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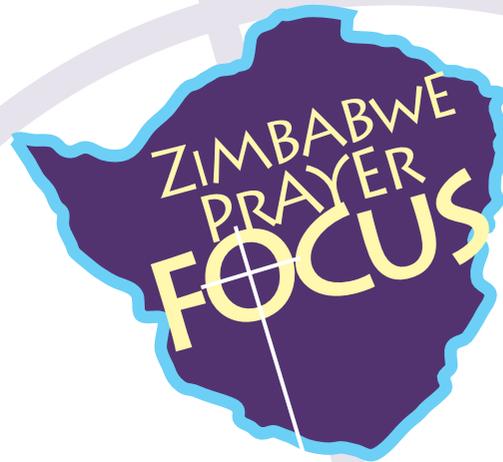
***“Whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it ...” (Mark 8/35)***

### **SELF-GIVING OR SELF-ENRICHMENT ?**

These are hard, hard times for the people of Zimbabwe and, after years of poverty, hunger and oppression, there is now a confusion of ideas about how to be rescued from the endless suffering.

If ever there was a moment in the nation’s history for the liberating gospel of Jesus to be clearly heard, this is that moment. A time for the Church to send a clear signal to turn to the “Father of all compassion”, trusting him alone and his way of self-giving love.

Sadly that signal is not clear today. It is muted by fear and distorted by the personal agendas of some few (but prominent) church leaders who have chosen for themselves the way of self-enrichment. Others proclaim a false gospel of prosperity through self-help – and large donations to the false prophets!



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### **PRAYING TOGETHER**

**Against such a background please join us in praying that:**

- those whose life-style betrays the faith they profess may come to repentance
- those preaching a prosperity gospel will be convicted by God’s word and the example of his faithful servants
- the humble servants of the Servant King will receive blessing and encouragement in their self-giving ministry
- the multitude of faithful Christians who persevere in “doing the best of things in the worst of times” may not grow weary in doing good
- a sign of hope will be given to the faithful to strengthen their resolve to resist the prevailing culture of greed, corruption and violence and to find a new unity in being the transformed and transforming presence of Christ within the nation

***“To clasp hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world”  
(Karl Barth)***

