

## SCO Month of Prayer and Giving

May 2007

*I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians 1:3-6*

What a joy it is to think of our partners in this ministry, and to invite you to share with us in a special month of prayer for the Students' Christian Organisation.

Whether you are a student, learner, associate or pastor, you are an integral part of our ministry to reach students with the transforming gospel of Jesus Christ.

We echo Paul's words to the Philippians above, observing that his joy was based on two convictions: their partnership in the gospel, and the confidence that God would complete the good work that He had started in their lives.

Our bond in the gospel is a deep spiritual bond of love – one rooted in what God has done for us in Christ, and what He will do in completing this work in our lives.

May this motivate our prayer for one another and for the many students in

South Africa who have yet to hear and respond to the Good News.

We invite you to use this guide during the month of May in your time of personal prayer, in your Bible Study group, or in your church services to guide your prayer for SCO. Feel free to make copies and distribute this guide to friends.

We also invite you to join us for a **Day of Prayer and Fasting on 1 May**. Join with students, staff and associates across the country as we seek God's face for SCO.

The prayer pointers are arranged under the different sections of ministry.

### National

- Give thanks for the staff in the National Office: Nkosinathi Sixabayi (National Director), Motseki Sosibo (National Administrator), Carl Nielsen (Financial Manager) and Tembisa Gugushe (Finance Officer).
- Pray for wisdom for Nkosinathi and Motseki as they provide strategic and administrative leadership.
- Pray for a smooth handover in our finance department as Carl leaves and Tembisa moves in.
- Pray for Lisa Ncaca, co-ordinator of the Ses'khona Programme, SCO's response to HIV/AIDS, as she equips students to respond biblically to this issue on campus.
- Pray for Samantha Sheller and Papi Mohapi as they redesign the STEM

Programme (Short Term Experience in Ministry). We aim to launch it in 2008.

- Give thanks for the Associates who serve on the National Council. Pray for the chairperson, Gilbert Sepuru, for wisdom in leadership.
- Pray for the process of merger with UCSA (Uniting Christian Students Association), that God would give us fresh vision for the future.
- Pray with us for God's provision, that we might have the resources to accomplish what he has called us to.
- We are looking forward to our national conference in June, the **Youth Mission Fest**. Please pray with us for students from all across South Africa to attend and to be transformed as they encounter God's purpose for the world. SCO is partnering with UCSA and other organisations in this venture.

### Associates

- Give thanks for the many graduates and associates who support this ministry in prayer and giving.
- Pray for Jack Koma, the National Associates Director as he develops the ministry to SCO Associates.
- 2007 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the merger between SCA and SCM. Pray for anniversary celebrations to be held in different provinces throughout the year, that they may bring glory to God as we celebrate his goodness to us over this time.

- Pray for the emerging national leadership of the Associates Section, that they may know God's guidance in charting a way forward.
- Praise God for the Associates Core Groups that meet regularly in different centres around the country, supporting the ministry, and building into the lives of the members. Pray for the growth of these groups.

## Higher Institutions

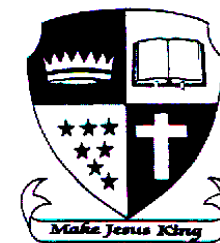
- Pray for discernment and vision for our staff working in Higher Institutions around the country: Barry Haschick (Section Director), Patrick Mahlangu (MP), Samantha Sheller (EC), Noah and Portia Tenai (WC) and Noluvuyo Mshumpela (KZN).
- Pray for the Higher Institutions Executive, led by Marvin Mkhabele, who play a crucial role in encouraging branches in their respective provinces.
- Pray for Christian students in leadership positions in their campuses, that they would serve with integrity and wisdom.
- Praise God for the many committed Christian students in our institutions. Pray that those involved with SCO would be equipped for faithful service through studying God's word in the SCO community.
- Pray for the evangelistic efforts of our students, that they would share their faith boldly and sensitively with their peers.

## High Schools

- Lift up the High Schools staff to God: Xoliswa Mkhontshwana (Section Director), Isaac Sisilana (EC), Papi Mohapi (FS), Victor Masindi (LIM) and Phumlani Mhlongo (KZN). Pray for a close walk with the Lord as they co-ordinate large numbers of schools branches.
- Pray for Mr Tamte, the National Schools Committee Chairperson, and for the formulation of a vibrant National Schools Committee to oversee the ministry.
- Pray for the many volunteers that offer their time and talents to High School ministry, that they will be aware of God's blessing in their ministry.
- Christian teachers play a significant role in our High School branches. Pray for them as they guide, support and encourage learners.
- Pray for Christian learners to have courage to live out their faith in difficult circumstances.

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*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.*

*Ephesians 6:18*

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