

Prayer Focus – 24 – 30 April 2023 Angola Territory

Territorial Leaders: Lieut Colonels Stephen and Theresa Malins

The Angola Territory has had a challenging start to 2023 – with arrival of the Officer's Commanding delayed due to visa issues and with some serious Banking challenges causing cash flow problems. But God is Good and faithful – our Theme this year is 'Rise', and we are anticipating that in all aspects of ministry and service we will 'Rise' as a Territory to seize the opportunities and possibilities that come our way.

Prayer requests:

- That the Territory will 'Rise' in effective prayer.
- That the Territory will 'Rise' in service, ministry, social commitments and seizing opportunities to make disciples.

PRAYING FOR LEADERS

FOCUSED PRAYER FOR THOSE LEADING OUR MOVEMENT

FEBRUARY - MAY 2023

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 12 - A Prayer for **Patience**

Gracious, Loving, Patient God

We humbly recognise and thank you for the grace, love and patience you pour over our lives every day. None of these are deserved and we can't do anything to earn them, but rather they come to us as gifts from your heart of infinite goodness.

We pray for leaders in our Salvation Army to have grace-filled, loving and patient hearts, modelling Christ-like responses and actions towards those they serve.

Grant them the assurance of your presence, with abundant patience to accept the responsibilities and challenges that each day brings.

Give them patience with people that require extra time and effort to understand.

When situations arise that have no easy or quick solution, may your Holy Spirit remind them that your answers are always worth waiting for and will be better than anything they can produce on their own.

Forgive the impatience that so easily overtakes us all – the times when we are slow to listen and too quick to offer our own perspective and opinions.

From our senior leaders to our junior soldiers and everyone in between, may we be an army of people whose tender-hearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience is extended to each other and into the world around us.

Help us Lord, we pray!

AMEN

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