

**DIOCESE OF SALDANHA BAY
SYNOD 3-6 OCTOBER 2018
GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH, KENSINGTON**

*Kom Ons Staans Saam. Hier Is Ek Stuur My
Masibambisane, Ndikho, Thuma Mina
Let's Stand Together. Here am I send Me*

**LET'S STAND TOGETHER...
...IN PRAYER**

Prayer for the Preparation for Synod

*Almighty God, in preparing for our Synod,
we pray that you would grant
wisdom and discernment to this Diocese.
Keep us steadfast in faith, united in love
and always seeking the common good.*

*Enable us to be
Transformed for Growth, and for Generous Hospitality and
Radical Inclusivity
through our Relationships, Finances and Structures.
May we continue to journey together
in faith, hope and love
to your glory and honour of your name.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN*

WHY PRAY AND INTERCEDE FOR THE DIOCESE & SYNOD?

Here are some examples:

Exodus 17:8-15 Aaron & Hur held up Moses arms – Joshua won the battle.

2 Chron 20 Jehoshaphat the king called the people to pray and fast for victory.

Corporate prayer unites and gives us a common plea for God to intervene; for His will to be done; and we become burden-bearers – Acts 1:4-8,14; 12:5-12; Gal 6:2, Ps 29:1,2,9

God is looking for a person to stand in the gap; to intervene for the nation; to be like a watchmen on the wall of a city —Isa 59:16; 62:6,7; Ezekiel 22:30,31; Neh 3&4

Jesus sets the example to pray for his followers(John 17) praying especially for unity, and encourages us to ask in His name(eg. Jn 14:13). In the Book of Acts are numerous examples of the power of prayer in the life and ministry of the apostles while others prayed for them and how the church grew. Paul requested prayer from the congregations. (I Tim.2:1-4)

Standing together in prayer strengthens our faith and unite is in love.

PRAYER ITEMS:

1. DIOCESAN STEERING COMMITTEE under the leadership of the Bishop and Ven. Charles Williams as Chairperson—that the Committee will work together in unity and love, with wisdom, understanding & discernment; traveling mercies to meetings.
2. The BISHOP as he prepares for his Charge under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
3. The PROGRAMME for the duration of the Synod in order for discussions to run smoothly & to have an effective outcome.
4. LITURGICAL Committee as they plan the various Worship Services.
5. INTERCESSORS who will avail themselves to pray for the Diocese and Synod, especially during Synod.
6. All LOGISTICAL arrangements under the leadership of Lay Canon Clarence Martin and his team.
7. MOTIONS/MEASURES/RESOLUTIONS to be drafted and tabled accordingly and with the vision & mission of the Diocese in mind.
8. CLERGY AND DELEGATES: wisdom & insight; travelling mercies.
9. SECRETARIAL STAFF and those who will do Registration, Minutes, Translations & Printing.
10. MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS and all technical equipment needed.
11. The Parish of Good Shepherd, Kensington as hosts of this event— for necessary logistics to ensure smooth running on the plant; people opening their hearts to accommodate delegates, as well as hosting the Synod with the necessary resources.
12. Commitment of Parishioners for transformation and spiritual renewal in our Relationships, Finances and Structures, as well as in our various ministries; for unity within our diversity; for hope in a broken world...

We need your faithful, fervent prayers for our Bishop, Clergy and delegates and for God's will in our plans and deliberations.

Can God count on you to intercede for His Church?

Can we count on you?

Want to be involved?

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How?

- ✓ Pray in your Prayer Groups/Quiet Time/
- ✓ Pray at 12noon every day
- ✓ During Synod we need Intercessors for each day.

Please hand in your name and hour/s you would like to pray by Mon. 01Oct.

Prayer and Intercession for leadership are important to release God's plan for the Church to reach its potential. Praying for the leadership will cause positive change in their effectiveness and in the effectiveness of their ministries. [Beth Alves]