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*"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the chords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke ... ?*

*Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear."  
(Isaiah 58/6,8)*

As the rising sun burns off the early morning mist so the passage of six months since the bloodless coup of November reveals that, for most Zimbabweans, nothing much has changed.

Six months on, the pervasive poverty and hunger have not changed.

The banks still have no money for their customers and over 90 per cent of Zimbabweans remain unemployed.

At the same time the forthcoming elections are already casting a long shadow over the country, inspiring little hope of significant change and considerable fear of a repeat of the violence that has characterised all recent elections.



THE HONEYMOON IS OVER!

## Zimbabwe Victims' Support Fund



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Against this background and prompted by the prayer requests of our partners in Zimbabwe, we would commend to your prayers the following – inviting you to pray with us AGAINST all those things that threaten the wellbeing of the nation and FOR those things that we believe God wants for his people.

**Please join us in praying:**

### AGAINST

- The polarisation that labels political rivals "the enemy"
- The politicisation of food to win votes
- The corrupting influence of money and power
- Violence in all its forms

### and FOR

- Those in authority to be persuaded to "loose the chains of injustice"
- The National Peace and Reconciliation Commission to live up to its name and act in an open, non-partisan way
- The corrupt election practices of the past to be swept aside
- The fulfilment of the promise that their light will "break forth like the dawn" in the lives of those humble servants of God, like our own ZVSF partners and volunteers, who stand in solidarity with the poor, the hungry and the dispossessed

