



PRAYING FOR A WORKING NATION

PRAYER GUIDE FOR THE NATION 10-16th SEPT., 2018

Genesis 2:15 "the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it"

In Genesis 1, after God created man He says, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." The word "subdue" certainly has a meaning of work or control or trample under. Yes, God gave Adam some things to do from the very beginning (and this is even before sin entered the world in Genesis 3). Just like Adam, we all have things to do and work is one of them. We all work in some way; some go to an office, some work in the home. For some, to work is to raise children. The words from God do not stop in Genesis but continue on throughout the Scriptures with Jesus himself being a "carpenter" in Mark 6:3.

MONDAY 10TH Sept. 2018: OBEDIENCE TO THE WORD OF GOD

Deut.5:33 "you shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God has commanded you, that you may live and that it may be well with you, and you may live long in the land you shall possess"

Pray that:

- We shall walk in obedience with the word of God in matters relating to work.
- We shall take good care of what the Lord has given us.
- Follow the example of Jesus and Apostle Paul who were serious workers.
- We will follow the model of God working for six days and resting on the seventh day.
- Thank God that many Kenyans are hardworking and some are just looking for the opportunity
- That there will be a move to fight for the poor laborers. That oppression of workers will cease in this country
- That God would bless the work of our hands.

TUESDAY 11th Sept. 2018: A HARD WORKING NATION

“Go to the Ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. 7”without having any chief, officer or ruler,8 she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest.9 A little sleep ,a little slumber ,a little folding of the hands to rest ,and poverty will come upon like a robber ,and want like an armed man. (Prov. 6:6)”

Kenya has been known for hard work. Some of our people put their best foot forward in everything that they do .We have raised great industrialists and business entrepreneurs and successful athletes who have earned medals wherever they compete throughout the world .Our hard working athletes and sports people have place Kenya in the world map earning our nation recognition and respect. Wherever you go you will find always aggressive Kenyans striving to change their lives through hard work. However on the reverse there is a growing population that is not interested work but only spending. This population seeks microwave solutions to their challenges. It is a generation that does not respect work.

Let’s pray that:

- We shall consider the ways of the ant and learn from it by being wise redeeming time
- Every Kenya finds something to do and do it with dedication and commitment.
- Everyone will appreciate work for what it is and put their very best into it.
- Declare that our youth will embrace hard work and adopt the right attitude towards work.
- We will not be a people who seek out quick fix solutions to create wealth but a people given to hard work and diligence.
- God will cause us to arise and fight poverty in all its forms and manifestation.

WEDNESDAY 12th Sept. 2018: PRAY AGAINST LAZINESS

2 Thess. 3:10-12 “For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.”

Pray that:

- God arouses us to Kick out laziness from the nation
- Parents and guardians will teach their children the culture of working hard.
- That teacher will impart good values in the students showing that hard work is the only sure way for financial prosperity.
- Kenyans to work hard for in all toil there is profit, but mere talk tends only to poverty. (Prov. 14:23)
- Pray for financial freedom acknowledging that the hand of the diligent rules, while the slothful is put to forced labor. Prov. 12:24
- To do the right thing at the right time.Prov.20:4

- Kazi kwa Vijana programs to be engaging and for the youth to embrace them, not just as a place of earning some money but a forum for learning hard work and diligence

THURSDAY 13th Sept. 2018: HEALTHY LABOUR RELATIONS

Six days you shall labour and do all your work Exod. 20:9 (see also Gen. 2:1-3)

Pray for the labor movement in Kenya COTU, Teacher Unions KNUT, KUPPET and UASU, DOCK workers union KUDHEIHA, and all other unions.

Pray for that:

- The unions will fight rightfully for the rights of the workers
- The leadership of all workers unions will be sober in their approach to industrial relations. That as they agitate for better pay for their workers they shall consider what the companies and employees are able to pay.
- That strikes will only be after every other avenue has been thoroughly exhausted.
- Their approach will be to promote job creation and not to discourage investors from creating jobs by making unreasonable demands.
- That they promote good work ethics among their members.

FRIDAY 14th Sept. 2018: ATTITUDE TO WORK

Eccl.9:10 "whatever your hard finds to do ,do it with all your might ,for in the realm of the dead where you are going , there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom"

Pray that:

- Pray that work will not be seen as a punishment. Some people may have been overworked when they were small and therefore may have a flawed perspective of work.
- Pray that Kenyans will delight in their work, no matter what kind of work they do.
- Change of attitude towards artisan causes both by parents and students who would rather go for the elusive white collar jobs .The number of artisans has increasingly dwindled over the years. Middle level technical colleges and poly techniques' were closed down or changed to offer other disciplines. Thank God that the government has picked it again and has committed enormous resources for this.
- All our professionals to do professional work. While there many professionals who stick to good work ethics, there is also quite a big number who put money at first ignoring all other considerations .This has resulted to shoddiness of work done and even loss of life.
- Pray that Kenyans will strive for excellence in their professional work and in all other kinds of work.
- Pray that the right attitude towards work will be inculcated in the children and the youth of this nation.
- Pray that the many get rich quick schemes that are destroying people will be banned in Kenya

Saturday 15th Sept. 2018: EMPLOYERS/EMPLOYEES IN KENYA

Deut. 24:14 “You shall not oppress a hired worker who is poor and needy, whether he is one of your brothers or one of the sojourners who are in your land within your towns.”

- Pray that Employers, bosses and supervisors do not oppress those who work for and under them and especially the poor and the needy. God tells us through James that “the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts” (James 5:4).
- Pray that Employers do not exploit or take advantage of their workers Col.4:1.
- Employers recognize that they are ultimately answerable to God for that. It is nothing less than robbing an employee if you are not paying them what is their due.
- As Federation of Kenya Employers (FKE) agitates for the interests of employers they will also factor in the wellbeing of the employees.
- FKE leadership will motivate their members to expand their enterprises to accommodate more of the jobless Kenyans.
- Pray for good working relationship between FKE and workers unions in the land.
- Pray for good working relationship between the Government and FKE.
- The government facilitates good ideas for creation of jobs for the nation
- Employees will appreciate their role in the growth of the enterprises they work for and to work heartily as for the lord and not for men Col 3:23.

SUNDAY 16th Sept. 2018: THE GOVERNMENT

1Tim.2:2 “for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way”.

- Thank God for the President and his Government and for the efforts they are making to improve the welfare of Kenyans.
- Pray that the Kenya governments four point agenda will come to fruition.
- Pray that the right environment for expansion of the manufacturing sector to be created.
- Pray for formulation and implementation of right economic policies that will spur economic growth of the nation.
- Pray for Kenya to have the ability to provide enough quality food for its population to build up a healthy workforce.
- Pray for attainment of affordable effective health care for all citizens
- Decent cost affordable housing for Kenyans
- That the government seals off all loopholes through which pilfering and wastage of resources marked for development of this nation takes place.

“No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city and his servants will serve him”. (Rev. 22:3)