

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

Pray with eSwatini (Swaziland) Sunday, April 26, 2020

Lectionary Selection: Luke 24: 13-35

Heavenly Father,

You are the Lord God who is merciful and compassionate and abounds in lovingkindness and faithfulness.

Great is thy faithfulness! You keep your covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love You. And Your mercies never fail!

Because your mercies never fail, we lay our emotions, burdens, fears, and anxieties at your feet during this time of fear and uncertainty. As we spend time in your abiding Presence, we ask that you build an impenetrable fortress around our hearts and minds with the truth of your word. Your word is true, it is truth and it takes precedence over what we see and hear through various media platforms, or how things appear in the natural.

We thank you for the many hearts that seek more of you. As we draw near to you, and you draw near to us, give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation so that we may know You better. Remove every veil, partition, or erected place that prevents us from knowing the nature of your heart and let us experience the depths of your character as you walk alongside us in the days ahead.

Please pray for:

- Government officials' sensitivity to the needs of the people and wisdom to make good decisions.
- EmaSwati to not panic but rest in God's peace during this coronavirus pandemic.

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen

Mission Stewardship Moment from eSwatini:

On any given day, countless numbers of people flow through the door of the Justice, Peace and Reconciliation Department of the Council of Swaziland Churches. Simply known as "JPR," the department is comprised of a team of dynamic lawyers who work tirelessly with a spirit of humility, integrity, and compassion in championing human rights and social and economic justice for all. This work is not only accomplished through broader platforms but daily with ordinary individuals who stem from the four regions of the Kingdom of Eswatini.

"My mother said, 'I don't have much time left. Take me there to do my will,'" states Mr. W. Dlamini who accompanied his nonagenarian, vision-impaired mother to the office. Similarly, some new clients present to the office for consultation or to initiate the process for simple legal matters. Others reveal that they have been on long, arduous journeys in their quest for a resolution with matters concerning: restorative justice, child maintenance, marriage law, conflict transformation, physical or sexual abuse, inheritance, and individual and property rights. They come to the church, which is a beacon of light and renewed hope, for legal assistance with situations that have left them frustrated and unable to see a feasible resolve.

"I have tried different places and never experienced any progress with my case. Now that I have come here, things are happening! I am impressed with the progress that is being made," exclaims Ms. D. This is one of many declarations made by those who have received legal assistance from our JPR Department.

Prayer and Mission Moment by Kahala Cannon

