there is giving. The noble receiver is the noble giver.*

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Prayer is the key of the morning and the bolt of the night.

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Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all the virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:12 – (selected)



Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. *Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.*

If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power forever and ever. **Amen.**

1 Peter 4: 7-11

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE VIOLENCE IN OUR COUNTRY

Please pray for the people who are victims of violence in our city centres these past few days. Pray that peace & calm be brought to bear, along with insight and clarity of thought for our President, and for the safety of police seeking to control these attacks.

LIZELLE SLABBER (husband Martin) had a mastectomy last Mon, test were clear and she underwent a breast reconstruction on Wednesday.

RUSSELL HARRISON (wife Margie) had a colostomy, a growth has been sent for testing. Russell is to visit a specialist to discuss colon surgery.

PAT BLACK is a lot better & in a general ward being treated with antibiotics. The abscess in her lungs drained. Surgery not necessary, Pat is being monitored daily.

NORMA MORGAN had a fall recently and hurt her spine; she finds great difficulty walking to the dining room at Elm Park, which has left her somewhat depressed.

EDWARD POLLARD (Mark & Haley Pollard's Father/ in law) has just had a bad fall & is suffering with cancer & emphysema. He is in and out of Frail Care.

KEITH BUNCE (wife Liz) sadly passed away Thurs after battling with cancer (Keith was on our cancer list). Our thoughts and prayers are with Liz & family.

CHLOE THOMAS a young mother of 2 passed away in Ramsgate 10 days ago (she was also on our cancer list). Pray comfort and support for her family.

GLEN PARNALL (Mandy Caulder's mom) was rushed into hospital on Wednesday for an angiogram. She had a stent fitted.

INGRID INGRAM had a mastectomy some time ago and has now been diagnosed with cancer throughout her body.

✠ **RORY & DIANA** pray that problems in their relationship will be sorted out.

✠ **BRENDA SOLOMON** looking for work as carer, husband been retrenched.

✠ **GORDON BENNETT** (on the Cancer List) has been admitted to hospital.

✠ **BILL MARRS (wife Marion)** admitted to hospital with severe lung infection.

✠ **PATSY TROMP** is not well and her son has been diagnosed with cancer.

✠ **NANCY SHAW** a new specialist has recommended she has a colostomy.

✠ **MARI THOMASSET** is to have a knee replacement on 30th April.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

NORMA HART (Kate's Mom) progressing well although her infection levels went up on Wed, she was discharged on Friday (17th).

LESLEY VIELER (Husband Jonathan) discharged last Sun & although she can only lie on her side she is getting stronger & hopes to return to work tomorrow (Mon).

KIRSTEN DUGMORE (daughter in law Jenny Dugmore) hysterectomy went well and all cancer was removed during surgery. Jenny thanks everyone for their prayers.

PATTI PRICE (husband Rob) her progress is slow & she will be in the step down facility until Wed. Patti had a rough weekend & is battling with pain. There is improvement in her walking but she has a long road ahead to a full recovery.

CLIVE GLOVER (his wife **Shirley**) has cancer at the base of his spine & has lost 30 kgs. He is due a PET scan this week to determine if treatment is working. Shirley was retrenched in June last year and now works from home as a bookkeeper.

RENEE BARNES “is doing ok on morphine patches, she sleeps most of the day & night, is still giggling & eating liquid meals” from Renee’s granddaughter Kerry.

‡ **PETER CAULDER** only now feeling a bit better after contracting food poisoning.

‡ **GRAHAM** (Barbara Atkinson’s brother) cancerous wart to be removed 11th May.

‡ **NICHOLAS SENYARD** (Tracey’s son) is much better, thanks for prayers.

‡ **NORAH SWART** (husband Nic) recovering at home after bout of pleurisy.

‡ **HENRIETTA SMALL** home after tests on her heart & kidneys, she is very tired.

MESSAGES RECEIVED ON TMC WEB SITE:

- **MICHAEL CORDEN** suffering from sleep apnoea which keeps him awake at night, the machine which is used for this problem is very expensive.
- **YASHIKA** suffering from excessive loss of hair, is very depressed, needs healing.
- **WILLIE SMIT** battling to find employment, he is desperate for a job.
- **TERRIES HLONGWANI** has monetary problems; he needs a recording deal in his music career and believes there is a tokoloshe in his life.

CHRONIC LIST: **Gloria McPherson** (emphysema), **Denese Pieterse** (severe pain), **Thembile** (back problems), **Anna Wadsworth** (90 - frail), **Sonette Mac Gregor** (thymus gland removed), **Woolf Schulze** (dementia), **Sean** (schizophrenia), **Reef** (USA - ongoing problems), **Omar** (kidney problems), **Kate Waterston** (cortisol levels), **Peter Clarke** (back problems), **Steven Basson** (Atrial fibrillation), **Lanie** (Marie Palmer’s godchild - domestic problems), **Val Tyler** (heart fibrillation), **Elly Winkelman** (frail), **Louis Brugman** (heart problems), **Duncan Edwards** (stroke), **JENNA** (enthesitis) **Pat Levins** (very ill), **Julian Squires** (skin grafts), **Audrey Newberry** (low blood pressure), **Sue** (hip replacement), **Sumi** (depression), **Harold Adams** (frail).

CANCER LIST: **Gordon Bennett**, **David Edwards** (UK), **Anton Marais** (Sydney), **Lee Barnes**, **Nola Dodds**, **Tracy Hoy** (UK), **Hilda Louter**, **Val Warren**, **Dudley Middleton**, **Marguerite**, **Peter**, **Myrren** (18), **Diane Turner**, **Maureen Lupton**, **Martin vd Merwe** (Karin Blackburn’s dad), **Russell Jones**, **Ursula Ryder**, **Lesley Steyn**, **Don Carneson**, **Louise Shaw** (Texas), **Brian K**, **John Sandison**, **Cindy Saunders**, **Marina van de Ruit**, **Brian Tromp**, **Elizabeth Innes**, **Greg Cleeve-Edwards**, **Joanna** (Maurice’s niece), **Joy** (Sam’s sister), **Gilbert Hughes**, **John Clarke**, **Dudley Hudson**, **Bill Coulle**, **Rev Hans Visser**, **Colleen**, **Gordene**, **Lizelle Slabber**, **Stuart Dixon**, **Maureen Booth**, **Marie Vosloo**, **Nick Breytenbach** (leukaemia), **Renée Barnes**, **Elaine Orpen**, **Colin Bertram**, **Geoffrey Waters**, **Mykel**, **Brenda Hulshoff** (leukemia).



Father, I see I’m destined to be like Jesus - to love like Him, give like Him and act like Him. When I walk in His ways I make progress; when I walk in some other way I stumble and fall. Help me to be more like Jesus. Amen.