

**1<sup>st</sup>** Ask our Abba Father to have mercy on our world, which is suddenly facing the reality of the fragility of life, and the inevitability of death. Pray that many will hear the Gospel and accept Christ as their Lord and Saviour; that our extended GWC community will share God's word faithfully and reach many with the Truth in these next few weeks.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** The students began their vacation on 25th March. Pray for their safety and a time of rest even in this stressful time.

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Pray for GWC faculty as they train in online lecturing in their holiday break ready to teach and serve the student body using digital communication channels.

**4<sup>th</sup>** Principal, Mark Dickson, Manny De Freitas and Jonathan More are leading the college through this uncharted territory in these next few weeks. Pray for wisdom and strength as they seek to keep GWC functioning effectively.

**5<sup>th</sup>** Pray for GWC alumni and all who are leading churches; for creative ways to practise generosity and meet the needs of their congregations and be a faithful witness to God in their local communities.

**6<sup>th</sup>** May our alumni, partners and GWC leadership be blessed with wisdom, discernment, clarity and strength to make sound decisions in a fast-changing environment, that has no guidelines or predictable outcome.

**7<sup>th</sup>** Please pray for the members of all the Explore study groups, who cannot meet; that they use this time to continue reading their Bibles individually.

**8<sup>th</sup>** GWC survives on the generous support of individuals, many of whom are currently facing extreme challenges in their investments and business. Pray for these men and women who have walked faithfully with GWC for so long. Ask that God will give them steadfast faith and trust in him that they will know Christ as their solid foundation.

**9<sup>th</sup>** Over the 21-day lockdown GWC faculty and staff members are able to work from home. Pray for wisdom and encouragement as they juggle work and family responsibilities.

**10<sup>th</sup>** With churches not able to meet on Good Friday, pray that all Christians in South Africa will be mindful and thank God for what the Lord Jesus did for us on the cross.

**11<sup>th</sup>** Pray for all our postgraduate students as they begin to put their mini-dissertation topics together and start working with their supervisors.

**12<sup>th</sup>** Pray that students will have meaningful Easter celebrations and be encouraged as Disciples of Christ, eager to share what the Lord Jesus did for mankind on the cross.

**13<sup>th</sup>** As we await the unfolding of the economic impact of this virus please ask the Lord to help our fundraising team be sensitive as they seek God's guidance to find creative ways to meet GWC's 2020 budget; that they might not be anxious but trust in God for each tomorrow.

**14<sup>th</sup>** Pray for those on the frontline, the essential workers. Ask the Lord to grant them strength, endurance and courage as they serve.

**15<sup>th</sup>** Pray that the South African government will respond effectively to meet the needs of the neediest and that the church in South Africa will find ways to act and show Christ's concern for the poor and marginalised.

**16<sup>th</sup>** Although our Explore fundraising strategy relies heavily on face-to-face meetings, we will be researching new prospects through electronic media. Please pray we might find new potential donors.

**17<sup>th</sup>** GWC partners with other bible colleges in Africa, many of whom do not have the internet as an option for online teaching as students return to their families. Pray that God will provide for them and enable them to survive this pandemic and to be soon operational once again.

**18<sup>th</sup>** Alumnus, Sean Savides, gives thanks for the smooth transition from being Assistant Minister at St Peter's Church, Fish Hoek, to being Assistant Minister at Christ Church, Somerset West.

**19<sup>th</sup>** The Development team are busy rebranding GWC and ensuring brand consistency across all GWC's ancillary brands. Pray for clear thinking and great synergy as they work with the college's new web development company.

**20<sup>th</sup>** Alumnus, Fred Kiiza, gives thanks for the more than 120 pastors who have received free training through the ministry he co-founded in 2015, All the Bible in Community (ABC). Praise the Lord, the accreditation we prayed for in June 2019 has been granted.

**21<sup>st</sup>** Pray for the facilitators who are using the Explore Course to train the staff and for the partner churches, where the need for training currently exceeds capacity.

**22<sup>nd</sup>** Pray for the college in the light of the spread of COVID-19 in Africa, that this will not hamper new students for 2021 entering the country and registering with GWC.

**23<sup>rd</sup>** Pray for our deans of students and SRC as they seek to support the students still residing at GWC.

**24<sup>th</sup>** Mark Norman is writing a post-graduate module on Karl Barth, which he hopes to present later this year. Pray for wisdom and clear-thinking for Mark in his preparation.

**25<sup>th</sup>** Pray for Jody as he provides IT infrastructure for new digital communication needs.

**26<sup>th</sup>** Alumnus, Dudu Mkhize, asks for prayer for spiritual growth and increased numbers for the REACH Equip Centre, who meet with Sunday school teachers from different Thembisa churches each month to provide training. Pray that the teachers will be encouraged and that many kids will come to know Jesus.

**27<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the new GWC blog 'Books Which Change the World'. Pray for the impact this project will have on stimulating reading that will edify and challenge Christian readers while helping to grow awareness of GWC as a theological college.

**28<sup>th</sup>** Praise the Lord that we have been able to deliver on the 5-year plan in consolidating the campus. Pray that the Lord would continue to enable us to execute all campus maintenance and upgrade activities, to the best of our abilities.

**29<sup>th</sup>** Alumnus, Bryan Haigh, Rector of Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Yellowknife, Canada asks for prayer that the Lord will use The Explore course to teach and grow the students' relationship with Him.

**30<sup>th</sup>** Pray for abundant grace and understanding amongst the whole GWC community as we seek to adapt to the changing context.