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Praying for the City can only be effective when we move out from everything that intimidates us like colours, language and complex problems.

The Israelites were in exile and refused to settle just like some of us do, thinking this is not home and hoping of somewhere else and now you have lived half of your life in two worlds and still do not belong to any. For this reason the Word came through Jeremiah to tell us to get rid of this FALSE Hope.

We need to get involved in city development programmes and not only spiritual matters. In fact your blessing is tight in the prayers you pray for the city. When the city prosper you also prosper.

The bible says: we should pray for the city and in doing that we shall have peace.

Do not expect to reap where you did not sow but rather the opposite.

A lot of People have invested their lives for greater things to happen in their city! What about you? Is God calling you this morning to break every barrier and let His kingdom come in Kassel. There must be unity in diversity in love to move us to the next level. God is calling all migrants that still feel they are not welcome, to get rid of that thought and begin to get involved with their lives, and make this city more colourful. Not in words but in Action.

Everything you need is here in the city. But you will find them when you engage with the activities of the City. And because you have lived in ignorance, strangers do come from outside and take the blessing e.g. „documenta“. Some of you are here and have never been interested in such but it is all part of the activities. I pray that God will open our eyes more to see.