
PRAYERS OF PRAISE

Prayers thanking God for what he has done in answer to previously prayed prayer.

Prayer Item: 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Details: Give thanks to God for his many kindnesses he has shown to our congregation this past week: answered prayer, the gift of repentance, trials that humbled us, wrongs for which we could forgive.

PRAYERS OF PETITION—BBC FAMILY AND MINISTRY SPECIFIC

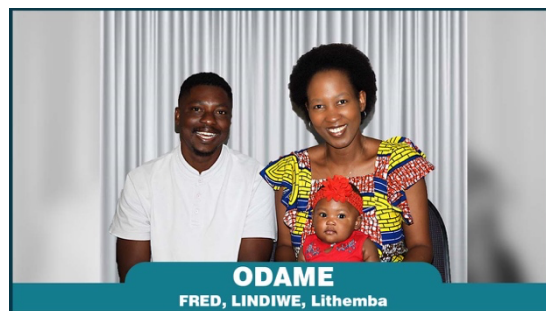
Prayers specifically relating to the membership and ministry of BBC.



Member(s): NELI Nxumalo

Introduction: Neli was converted 2016 after attending church most of her. When she began to sense that something was missing—but she didn't know what—a friend helped her to read and study the Bible and her need for the gospel clicked. She started attending BBC in 2019 and officially became a member in 2021 when she was baptised in very cold water outside during COVID-19 restrictions. She works as a data analyst for a startup.

Prayer: Pray for the salvation of Neli's mom and brothers. Pray for her energy levels at work as year-end fatigue sets in. Pray for her ability to glorify God in her work.



Member(s): FRED, LINDIWE, and Lithemba Odame

Introduction: Fred and Lindiwe met at BBC in 2018 and married in 2019. They are blessed with a lovely daughter, Lithemba (17 months old). Fred is a teacher in Hoërskool Voortrekker and Lindiwe is a Senior Education Specialist in the Gauteng Department of Education.

Prayer: Thank God with the Odames for his faithfulness and provision of new jobs this year. Pray for them as new parents, for all unsaved family members, and for them to grow in their trust in God's sovereignty.

Prayer Item: Quarterly Members' Meeting

Details: Pray that we will have a meaningful members meeting next Sunday evening experiencing congregational encouragement and thankfulness for what the Lord is doing in our church. Pray for unity as we vote on the church budget with a view to faithful stewardship to the glory of God.

Prayer Item: A concern for staying sheep

Details: Pray that we will grow in our burden to gain those who are wandering. Pray for our ability, as a church, to be intentional about speaking into the lives of those on the fringes and encouraging each other on the road to Christlikeness. Pray that we will all be willing to be used redemptively in the lives of others.

Prayer Item: Visitors

Details: Pray for wisdom in interacting with the many visitors we have seen coming to BBC in recent weeks. Pray that we will be able to engage them where they are and that God will continue to add to the church those he is saving and bringing into BBC.

PRAYERS OF PETITION—FROM THE TEXT

Prayers arising specifically from the texts of Scripture preached that Lord's Day or from prayers in the Bible.

Prayer Item: Sunday morning sermon response (1 Corinthians 10:14–22)

Details: Pray that we will work hard to bring our body into subjection and do whatever is necessary for us to persevere in fidelity to Christ to the end of our salvation, aware of the ever-looming temptation to idolatry.

Prayer Item: Sunday evening sermon response (Hebrews 2:1–4)

Details: Pray that we will be on guard against spiritual complacency, aware of the ever-present dangers of idolatry and apostasy, and that we will closely guard our devotion to Christ.

PRAYERS OF PETITION—SISTER CHURCHES AND FELLOW BELIEVERS

Prayers relating specifically to sister churches and fellow believers connected in some way to BBC.

Prayer Item: Reformed Community Church

Details: Our Sola 5 sister church for the week is Reformation Community Church (RCC) in Belville South. Pastored by Mario Maneville, the church requests prayer as follows: (1) Pray with the church about God raising up more elders or sending them to the church from outside. (2) Pray for the church's plans to plant an Afrikaans Church in 2025. (3) Pray for the church's plans to start a classical Christian school.

Prayer Item: Tsholo Kukuni

Details: Our supported worker focus for the week is Tsholo Kukuni in Bloemfontein. Tsholo has requested prayer as follows: (1) Pray for God to replace about seven members, medical students, who will be leaving Bloemfontein at the end of the year at the conclusion of their studies. (2) Pray for the church to grow in its understanding of what healthy, elder-led congregationalism looks like. (3) Several former members, who did not leave the church well, have returned to the church. Pray for wisdom as the elders lead the reintegration process. (4) Pray for the church's planning and budgeting processes to run smoothly ahead of the new year.

Prayer Item: Deported in the Arabian Peninsula

Details: Missionary workers in contact with Voice of the Martyrs report that new believers in a small, undisclosed-for-security-reasons nation in the Arabian Peninsula are under increasing

pressure after a church leader was deported for his faith. Most of the local Christians are young in faith and age and are wrestling with God's providence in this situation. Pray that these young followers of Christ will remain bold in their faith and lean on Christ in the face of fear and uncertainty.

PRAYERS OF PETITION—THE GREAT COMMISSION

Prayers relating specifically to the missions outreach of BBC, broader Great Commission initiatives, and the persecuted church.

Prayer Item: Japan (East Asia)

Details: Japan faces many crises. Even its leaders called it “a superpower without a moral compass.” The constant threats of earthquakes, economic decline, and social isolation leave many people realising that the government cannot solve Japan's problems. Pray that the church will step into this gap with true gospel hope. Read more about gospel needs in Japan [here](#).

Prayer Item: Yemen (28 million people; 99.6% unreached)

Details: Pray for the long-awaited peace, stability, and revitalisation of Yemen. Pray for God's mercy, comfort, and provision for the hungry, sick, poor, and exploited. Pray for every Yemeni to have the opportunity to hear the gospel of hope. Read more about gospel needs in Yemen [here](#).

PRAYERS OF PETITION—GENERAL REQUESTS

General prayer requests, not specifically falling under any of the above categories.

Prayer Item: Minister of Basic Education—Ms Matsie Motshekga; Dr Makgabo Mhaule

Details: Pray for Ministers Motshekga and Mhaule as they offer leadership to the portfolio of basic education in our country, with the many challenges that that brings.

Prayer Item: Turning to God in repentance

Details: Pray that we will return to God when we repent. Pray that we will not turn to moralism or self-deprecation, but that we will return to the way of the Lord (see Amos 4:6–11).

Prayer Item: Understanding sin's consequences

Details: Pray that we will reckon with the effects of our sin in the lives of others and that this will bring us to godly repentance. Pray that we will cling to the restoration for sin that only Christ can bring (2 Samuel 12).

Prayer Item: Evangelistic boldness

Details: Pray for us to be salt and light and to proclaim the gospel with boldness and not to be intimidated by man.

Prayer Item: Hard holidays

Details: Pray that the Lord will be near to those for whom Christmas time brings painful memories and a sense of loss.

PRAYERS OF PETITION—HEALTH AND PHYSICAL RELATED REQUESTS

Prayers requests for health and other physical-related matters inside and outside the church.

Prayer Item: Special needs

Details: Ryan Butterworth; Mari Manthe; Rose Cousins; Liam Dunstone; Lee Taylor; June Vermeulen

MEMBERSHIP INTRODUCTION

An introduction to the latest membership applicant(s) to BBC.

None this week

MEMBERS IN PROCESS

A list of prospective members, currently in the membership process, and the members leading them in this process.

1. **Abigail Swanepoel**—Tarryn Moore
2. **Tsebo Mampuru**—Venita de Stoppelaar
3. **Neil and Keshani Naidoo**—Chris & Jaya Thomas
4. **Martha Radebe**—Caren Mac Kaiser
5. **Unathi Radebe**—Tshepiso Gampu
6. **Jenovic Ilunga**—Jodi Howard
7. **Jesse Visser**—Joel Oommen
8. **Julius Mazibuko**—Aubrey Scorgie
9. **Ntwenhle Ndlovu**—Selaysha Armstrong
10. **Carina Nel**—Abby Adams
11. **Mia Nel**—Alésa Adams
12. **Fortune Peterside**—Kate Smith
13. **Ezaan de Lange**—Jeanne van der Walt
14. **Debbie Davidson**—Kathy Veringa
15. **Tirelo Mphahlele**—Shalyn Jordaan
16. **Mpume Radebe**—Andrea Hing
17. **Carl & Marinieta Nell**—Jilu & Anita Oommen
18. **Samantha Garcia-Barba**—Therina Mol