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## **AACC PRAYER ALERT FOR ZIMBABWE**

Dear sisters and brothers across Africa,

Prayer remains our critical pivot in Christian living and witness. Through prayer we express our concerns and challenges to our living God for guidance and intervention. Apostle Paul in his epistle to the Philippians 4:6 encourages us that, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

We are constantly reminded to pray ceaselessly, show love to our adversaries, and pray for those who persecute us (1 Thessalonian 5:17 & Matthew 5:44). These tasks may sound difficult, but made easy by the kind of faith we embody, that does the extraordinary in the eyes of humanity as exemplified by Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Daniel 3).

We have heard from our sisters and brothers in Zimbabwe of the protracted sociopolitical, economic, and humanitarian crises exacerbated by COVID-19 pandemic in the country. Many of our sisters and brothers are experiencing starvation, brutality, oppression, and repression on daily basis. We are worried and greatly disturbed by this situation, but with profound faith and hope that the leaders will allow God's spirit to lead them to embrace and entrench a culture of 'Just Peace' that allows for full expression and exercise of freedom with responsibility by all citizens, without any form of dehumanizing reaction by civil authority.

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We call on you and your congregants to pray for Zimbabwe, especially those with privileged authority to listen to the cries of the people for Just Peace, knowing that the hearts of the kings are in the hands of God (Proverbs 21:1). We should continue to pray for healing, reconciliation, and restoration in Zimbabwe.

May our loving and merciful God hear the prayers we make this day. Amen.

In Christ,

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