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**Pray for rain - CDP**

“The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) calls on churches and all Christians in general to pray this Sunday, for rain over those areas hit by severe drought conditions.

“Especially the western interior of the country, such as the Western Free State and Northern Cape, is experiencing severe drought, with veld fires becoming a real danger. Raging fires on the Ghaap Plateau have been described as the worst disaster in the history of the Northern Cape,” says CDP leader, Rev Theunis Botha.

“Weather forecasts for the drought stricken areas do not look promising for the next week.

“We call on churches to pray for rain, and the country as a whole, as much prayer is needed on a wide variety of matters.”

**Bid vir reën – CDP**

“Die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) het ‘n beroep op kerke en Christene in die algemeen gedoen om die komende Sondag te bid vir reën in die droogtegeteisterde gebiede.

“Veral die westelike binneland, soos die Nood-Kaap en die westelike Vrystaat gaan onder ‘n erge droogte gebuk, en veldbrande bly ‘n werklike gevaar. Die heersende brande op die Ghaapplateo is as die ergste ramp in die geskiedenis van die Noord-Kaap beskryf,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die CDP.

“Weervoorspellings vir die droogtegeteisterde gebiede oor die volgende week lyk ook nie belowend nie.

“Ons doen ‘n beroep op kerke om vir reën te bid. Ons land, as geheel, het egter ook gebede vir ‘n groot aantal sake nodig.”