

# ACAT Prayer Focus

AUGUST  
2026

## Monday

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Pray for ACAT and its members as **political tensions rise in communities**.

Pray for the Lord to enable our group members to remain focused and calm.

Pray for peace in SA.

## 10 PUBLIC HOLIDAY OBSERVED FOR WOMEN'S DAY



Give thanks for all the women in your life. If you are able, let them know that you are praying for them.

## Tuesday

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Pray for Directors **Rodney Spencer** and **Enock Dlamini** as they lead ACAT KZN and eSwatini.

Pray too for **each ACAT team member** that they would experience the **presence of the Lord in their lives**. Pray this too for **yourself**.

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Pray for all **community facilitators and trainers** who equip rural communities with practical and leadership skills. Pray especially for the collab partners who will conduct their Basic Life Skills training for their groups (and youth) during the rest of the year.

## Wednesday

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Sufficient **funding** to meet our budgets is a concern in both the ACAT operations in KZN and eSwatini.

**Pray for the Lord to provide the needed finances** and for **good stewardship, and protection** of ACAT's assets.

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Pray for ACAT's management team as it adjusts to and sets budgets for the increasing and volatile **operational costs** (eg. fuel).

Pray for wisdom for the Finance Committee as they begin to set the budget for 2027.

## Thursday

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Pray for the **mental, emotional, and spiritual wellness** of the ACAT team and ACAT group members.

Pray for protection from burnout, discouragement, anxiety, and isolation.

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Pray for healing and support for those facing **depression, trauma, grief, addiction, and emotional exhaustion** within ACAT communities and teams.

Pray too for all those you know who are **struggling**.

## Friday

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Pray for the successful upskilling of **community structures, local leadership, youth groups, women's groups**, so communities may grow in resilience and self-sufficiency. This is the point of much of the training ACAT does.

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Pray for **farmers, gardeners, and food producers**.

Pray for good harvests, access to resources, and protection from climate-related disasters.

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Pray that ACAT would discover **new funding partners** that have a shared vision with ACAT.



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Pray for **ACAT's leadership** as it seeks wisdom and strategic guidance from the Lord for 2027.

Pray for clear direction, and the reciprocal capacity for ACAT to respond accordingly.

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Pray for **rural communities** who struggle to get access to clean water, sanitation, healthcare, and basic services.

Give thanks for those who sponsor **jojo tanks** and **hippo rollers**. These go some way to help their situation.

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Pray for **nations** facing economic instability and rising costs of living. Pray for just economic systems that protect the poor and vulnerable.

**So then, if we do not do the good we know we should do, we are guilty of sin. James 4:17**

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Pray for **Africa** and all her people.

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Pray for the **community volunteers** who will attend their 4th course at the centre this week. There are about **139 people** who are attending this training. Pray for each person - that they might have an encounter with the Lord.

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Pray for **creative and sustainable income generating projects** that can strengthen household resilience, and assist community co-operation.



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Thank God for his **provision through our generous donors**— big and small!

Their faithful support – financial, technical, emotional – is a vital contribution to ACAT's impact.

**May God bless and encourage them.**

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Pray for **women in rural communities** — for safety, empowerment, leadership opportunities, and freedom from violence and discrimination. Pray that ACAT's programme would help women feel informed, valued and respected.

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Pray for those who are **battling with illness**. The 'flu season continues to present a challenge.



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Pray for the second cohort of **community volunteers** who will attend their 4th course at the centre this week.

Pray for the Lord to encourage all who attend, and to speak to each one personally.

Sometimes faith looks like multiplication. Sometimes faith looks like surrender. Sometimes God fills your hands. Sometimes he asks you to empty them. **Fruitfulness is God's responsibility. Faithfulness is ours.**

God's job is outcomes. Our job is obedience. God's job is results. Our job is response.

**God doesn't call us to control the harvest. He calls us to be faithful in the sowing.** Jesus never said, "Well done, good and successful servant." He said, "Well done, good and faithful servant." I don't think efficiency is a bad thing at all, but I think God values devotion over efficiency. Efficiency is good but it's a terrible god. If you are a follower of Jesus: Love is not a tactic. It's a command. If love is just a strategy, we'll abandon it when it doesn't "work." If love is a command, we'll practice it even when it costs us. Our theology is only as good as the love it produces. Good theology without love is bad theology. -Ian Simkins

**We plant. We water. But only God brings the growth. (1 Corinthians 3:6)**

ACAT's Mission is to design and implement training and mentoring programmes aimed at equipping people to be sustainable in every aspect of their lives and to influence, motivate and assist others to achieve the same.



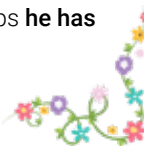
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| <p>Run your best in the race of faith, and win eternal life for yourself; for it was to this life that God called you when you firmly professed your faith before many witnesses.<br/><b>1 Timothy 6:12</b></p>                                                                                                                                    | <p><b>1</b><br/><b>SPRING DAY</b><br/>We wish <b>Lawrence McCrystal</b> a very <b>blessed 90th birthday</b> today! Give thanks for the amazing contribution he and Pam have made to the ministry of ACAT - from its origin to now! <b>May the Lord continue to bless and keep them!</b></p> | <p><b>2</b><br/>With the official start of spring, pray for <b>increased impact in all agricultural and livelihood activities</b> this year.<br/><br/>Pray for <b>encouragement</b> for those who are just starting to establish gardens and crops.</p>                    | <p><b>3</b><br/>Pray for <b>all farmers</b> - from commercial to household food gardeners – that they would have great harvests.<br/>Pray for protection against the devastating effects of <b>climate change</b>.</p>                                   | <p><b>4</b><br/>Pray for powerful <b>Christian witness</b> in global affairs. Pray too for solutions to be found:<br/>• in the middle east, in Ukraine and Russia and in central Africa/ DRC.<br/>• to unemployment in SA, especially amongst the youth (60%).</p>                      |
| <p><b>7</b><br/>Pray for peaceful elections.<br/>Pray for all <b>community leaders</b> as they amp up their election efforts.<br/><br/>Pray for <b>voters</b> as they consider their options for the upcoming <b>municipal elections</b> to be held in November.</p>                                                                               | <p><b>8</b><br/>Pray for the <b>protection of our team on the roads</b>. They work in areas where roads are in a bad condition, and in areas which are far from services.<br/>Pray too for the Lord to <b>preserve our vehicle fleet, and more importantly, our team</b>.</p>               | <p><b>9</b><br/>Pray for South Africa's high <b>unemployment</b> rate and for all families in KwaZulu who struggle to find work.<br/><br/><b>May God open doors of opportunity.</b></p>  | <p><b>10</b><br/>Pray for <b>income-generation opportunities in rural communities</b> – for small businesses, co-operatives, agriculture projects, and entrepreneurship initiatives to <b>flourish</b> and create dignity.</p>                           | <p><b>11</b><br/>Pray for potential collaborations with other organizations in <b>Zimbabwe and Lesotho</b>. Pray for the Lord to lead and guide us into the partnerships <b>he has planned</b>.</p>  |
| <p><b>14</b><br/>Pray for those who are <b>discouraged</b>, are <b>sick or disabled</b>, are <b>terminally ill</b>, and those who have <b>lost hope</b> for their future.<br/><br/><b>He will wipe away all tears from their eyes. There will be no more death, no more grief or crying or pain. The old things have disappeared. Rev 21:4</b></p> | <p><b>15</b><br/>Pray for <b>young people in ACAT communities to gain access</b> to education, digital skills, vocational training, and meaningful employment opportunities.<br/><b>Pray for partnerships in these areas.</b></p>                                                           | <p><b>16</b><br/>Pray for <b>FAMILIES</b>. Pray for those who:<br/>• are struggling<br/>• are going through divorce / separation<br/>• are mourning the loss of a family member<br/>• do not have / or don't feel part of a family.<br/>• are in your family.</p>          | <p><b>17</b><br/>Pray for <b>food security across Southern Africa</b> and other regions facing hunger. Pray for<br/>• the use of sustainable farming practices,<br/>• rain in drought-affected areas, and<br/>• equitable access to nutritious food.</p> | <p><b>18</b><br/>Pray for <b>wisdom and courage</b> for ACAT leaders, staff, facilitators, and community partners as they serve vulnerable rural communities.<br/><br/>Pray for <b>integrity, compassion, and renewed strength</b>.</p>                                                 |
| <p><b>21</b><br/>Pray for the Lord to encourage and strengthen our partners <b>Lambert in Burundi and Herman in the DRC</b>.<br/><br/><b>Pray for their safety and for the provision of resources to enable them to extend their outreach.</b></p>                                                                                                 | <p><b>22</b><br/>Pray for the <b>Trustees of ACAT Lilima Eswatini</b> as they meet tonight for their Board meeting.<br/><br/>Pray for <b>Godly wisdom</b> in all their discussions and decision making.</p>                                                                                 | <p><b>23</b><br/>Pray for encouragement of participants to join <b>Savings and Loans Groups</b>, and for ACAT to continued strengthening this aspect of the ACAT programme.</p>                                                                                            | <p><b>24</b> <b>HERITAGE DAY</b><br/><br/><b>Pray for South Africa and all her people – that we may co-create a country everyone feels part of.</b></p>              | <p><b>25</b><br/>Pray for all communities affected by <b>conflict, violence, and displacement</b> around the world.<br/><br/><b>I have told you this so that you will have peace by being united to me. The world will make you suffer. John 16:33</b></p>                              |
| <p><b>28</b><br/>Pray for the <b>children and youth</b> in our programme, and particularly how ACAT can continue to strengthen this aspect.</p>                                                                                                                  | <p><b>29</b><br/>Pray for the <b>health of our team</b> – physically, spiritually and emotionally.</p>                                                                                                   | <p><b>30</b><br/>Pray for ACAT and its members as <b>political tensions rise in communities</b>.<br/><br/>Pray for the Lord to enable our group members to remain focused and calm.<br/><br/><b>Pray for peace in SA.</b></p>                                              |                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |