

freedom

— CELEBRATION —

PRAYER FOCUS



We're about people
finding freedom.

A Month of Prayer for the Freedom Celebration.

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- Will reveal the glory and power of God
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For the Freedom Celebration:

“NOW, THE LORD IS THE SPIRIT, AND WHEREVER THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS, HE GIVES FREEDOM.”

2 Corinthians 3: 17

Why do we pray?

NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF YOUR PRAYERS.

“Your prayers are more powerful than any nuclear weapon.”

- Tommi Femrite

TEN EFFECTS OF PRAYER

When we stand in the gap and pray for others it

1. Inspires decisions
2. Creates a climate for wise decision making
3. Helps them focus on their priorities
4. Prevents anxiety
5. Releases favour with key people
6. Opens doors. (Don't just pray for open doors; pray also for the wisdom to know when and how to walk through them)
7. Releases divine power to push back evil forces that can keep doors closed
8. Adds spiritual meaning and significance to their labour
9. Shifts their perspective from serving people to serving God
10. Stirs up Holy Spirit activity

God gives to people whom He has called to prayer—the passion for the things they need to pray for.

As we pray for the Freedom Celebration—

- Stop and listen
- Praise God
- Give Him worship

“Whenever we are faced with calamity such as war, disease, or famine, we can come to stand in your presence before this Temple where your name is honored. We can cry out to You to save us, and you will hear us and rescue us.”

2 Chronicles 20:9

The foundations for The Salvation Army CHRIST IS OUR CORNERSTONE

1. **God is going to release a spirit of repentance upon The Salvation Army, urging us to get back to our foundations in Him.**

“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, THEN I will hear from heaven, I will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

2 Chronicles 7:14

FOR THE FREEDOM CELEBRATION, GOD IS AWAKENING US TO SEE OURSELVES THROUGH HIS EYES.

2. **God is going to reveal a fresh anointing of His plans and will for The Salvation Army.**

“God’s gifts and His call can never be withdrawn.”

Romans 11:29

3. **We will lift our eyes up and see His glory. Our faith will be renewed. Our hope will see that it’s in God’s provision, not man’s. He will use whomever and whatever.**

Our hearts will see the future God has if we trust Him and be obedient
—and let repentance flow.

4. **Pray for wisdom and direction for our leaders: Commissioners James and Jan Condon and Colonels Richard and Janet Munn.**
5. **Pray for the Officers Councils and that God’s voice for every Officer will be clearly heard. Pray that all Officers will be renewed, refreshed and willing to rise up to be the people God has called them to be.**
6. **Pray for all the leaders doing segments of the Freedom Celebration that they will know and speak God’s message boldly and clearly.**

Christ—Our Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness,
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

When darkness seems to veil His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant and blood,
Support me in the 'whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

Edward Mole (1797–1874)

Hearing from God

WEEK 2

The character of The Salvation Army:

- FRUIT AND GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
- PRAYER WARFARE AND UNITY

We will love as Jesus said:

“My prayer for all of them is that they will be one, just as you and I are one, Father—that just as you are in me and I am in you, so they will be in us, and the world will believe that you sent me.”

John 17:21

THE CHARACTER OF THE SALVATION ARMY.

We are an Army called to:

- Warfare—for the salvation of souls (freedom)
- Be filled by the Holy Spirit with His gifts and His fruit.

1. Pray for Unity—together as one. John 17:21

God is challenging us as His body to love one another—so the world will know who we are.

“So now I am giving you a new commandment; Love each other, just as I have loved you, you should love one another. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

John 13:34-35

Satan tries to keep the church divided.

“Wars are not won purely with weapons but with warriors who know how to wield those weapons most effectively and with power.”

- Tommi Femrite

2. Take up the sword of the Spirit and fight.

God has called us to be The Salvation Army. Let us bring the “S” back into our mission—SALVATION. Moving with God’s love and compassion to fight for the souls of people.

“The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.”

2 Chronicles 16:9

“We use God’s mighty weapons, not merely worldly weapons, to knock down the Devil’s strongholds. With these weapons we break down every proud argument that keeps people from knowing God. With these weapons we conquer their rebellious ideas and we teach them to obey Christ.”

2 Corinthians 10:4

God’s weapons are:

Prayer, faith, hope, love, God’s Word and the Holy Spirit.

“Pray at all times and on every occasion in the power of the Holy Spirit. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all Christians everywhere.”

Ephesians 6:13-18

3. Asking for God’s presence to be manifested—God inhabits the praises of His people.

Pray for the Freedom Celebration Sunday worship services and for all who will take part.

4. Pray for God to release His healing in body, soul and spirit.

“Jesus travelled throughout Galilea teaching in the synagogues, preaching everywhere the Good News about the Kingdom. And He healed people who had every kind of sickness and disease.”

Matthew 4:23.

“So if the Son sets you free, you will indeed be free.”

John 8:36

“As we pray we need to believe that prayer has the potential to cause more damage on the forces of darkness than any nuclear weapon invented.”

- Tommi Femrite.

Storm the forts of darkness

Soldiers of our God, arise!
The day is drawing nearer;
Shake the slumber from your eyes,
The light is growing clearer.
Sit no longer idly by,
While the heedless millions die,
Lift the blood-stained banner high,
And take the field for Jesus.

**Storm the forts of darkness,
Bring them down, bring them down!
Storm the forts of darkness,
bring them down, bring them down!
Pull down the devil's kingdom,
Where'er he holds dominion;
Storm the forts of darkness, bring them down!
Glory, honour to the Lamb,
Praise and power to the Lamb,
Glory, honour, praise and power,
Be forever to the lamb!**

See the brazen hosts of Hell,
Their art and power employing,
More than human tongue can tell,
The blood-bought souls destroying.
Hark! From ruin's ghastly road
Victims groan beneath their load;
Forward, O ye sons of God,
And dare or die for Jesus.

Warriors of the risen king,
Great Army of salvation,
Spread his fame, his praises sing
And conquer every nation.
Raise the glorious standard higher,
Work for victory, never tire;
Forward march with blood and fire,
And win the world for Jesus.

Robert Johnson

Hearing from God

The influence of The Salvation Army

PRAY FOR HONOUR AND FAVOUR WITHIN THE “TROOPS” AND WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for He has appointed me to:

- preach Good News to the poor.

He has sent me to:

- proclaim that captives will be released
- that the blind will see
- that the downtrodden will be freed from their oppressors and that the time of the Lord’s favour has come.”

Luke 4:18-19

1. Pray that we will be a people of honour.

Honouring each other. Pray that God will give us favour in the areas where we are to minister.

“He has appointed me to preach Good news to the poor...”

Luke 4:18-19

2. Pray that the Freedom Celebration will have a global impact.

- Pray for Major John Rees.
- Pray that we will be a people of generosity in spirit in all areas, i.e. time, finance, giftings etc.

“When the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will receive power and will tell people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

3. Pray for the Freedom Carnival and Concert.

- Pray for Captain Nesan Kistan as he leads.
- Pray that the activities for people will celebrate the joy of the Lord.

4. Pray for the Seniors Morning tea.

- Pray that the seniors will see that they are people of influence with God’s love and grace.
- Pray that they will see that they are spiritual grandparents and mentors.

5. Pray for the Young Leaders Breakfast.

- God is calling the youth to be His influence in this world, to take back what the devil has stolen.
- Pray for them to stand and declare that Jesus came to destroy the work of the enemy.

“When people keep on sinning, it shows they belong to the devil, who has been since the beginning. But the Son of God came to destroy these works of the Devil.”

1 John 3:8

He has given us the victory!

6. Stand and declare to the Heavenly Realm.

- Call to the north, south, east and west to release all the people God has ordained for the work of The Salvation Army.
- Pray for the prodigals to return to God and those He desires in The Salvation Army.

7. Pray that people will be hungry and thirsty after God and desire to attend the Freedom Celebration.

“Justice without the love of God and His grace will not bring true freedom.”

They need Christ

There are people hurting in the world out there.
They need you, they need me, they need Christ.
There are children crying and no one to care.
They need you, they need me, they need Christ.
And they'll go on hurting in the world out there.
And they'll go on dying, drowning in despair.
And they'll go on crying, that's unless we care.
They need you, they need me, they need Christ.

There are people living who would rather die.
They need you, they need me, they need Christ.
And their Christian neighbours simply pass them by.
They need you, they need me, they need Christ.
There are people sitting by a silent 'phone.
People cold and hungry, people left alone.
Suicides for reasons that remain unknown
They need you, they need me, they need Christ.

There are runaways who want a place to go.
They need you, they need me, they need Christ.
There are alcoholics who don't seem to know.
They need you, they need me, they need Christ.
There are godless people who have lost their way,
And they need God's love but they're afraid to say.
If we close our eyes perhaps they'll go away.
Without you, without me, without Christ.

Hearing from God

WEEK 4

Ministry of The Salvation Army.

PRAY THAT THE SALVATION ARMY WILL REVEAL THE POWER AND GLORY OF GOD

“Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord.”

Zechariah 4:6

Our showcase is the glory of God in our ministry. Our ministry is the practical love of God demonstrated in every area of our ministries.

FOR THE FREEDOM CELEBRATION PRAY FOR THESE AREAS OF MINISTRY:

1. Kids Ministry

- S.A.G.A.L.A, Children’s Musical, Mini Kids and Kids Church
- Pray protection over our children and youth

“Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes my Father who sent me.”

Mark 9:37

“And he will persuade many Israelites to turn to the Lord their God. He will be a man with the spirit and power of Elijah, the prophet of old. He will precede the coming of the Lord, preparing the people for his arrival. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and he will change disobedient minds to accept godly wisdom.”

Luke 1:16-17

2. Back to Bridge

- Rehab Programs
- Homeless
- Rejected people—those in the “too hard” basket
- People who seem to have everything empty inside

3. Pray for the ministries God lays on your heart.

eg. Corps, Seniors, employment, refugees, trafficking, etc.

REMEMBERING AS WE PRAY:

“Justice without the love of God and His grace will not bring true freedom.”

“So if the son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

John 8:36

“O people, the Lord has already told you what is good, and this is what he requires: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.”

Micah 6:8

STAND AND DECLARE THE WORD OF GOD AS HE GIVES IT TO US.

“God’s purpose was to show his wisdom in all its rich variety to all rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms. They will see this when Jews and gentiles are joined together in his church.”

Ephesians 3:10

“The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.”

Isaiah 55:10-11

“Does not my word burn like fire?” asks the Lord, “Is it not like a hammer that smashes rock to pieces?”

Jeremiah 23:29

“We are Christ’s Ambassadors, and God is using us to speak to you. We urge you, as though Christ himself were here pleading with you, “Be reconciled to God!”

2 Corinthians 5:20

4. Warfare is in our character and must be declared and decreed in our ministry.

“We use God’s mighty weapons, not merely worldly weapons, to knock down the devil’s strongholds.”

2 Corinthians 10:4

“But the people’s minds were hardened, and even to this day whenever the old covenant is being read, a veil covers their minds so they cannot understand the truth. And this veil can be removed only by believing in Christ.”

2 Corinthians 3:14

“Use every piece of God’s armour to resist the enemy in the time of evil, so that after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the sturdy belt of truth and the body armour of God’s righteousness. For shoes put on the peace that comes from the Good News, so that you will be fully prepared. In every battle you will need faith as your shield to stop the fiery arrows aimed at you by Satan. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray at all times and on every occasion in the power of the Holy Spirit. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all Christians everywhere.”

Ephesians 6:13-18

I'll go in the strength of the Lord

I'll go in the strength of the Lord,
In paths he has marked for my feet;
I'll follow the light of his word,
Nor shrink from the dangers I meet.
His presence my steps shall attend,
His fullness my wants shall supply;
On him, till my journey shall end,
My unwavering faith shall rely.

**I'll go, I'll go in the strength,
I'll go in the strength of the Lord,
I'll go, I'll go in the strength,
I'll go in the strength of the Lord.**

I'll go in the strength of the Lord
To work he appoints me to do;
In joy which his smile doth afford
My soul shall her vigour renew.
His wisdom shall guard me from harm,
His power my sufficiency prove;
I'll trust his omnipotent arm,
And prove his unchangeable love.

I'll go in the strength of the Lord
To conflicts which faith will require,
His grace as my shield and reward,
My courage and zeal shall inspire.
Since he gives the word of command,
To meet and encounter the foe,
With His sword of truth in my hand,
To suffer and triumph I'll go.

Edward Turney

Other prayer points:

- Support teams
- Volunteers
- Music teams
- Venues—Finance
- Health of people involved
- Protection in travel
- The sound and visual operation
- Weather

Hearing from God

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