Prayer Focus – 10 - 16 April 2023 Bangladesh Territory

Territorial Leaders: Lieut-Colonels Vanlalnungi and Zothanmawia

Prayer requests:

- Pray for the visa-related complications of foreign officers working in Bangladesh to be resolved.
- Pray for all the ongoing activities of Bangladesh Command.
- Pray for the national elections that will be held later this year.
- Pray for all the leaders of the command to conduct all activities according to God's plan.
- Pray that all the officers, staff, soldiers can work as mission-oriented.
- This year our Command theme is "Bringing in the sheaves." Psalm 126:6(B). Pray for fulfil this them in the Command.

From February – May 2023, Commissioner Bronwyn Buckingham, World Secretary for Spiritual Life Development, invites the international Salvation Army to unite in praying together for our leaders, each week focusing on a different aspect of leadership.

WEEK 10 - A Prayer for Families

God, our loving Father

Thank You for the beautiful gift of family, created from your heart because you designed us to journey through this life in community with others. We are grateful for every group of people we are blessed to call 'family'.

We offer prayer for the families of our leaders, thankful that you know them each by name and circumstance. Many of our leaders are serving in places separated from their own families and we acknowledge before you the sacrifice that this brings. We pray that you will provide good people to 'stand in the gap' when parents and grandparents are unable to be close by.

For any who hold deep concern for the physical, emotional or spiritual well-being of their children, grandchildren or other family members, we ask for your divine counsel and peace to intervene. As well, for any necessary practical human support to be provided.

Along with appointment related responsibilities requiring time, strength and energy, our leaders also have families that need the same and we will often be completely unaware of personal burdens that they may be carrying. Remind us of this reality and give us sensitive spirits, we pray.

In your perfect timing, open the way for precious moments when our leaders can give their full attention to their families. And when it is time to take up their responsibilities again, may they know the blessing of release from those they love.

Thank You that you are intimately aware of the needs of every family -

May you bless and protect them

May you smile on them and be gracious to them

May you show them your favour and give them your peace

AMEN

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