Please join us in prayer during the COVID-19 crisis

During uncertainty and rapidly changing times, we are thankful that our God is the same today, yesterday and forever, and is with us in this crisis. Please pray:

For Africa

• Praise God for the African governments who are making wise decisions to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Pray all African leaders will be gifted with insight in how to manage this crisis, especially in how to manage limited resources when providing help to those who are infected and affected.

For our workers in Africa

• Pray that long-term workers who are staying in Africa will know how best to serve and be a witness to their communities in the middle of the pandemic. Please especially uphold our people who are working in healthcare settings.

For our world

- Pray for health workers who are caring for those with COVID-19. Pray for their protection from the virus, for stamina during long and intense work hours, and for safe protocols to be observed in healthcare institutions in order to keep them protected. Pray for health workers to seek the Lord during this crisis.
- Pray for church leaders serving their churches and communities affected and infected by COVID-19. We pray that the Holy Spirit would give these shepherd-leaders the right words for the right time and the right actions for each situation. Pray they would speak the gospel in heart, word and deed to each person they minister to.
- Pray for the body of Christ worldwide. Church will look very different in many places. Pray that churches will rise up to pray and to support the sick and their caregivers in practical and sacrificial ways. Pray for the church to be a light on a hill in hospitals, communities and cities where God has placed them. Pray for an outpouring of love, compassion and service, in Jesus' name.
- Pray for government officials and decision-makers who are leading countries and organisations through the crisis. We acknowledge that the Lord has allowed each one to be in a place of influence during this time. Pray they will mobilise resources quickly and effectively to where they are most needed. Pray for all those working behind the scenes and for the good administration and execution of response efforts worldwide.

God's Mission to Africa's Unreached

• Praise God that His mission is not cancelled or hindered by this crisis. The work among Africa's unreached might look different, but His plans and purposes are not thwarted. Pray his people in Africa will adapt to the changing situation and continue to proclaim Jesus among Africa's unreached in word and action. Pray that even now many will become disciples, grow in their faith and share God's love with those around them.

For more prayer material see <u>#PRAYERTOENDCOVID19</u>, a prayer movement started by sister organisation SIM.