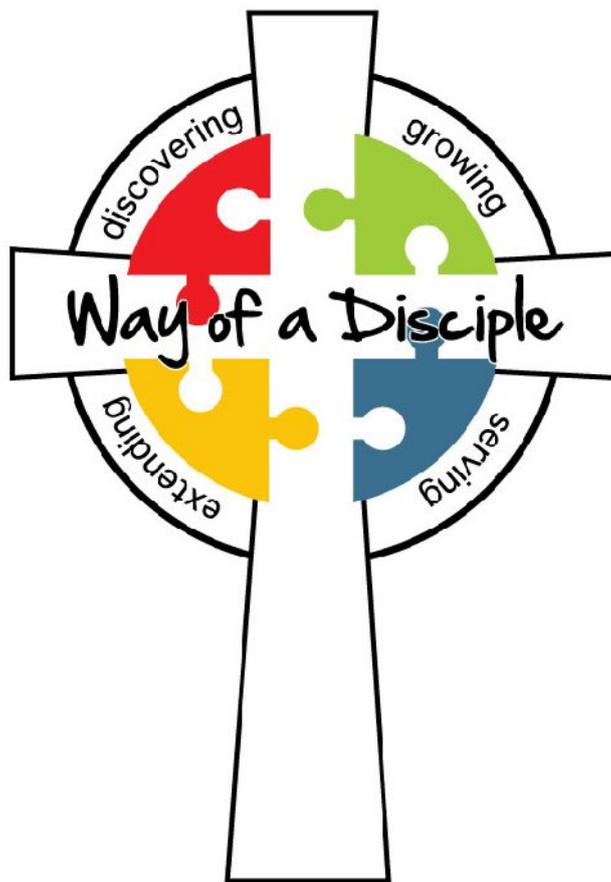


Westside Church of Christ

# BLESSINGS

for our church and beyond



Please use this booklet as a starting point for inspiration  
May you be filled with the Lord's favour as you release His blessings

**Partnering with God as He creates Christ-like Disciples**

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## **COC CARE MNISTRIES OF CHILD, YOUTH AND FAMILIES**

I bless all those involved in the ministries of Churches of Christ Care that use the Kiah site in the name of Jesus Christ.

I bless all those involved with the compassion of Jesus that their work might reflect his love for all people.

I bless them with a vision from God that they might see how they are being used to reflect the light of Christ into the community.

I bless them with the wisdom of God as they seek to bring healing to damaged and hurting families.

I bless them with the perfect patience of the Lord as they go through the ups and downs of the family situations they are working with.

I bless them with a unity in their work that they might truly support and care for each other.

I bless them with the presence of the Holy Spirit that the results of their work might have the fruitfulness of God upon them.

I bless them with the presence of Jesus so that they might discover the truth of who he is in their own lives as they work for an organization that bears his name.

## **CIVIC LEADERS**

I bless all those in positions of public leadership in the name of Jesus Christ. I bless those at the local, state and federal level.

I bless them with wisdom from the Lord as they seek to make decisions for the welfare of the whole community.

I bless them with the physical and emotional strength needed to meet the many demands upon their time.

I bless them with the Lord's protection as they often experience anger, misunderstanding and disappointment from their constituents. I further pray protection for their families that the glare of living in such a public spotlight will not bring harm in any manner.

I bless them with a godly vision for the community that will create an environment of justice, peace and prosperity.

I bless them with a genuine heart of civic service. May their greatest joy be found not in public notoriety and acclaim, but in the knowledge that their efforts have made the lives of their people better.

I bless them with honour and integrity sufficient to guard them from the dangerous temptations that often haunt the exercise of power and authority.

I bless them with peace that at the end of each busy day they might sleep deeply and be refreshed of body, mind and spirit.

## **OTHER LOCAL CHURCHES**

I bless the Christian churches of the Centenary area in the name of their Lord Jesus.

I bless each church with a deep sense of the Lord's presence as they gather in worship.

I bless each church with great grace in the Lord that all who share in the life of these congregations may rejoice in their salvation.

I bless the ministers and leaders of each of these churches. May they be people surrendered to Christ and full of the Holy Spirit. May their leadership provide protection and nurture for the flock of God under their charge.

I bless each church with the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. May the corporate life of each reflect the heart of Christ to each other and be a witness to the community of His renewing work on the earth.

I bless each church with a greater level of faith so that they might be faithful in the face of difficulties and consistent in their witness that Jesus is Lord.

I bless each church with fruitfulness in the Lord. May the Lord give favor to their worship and witness so that the kingdom of God may be extended through them. May many come to know the salvation of Jesus because of them.

## **THE COMMUNITY**

I bless these western suburbs in the name of Jesus Christ.

I bless these suburbs with the peace of the Lord that all who dwell here may live tranquil and joyful lives.

I bless these suburbs with justice and righteousness that this area might be exulted for its quality of life.

I bless the families that live in these suburbs. May the love, peace and joy of the Lord be experienced in each in ever increasing measure.

I bless the businesses of this area that the favor of the Lord might cause each to prosper and to provide for many in the community.

I bless the schools in these suburbs that they might develop young people who mature into the fullness of the Lord's destiny for them. May their teachers be blessed with strength and creativity in order to produce young people who grow physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually.

I bless these suburbs with the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ and His kingdom. In every place, may the kingdom come and the Lord's will be done. May the life of God fill this area. May many come to know the salvation that is found in Jesus Christ.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

I bless all the current and future youth and children of Westside in Jesus name.

I bless you with an ever-increasing desire to know God, personally and intimately, that your faith would continue to grow and develop every day.

I bless you with a desire to love God in a way that is so refreshing in this broken world that your love would arouse curiosity and be contagious to the people around you.

I bless you with an ever-increasing awareness of Jesus sacrifice for you and an understanding and assurance of eternity.

I bless you with a deeper revelation of the authority that Jesus gave to you and that you would begin to walk confidently in his power.

I bless you with an understanding of the scope of influence you have with your family, peers and anyone you meet, that you would use this influence to glorify God and point people to Jesus.

I bless you with an open heart to the work of the Holy Spirit, sensitivity to His leading and an ability to hear him clearly despite the distractions of the world.

I bless you with an understanding of the fruit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, making room for both to grow and flow freely in your life.

I bless you with wisdom to know your part in helping to fulfill the great commission and for God given ideas, courage, creativity and favour in doing this.

I bless you to be free to be and do everything God has planned for you.

I bless your heart and that you would not be led astray by the things of this world but instead would be shining lights to all around you.

I bless you with Godly discernment to know the roots of situations and circumstances that you face and for the wisdom to know how to respond in a Godly way.

I bless you with God's protection, that His armour would protect you from all schemes of the evil one.

I bless you with excellent health physically, emotionally and spiritually.

I bless you with a sound mind, full of peace that surpasses your understanding and makes no room for stress or anxiety to gain entry into your life.

I bless you with wisdom to know and discern the words you speak, that they would be words of life and blessing and that these words would have a powerful eternal impact.

I bless you with an increasing desire to connect with and love your church family.

I bless your eyes and heart to see and feel Westside as your heavenly family on earth, that you will grow in relationships and encourage, support and love each other just as Christ does, so that the world will know we are His, and how good He is.

I bless you with the assurance that God will never leave you or love you less if you walk away from Him, make mistakes or deliberately make unGodly choices.

I bless you with opportunities to experience God as He reveals Himself to you.

I bless your eyes to be able to see Him, your ears to be able to hear him and your spirit to be able to sense and connect with Him in the unique way He has created you to.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH LEADERS

In the name of Jesus, I bless the youth and children's ministry at Westside.

I bless it with vitality, life and growth that surpass man's wisdom and the complications of today's culture.

I bless it as a light in society and a place of refuge for young people.

I bless it with strength in worship that is developed through intimacy and passionate encounters with God.

I bless it with the resources, leaders and God given wisdom to impact our world.

I bless all the current and future youth and children's leaders, and all those in our greater church family who take part in caring for our young people.

I bless you with an ever-increasing desire to know God, personally and intimately, that your faith would continue to grow and develop every day.

I bless your conversations with the young adults, youth, and children, that your words would bring life, encouragement, blessing and that hope would be released.

I bless your influence with the young people, that the example you set would point them towards Jesus, producing eternal fruit.

I bless you to be free to be and do all that you are called and gifted to do within the youth and children's ministry and in all areas of your lives.

I bless you with wisdom and insight in leading the youth and children's ministry and for the God-given ideas to stand out and be fruitful.

I bless you with an understanding of the fruit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, making room for both to grow and flow freely in your life and for the ability to help the young people understand and grow in these too.

I bless you with protection of the Lord, that he would shield you from any unwarranted criticism, careless comments and comparisons in your roles as leaders and in every other area of your lives. May His angels watch over you and those in your care in each activity you are involved in.

I bless you with strength, peace, energy and focus that will combat society's exhaustion, stress and apathy.

## **ELDERS**

I bless those who serve as elders at Westside.

I bless them with the mind of Christ as they seek to know God's way for our congregation.

I bless them with faith to boldly follow wherever they sense Jesus is leading his church.

I bless them with wisdom from the Lord as they plan how to implement the ways of Jesus in our midst.

I bless them with the unity of the Spirit that they might be of one mind and heart in their decisions. I bless them with the fullness of the Spirit that they might minister with power and authority in the Lord.

I bless them with a shepherd's heart as they compassionately oversee the flock of God.

I bless them with discernment that they might guard the flock from any false teaching that could lead many astray.

I bless them with a shield of faith that will guard them from all the fiery darts of the enemy however they might come.

I bless them with endurance for those times when the way forward seems difficult and draining. I bless them with joy that they might know the Lord's pleasure in their service.

## **GUIDED ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASSES**

I bless the English conversations classes that meet at Westside in the name of Jesus Christ.

I bless the leaders with the love, compassion and hospitality of the Lord as they meet and welcome newcomers from any nation.

I bless the leaders with godly creativity as they plan and deliver lessons each week.

I bless those who attend these classes with a sense of God's presence and His great love for them.

I bless those who attend these classes with revelation from the Holy Spirit, that the eyes of their hearts might be opened to see the glory of Jesus.

May salvation come to many through the witness of these classes.

## **MANAGEMENT TEAM**

I bless the management team in the name of Jesus Christ.

I bless them with the joy of the Lord that their work might be fulfilling and not a burden.

I bless them with the gift of discernment as they make decisions on how best to employ resources to enhance the life and ministry of Westside.

I bless them with Spirit-born creativity as they seek to do their work in the midst of competing priorities and limited budgets.

I bless them with the unity of the Spirit that they might act and advocate as one.

I bless them with the favor of the Lord that their work might be both fruitful and pleasing before God and the congregation.

I bless them with a breadth of vision that integrates their work into the wider work of God and His kingdom at Westside.

## **MISSION TEAM**

We bless the missions we support at Westside Church of Christ: Khayelihle Children's Village in Zimbabwe, Steph & Jono Bailey preparing for Cambodia and the Schwarz family in Ethiopia.

I bless those who serve on the Mission Team at Westside in the name of Jesus Christ.

I bless them with the mission heart of the Lord as they seek to support and highlight the Lord's work beyond the borders of Westside.

I bless them with creativity from the Lord that they might continue to discover effective ways of communicating the work of mission to Westside.

I bless them with discernment as they weigh the many requests for support that regularly come to the church.

I bless them with joy in the Lord as they hear how the Lord's servants around the world are being fruitful in their work.

I bless them with joy in the Lord as they serve Christ and his kingdom through their service.

## PARENTS

In the name of Jesus, I bless all the current and future parents, grandparents, and those who care for young people connected in any way with Westside.

I bless you with a strong, life changing revelation of God's love for you, which will impact you, your family and the young people you care for on a daily basis, leaving a spiritual heritage and family blessing over the generations to come.

I bless you with protection from negativity and open hearts to wise counsel that is in line with God's Word.

I bless you with peace and joy that surpasses your understanding in every circumstance you face.

I bless your family with a spirit of gratitude and contentment, trusting in God's goodness to provide all you need and with a generous heart to share your abundance and acts of service with others.

I bless you with supernatural rest, strength and courage to stand for all that God declares for you, your children, grandchildren and the young people you care for.

I bless your home to become places of rest, laughter, love, of generous hospitality to friends and strangers, and a place of refuge from the darkness of the world.

I bless your home with angelic protection, that whatever enters is from God, that everyone inside will feel safe and blessed.

I bless you with wisdom, revelation and commitment to know how and where to invest and prioritise your time as a family according to God's word and design.

I bless you with courage and boldness to stand against the influences of the world's agenda and values.

I bless you with discernment to know when and how the enemy is at work in your family and the weapons to defeat his interference.

I bless you with wisdom and creative ideas for how to raise Godly children, who know and love God, who influence their peers and the world around them for God.

I bless you with the freedom to be the parents God created you to be and to bring up your children to also be who God created them to be. I bless you with the assurance that you are the one God chose to nurture these children, and with the confidence that He has given you the ability you need to do the job with the empowerment of His Holy Spirit and solid knowledge of His Living Word.

I bless you with Godly relationships that can pray with, encourage, support and mentor you through the highs and lows of caring for a child.

I bless you with an increasing desire to connect your family with the greater church family, so that intergenerational blessing will overflow and foster a deep care and concern for one another.

I bless you with the discernment of knowing how to love your children, and the strength to set boundaries and discipline them in love. I bless you with daily perseverance, grace and mercy as you care for them.

For parents doing this alone - I bless you with an extra measure of rich and deep knowledge of God's faithful presence carrying you, sustaining you, protecting you, equipping you and fulfilling you with His goodness. I bless you with a growing network of others to be there for you, who will love you and your children and be family to you.

For those unable to have children - I bless you with a desire and fulfilment to care for the young people God places across your path, that this will be your joy and contentment.

## SENIORS

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we bless all our Seniors who are connected with Westside.

We bless the work of the Holy Spirit in your lives and that you would be sensitive to His leading.

We bless you with a faith in Jesus Christ that is unshakeable, and that you will be blessed with a peace that surpasses all understanding.

We bless you with grace in letting family and friends take care of you when needed and a spirit of encouragement and gratitude.

We bless you with strength to face each day and a trust that is built on nothing less than Jesus Christ and His righteousness.

As each day passes we bless you with good health, protection and comfort that would increase the assurance of your love in Christ

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## SMALL GROUPS

I bless all the small groups that are a part of the Westside family in the name of Jesus Christ.

I bless them with all the life-giving energy of the Kingdom of God.

I bless them with a spirit of hospitality from the Lord. May all who share in these groups experience the Lord's welcome and a fulfilling sense of community.

I bless them in the truth of God that as they share in God's word they might find their lives challenged, refreshed and strengthened.

I bless each group with godly love and grace. May all involved sense that they are supported and loved in such a way that they can risk being transparent and vulnerable.

I bless each group with the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

I bless the leaders of each group with a greater sense of the Lord's direction for those they lead. May they hear from the Lord with greater clarity than ever before.

## STAFF

We bless you in Jesus name with blessings of divine grace and supernatural peace, that flows from God.

We bless you in Jesus name with unity - united in one Spirit and one passion, celebrating together as conquerors. May you be joined together in perfect unity with one heart, one passion, united in love, walking together in love and with harmonious purpose.

May you be blessed with Godly integrity and wisdom.

May the Lord equip you with everything you need to do your job well and in service to Him.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

I bless all those who sing and play to lead our worship at Westside in the name of Jesus Christ.

I bless them with a vision of the glory of the Lord that will fill their hearts and minds with awe and wonder.

I bless them with the love of Christ that their ministry might reflect the heart of the Lord to each other and to the congregation.

I bless them with the fullness of the Holy Spirit that the fruit of their ministry will be greater than what they could ever accomplish in their own strength and talent.

I bless them with a heart of obedience that their lives might reflect the way of Jesus both on and off the stage.

I bless them with a unity in their worship leading so that with one accord they might with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I bless them with an increased sensitivity to how the Spirit wishes to lead the people of Westside in worship.

I bless them with a spirit of creativity that from them might flow new songs to the Lord and new forms of worship.

I bless those who lead our worship through overseeing the sound and data. I bless them with artistic sensitivities that will enable them to skillfully blend the technical with the spiritual components of worship.

I bless them with the protection of the Lord that he might shield them from any unwarranted criticism, careless comments and unfair comparisons.

I bless them with humility that they might always seek to honour the Lord first and foremost.

I bless them with strength and endurance for the hours of practice required for preparation.

I bless them with health so that the enemy can in no way use physical ailments to distract them from their ministry.

I bless them with the joy of the Lord, that they might know his delight in their ministry and that their service will not become burdensome.

I bless them with rest that they may be refreshed in body and spirit.

## YOUNG ADULTS

I bless all the current and future young adults of Westside in Jesus name.

I bless you with an ever-increasing desire to know God, personally and intimately, that your faith would continue to grow and develop every day and that you would have powerful encounters and personal experiences with God.

I bless you with an ever-increasing awareness of the vital need for a strong, vibrant, personal relationship with Father God, His son Jesus and the comforter - the Holy Spirit

I bless you with a desire to love God and His word in a way that is so refreshing in this broken world, that your love would arouse curiosity and be contagious to the people around you.

I bless you with an ever-increasing awareness of God's love for you so that the desire to experience this love becomes an unquenchable thirst.

I bless you with a firm, ever-increasing faith and a strong desire to walk in Godly ways and to love Him.

I bless you with rest, a supernatural quality of rest that surpasses anything available through man's ability. Rest that develops in the spirit realm and expands beyond the natural body into the emotional part of your life.

I bless you with God's strength in every area that you are weak and that this knowledge will become true in your heart and mind.

I bless you with strength and courage to choose integrity and purity, no matter what the voices and circumstances around prevail on you.

I bless you with humility birthed out of intimacy with God, and a desire to be present, Godly role models for the next generation.

I bless you with clarity and supernatural focus in all you set your hand to do that is productive, and a revelation of purpose to be free to be and do everything God has planned for you.

I bless you with a desire to choose obedience to God's leading and his directions and an ease in discerning His voice and hearing his heart for you.

I bless you with the knowledge of your incredible worth to God, how precious you are to him and how valuable you are to your family and friends.

I bless you with nourishing relationships with your family, friends and mentors in a variety of areas in your life, relationships that will provide accountability and support, as iron sharpens iron.

I bless you with health in every area of your life: spiritual, emotional and physical health, with a healthy thought life and a healthy soul.

I bless you with the immense joy of sharing your faith in God with family and friends.

I bless you with joy and peace that do not depend on circumstances and which surpass all our understanding.

I bless you with God's protection, that His armour would protect you from all schemes of the evil one and with wisdom and courage to keep you from being led astray by the things of this world.