

## LOCAL HOUSES OF PRAYER

PROCLAIMING BLESSINGS OVER OUR COMMUNITIES IN THE CONTEXT OF COVID-19

WE COMMEND TO YOU OUR PRACTICE OF SPEAKING BLESSINGS INTO YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY AT THIS TIME. FEEL FREE TO USE THE FOLLOWING AS A FRAMEWORK AND ADAPT TO YOUR OWN PARTICULAR VILLAGE / TOWN / COMMUNITY.

Heavenly Father, we take upon ourselves the mantle of authority that Jesus delegates to His disciples, and in this unprecedented season we speak to every household in our communities and we say to you:

We bless you in the Name of the Lord. We bless you that the peace of God that passes all understanding may reign over your homes. We bless your marriages that they may be strong and whole. We bless the partners in each marriage that the relationship between them may be loving, forgiving, merciful and strong. We bless every intergenerational relationship within each household that there may be peace and love and understanding flowing between each one.

In particular we bless those in our communities who are feeling alone or isolated at this time. In Jesus' name we bless every network of wholesome and supportive friendship. We bless you with innovative ways to connect and support one another. We bless your relationships that they may be strengthened and deepened during this season.

We bless the health of all those in our communities that you may be strong and well. In particular we lift up those who have underlying health conditions and we in Jesus' name we resist any sickness or disease which seeks to invade this community. To every person both young and old we say, be well, be strong, be healthy. To any who are currently suffering with Covid-19 we say we bless you in Jesus' name with a speedy recovery. We bless the relatives and friends of those who are sick that the Lord may comfort you at this time.

To those working on the frontline in health services, we honour you and we bless you in Jesus' name. We bless you with great strength, wisdom, and divine strategies to bring health to those who are suffering so acutely at this time. We bless you with a sustained resilience as you continue to serve the most vulnerable.

To the business owners in our community who continue to serve us we bless your wealth. We bless you with divine strategies for your business during this challenging season. We bless you to have enough to live and enough to give. We bless the work of your hands that whatever you turn your hand to which is wholesome may be profitable.

We bless the grass of the fields that it may be strong and nutritious throughout the year. We bless the flocks and herds that they may be well and strong and that they may multiply. We bless the cultivated land that it may yield rich harvests.

We bless the local schools at this time. We bless the teachers with creative and engaging strategies to impart principles and learning. We bless the children's capacity to learn and develop relationships and we bless their simple trust in Jesus, that their trust may grow and become enriched.

We speak to the churches and all other places of Christian worship and we say we bless you in the name of the Lord. We bless you as you meet and connect online and in new ways that the Holy Spirit and the word of God may flow out from you in power. We bless the hearts of all who live in this community that you may be quickened to hear and respond to the voice of the living God. We bless all who live and work here, that the the overspill of the blessings of the presence of the Kingdom of God may fall upon you.

We bless you that unprecedented breakthroughs would follow this season of brokenness.

Amen.