

# **JESUS**

*You will conceive and give birth to a Son, and you will name Him Jesus*

(Luke 1:31)

In biblical times names were normally used to indicate the parents' hopes and expectations of what the child would one day become. The family name was often also maintained in some adapted, altered way or another.

The name **Jesus** means Saviour, Redeemer, Deliverer. It focuses on the role Jesus would play. He who came to save and set free, He came to set us completely free. *His salvation included forgiveness of sin, but also healing, making holy, renewal, joy, love and hope.*

**Jesus** is the most loved name in the world. It means different things to different people.

- ✠ If you are lonely, *it means friendship and love.*
- ✠ If you are depressed, *it means joy*
- ✠ If you are afraid, *it means courage*
- ✠ If you are sick, *healing*
- ✠ If you are guilty, *forgiveness*
- ✠ If you stumbled, *recovery.*
- ✠ If you are in trouble, *it means light in the darkness*
- ✠ If you are dying, *it means life after death.*
- ✠ *When you are happy, successful and popular, it means the celebration of thankfulness.*

It is the name most of us use for God, and that is right, because without Jesus we would never have had the opportunity to get to know God better.

**Jesus**, *most precious name in the universe, my Shield and Refuge, I worship You as my Saviour and Redeemer.*



## ***The name of Jesus***

*is in my mind as a joyful song,  
in my ear as heavenly music,  
and in my mouth, sweet honey.*

Richard Rolle

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

**23 November 2014**

## ***THE BIRTH OF JESUS FORETOLD***

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "*Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you.*"

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "*Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. **The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.***"

"*How will this be,*" Mary asked the angel, "*since I am a virgin?*"

The angel answered, "*The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. **So the Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God.*** Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail."

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "*May your word to me be fulfilled.*" Then the angel left her.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**SONETTE MACGREGOR** (husband Roderick) Sonette has been diagnosed with myasthenia gravis, a chronic autoimmune neuromuscular disease.

**ELSA & JAC VAN DER WATT** Elsa's brother, Hans, tragically passed away on Tuesday after suffering a severe stroke on the weekend. We lift them to our Lord.

**GWEN SMEATON** is suffering with pneumonia.

**BABY BELLA (update)** continues to gain weight, family are trusting she will be home for Christmas.

**WILLA (Sonja Smit's mum)** is suffering with severe backaches due to previous injuries to the vertebrae.

**RUTH (Cecil Olberholzer's daughter)** has been very ill, a decision will be made with medical professionals to consider the option of surgery.

**RONALD (Mavis Scholes brother)** has been hospitalised & is undergoing tests.

**RENE LION-CACHET** passed away 15th Nov, Rene and his wife, Usha, were members at Trinity for many many years before they moved down to the coast .

**GRAEME FRASER** is having a knee replacement operation this Tuesday.

**DELENE MULLER** (Chronic List) has had the plaster cast off, now she starts with physiotherapy.

**WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:**

**GRACE WATERSTON (Kate, Neil, Ella) & all the family.** Grace is now home but may have to undergo more tests as there are still problems. *Ella* is having 'play therapy' to help with her fears. Kate is very stressed at the moment.

**LIZELLE SLABBERT (husband Martin, 2 young children)** diagnosed with breast cancer. May the docs be given wisdom and guidance in the treatment for Lizelle.

**SYLVIA MAPHISA** ex-Trinity staff member suffered a stroke which affected her eye so that she can no longer see out of it. She is also suffering with TB and high sugar.

**GLYNIS PARKER** underwent back surgery for a fractured vertebra.

**RENEE BARNES** thanks everyone for their caring and prayers, she is feeling a bit better but is still battling with tiredness.

**THOSE SUFFERING WITH DEPRESSION** that they may seek, and accept, the help they need in order to experience healing.

**MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION** who are experiencing difficulties and doubt in their lives, that they may not forsake the care of the Trinity Church family.

**HAROLD ADAMS (Jean & Maurice's Dad)** we pray that our Lord will take Harold home to be with Him in glory which is Harold's prayer.

**WINIFRED TENNANT** still in ICU & not very responsive, Barbara continues to bear the load of her mother's illness along with other major family problems.

**CYNTHIA ROSS** had a lower lumber fusion to stabilize her spine.

**ELSABE VORSTER** is still having problems with her back and needs plenty of rest as well as being mindful of her movements.

**MATRICES** please continue to pray for them as they write their final exams.

**EVA HUMPHREYS** together with the help of the social worker find a solution to the problem of where Eva will be placed for further care and that Brian will experience a smooth transaction in the selling of their home.

**MESSAGE FROM S'BU SANGWENI (CIRCUIT SUPERINTENDENT)**

*“May I declare a 21 day, one minute mid-day prayer from Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, for us as a Circuit to pray for God’s protection over our ministers and families, for an end to crime, violence & abuse and other social ills in our beloved country. May I also ask you to join me (if possible) in a day of fasting and prayer on Wednesdays. I believe God is waiting for our concerted supplications during these difficult times of our Christian witness. Grace & Peace. S’bu”*

**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), Joy vd Klis, Jean Clarence, Daniela Andrade (7), Russell Jones, Ursula Ryder, Lesley Steyn, Doh Carneson, Louise Shaw (Texas), Brian K, John Sandison, Cindy Saunders, Marina van de Ruit, Brian Tromp, Chloe Thomas, Elizabeth Innes, Greg Cleeve-Edwards, Joanna (Maurice’s niece), Joy (Sam’s sister), Gilbert Hughes, John Clarke, Dudley Hudson, Keith Bunce (UK - wife Liz), Bill Coulle.*

**CHRONIC LIST:** *Denese Pieterse (back problems), Dave (Guillain Barre Syndrome), Elaine Vermaak (osteoporosis), Moira Smith (hiatus hernia), Maureen Dewberry (heart problems), Alison (spinal problems), Illia & Graham (UK), Diana Viljoen’s Mom (stroke), Colleen Hunter (brain op), Christiaan Vermeulen (heart surgery), Deon (facial surgery), Susanne (stroke), Duncan Edwards (rare disease), Noelle Marshall (leukemia & eye problems), Louise Combrink (nervous breakdown), Heather Seymour (emphysema), Nic Swart (stroke), Nic Breytenbach (MDS Leukaemia), Elwyn Dyer (hip op), Bradley Manson (Kidney disease, dialysis), Reef’s grandparents, Eve & Brian Humphreys, Coral Fisher (foot problems), Jules (auto immune disease), Lesley (broken wrists), Louis Brugman (heart & hip problems), Linda Hann (needs employment), John, Elaine Vermaak’s nephew, (heart problems, loss of job), Dennis Meintjies, (Sheila Marley’s brother - intestinal op), Moira Wessels (in frail care), Rebecca Owens (fungal infection), Rhys Thomas (heart), William Marrs (elbow op), Mari Thomasset (Leg op), Helene Segal (fractured arm), Harold (Maurice’s dad – tired & frail), Bella (prem baby), Terry (broken leg), Pam Jenkins (blood pressure problems), Hans (thinning retina), Terry, Audrey Newberry (broken wrists), Gail de Klerk (hip replacement), Delene Muller (broken knee cap), Annabelle-Jane (5 - insecure)*



*Christ alone can bring lasting peace –  
peace with God – peace among men and nations  
And peace within our hearts. Billy Graham*