

HIGHER GROUND 2.0: GIVE ME THIS MOUNTAIN!

The First Baptist Forney new Multi-Purpose Worship Center is almost complete!

In preparation for our first service in the new building, we are asking that each of you join us in 40 Days of Prayer. Starting **Sunday, March 3**, you will receive emails for each of the 40 days guiding you in specific prayers for that day. Prayers will be divided into areas of personal revival, church revival, revival among church leadership, national revival and renew and conclude with specific prayers for First Baptist Forney.

Below is a guideline to help you use the upcoming prayer guide.

Thank you in advance for joining First Baptist Forney in 40 Days of Prayer. We pray God will do a great work in and through each of our lives as we meet with Him in prayer.

How to Use the Prayer Guide

STAY FOCUSED ON THE THEME FOR EACH PRAYER SESSION—For many of us, it is easy to get distracted during prayer. Many other prayer needs will probably come to mind as well. Unless God urges you to stop everything else and pray for these other concerns, consider writing them down and commit to pray for them when you have finished your current session.

MEDITATE ON THE BIBLE PASSAGES ON THE PAGE—Let the Holy Spirit speak to you through them and show you how they address your life, the church, and the nation.

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR INTERCESSION—Let the Holy Spirit draw you into God's presence and respond to Him as He speaks to you. Open your heart and your life to Him before you begin your time of intercession. Enjoy the closeness of His presence and fellowship.

USE THE SEVEN PRAYER POINTS AS STARTING POINTS—The prayer points provide areas of concern you can focus on, but they are not comprehensive. As you bring these concerns before the Lord, let the Holy Spirit guide you into other related areas that need your prayer. And always consider how to personalize your prayer. Consider praying for specific family members and friends, for your church, for your pastor and staff by name and so on.

CONCLUDE WITH THANKSGIVING —God hears the prayers of His people and responds. While He always acts according to His will, He has told us already it is His will to restore His blessing on the land of a people who meet His requirements for blessing. It is right to thank God for hearing you and working to glorify Himself through your prayers.

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DAY 1 PRAYER FOR PERSONAL REVIVAL

Thirst for God

Revival begins when Christians long for a closer walk with God.

Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

Ask God to...

- Give you a deeper longing to walk with Him
- Reveal Himself to you
- Help you put your relationship with Him before all things
- Remind you of His great love for you
- Draw you close to Himself
- Refresh your spirit
- Renew your spiritual joy

Thanksgiving

- Thank God for hearing you
- Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

Psalm 63:1-3

“1 God, You are my God; I eagerly seek You. I thirst for You; my body faints for You in a land that is dry, desolate, and without water. 2 So I gaze on You in the sanctuary to see Your strength and Your glory. 3 My lips will glorify You because Your faithful love is better than life.”

John 4:13-14

“13 Jesus said, ‘Everyone who drinks from this water will get thirsty again. 14 But whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again—ever! In fact, the water I will give him will become a well of water springing up within him for eternal life.’”

Matthew 5:6

“6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, because they will be filled.”

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DAY 2 PRAYER FOR PERSONAL REVIVAL

Longing for His Word

God's Word is an indispensable part of genuine, lasting revival.

Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

Ask God to...

- Give you a deep thirst for His Word
- Reveal Himself to you as you read His Word
- Reveal the beauty of His Word to you
- Help you apply the truths in His Word to your life
- Show you areas of your life that need to be surrendered to Him
- Help you realize the depth of His love as you read His Word
- Help you trust Him more as you learn more about Him from His Word

Thanksgiving

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Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

Psalms 119:36-40

"36 Turn my heart to your decrees and not to material gain. 37 Turn my eyes from looking at what is worthless; give me life in your ways. 38 Confirm what you said to your servant, for it produces reverence for you. 39 Turn away the disgrace I dread; indeed, your judgments are good. 40 How I long for your precepts! give me life through your righteousness."

Jeremiah 15:16

"16 your words were found, and I ate them. your words became a delight to me and the joy of my heart, for I am called by your name, lord God of Hosts."

Matthew 4:4

"4 But He answered, 'it is written: Man must not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

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DAY 3 PRAYER FOR PERSONAL REVIVAL

Self-Examination

Christians must see their sinfulness the way God sees it.

Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

Ask God to . . .

- Search through your life and reveal any sin
- Help you be honest with Him about your sin
- Fill you with a deep desire for holiness
- Help you hate the sin in your life
- Help you surrender sinful thoughts and practices
- Help you live more faithfully
- Restore any lost joy in your walk with Him

Thanksgiving

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Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

Psalm 51:10-12 “10 God, create a clean heart for me and renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11 Do not banish me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. 12 restore the joy of your salvation to me and give me a willing spirit.”

Philippians 1:9-11 “9 and I pray this: that your love will keep on growing in knowledge and every kind of discernment, 10 so that you can determine what really matters and can be pure and blameless in the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.”

2 Corinthians 13:5 “5 Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith. examine yourselves. Or do you not recognize for yourselves that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless you fail the test.”

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DAY 4 PRAYER FOR PERSONAL REVIVAL

Examine Relationships

Christians must seek to restore healthy relationships.

Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

Ask God to...

- Show you if you have any broken relationships in your life
- Help you know if you have contributed to broken relationships
- Help you determine to do all you can to mend broken relationships
- Help those you have hurt to forgive you
- Restore your fellowship with them
- Give you the courage to seek to restore fellowship
- Help you be a peacemaker whenever possible

Thanksgiving

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Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

Ephesians 4:25-27 “25 Since you put away lying, Speak the truth, each one to his neighbor, because we are members of one another. 26 Be angry and do not sin. Don’t let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and don’t give the Devil an opportunity.”

John 13:34-35 “34 I give you a new commandment: love one another. Just as I have loved you, you must also love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Colossians 3:12-15 “12 Therefore, god’s chosen ones, holy and loved, put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, 13 accepting one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a complaint against another. Just as the lord has forgiven you, so also you must forgive. 14 above all, put on love—the perfect bond of unity. 15 and let the peace of the Messiah, to which you were also called in one body, control your hearts. Be thankful.”

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DAY 5 PRAYER FOR PERSONAL REVIVAL

Concern for the Lost

Christians should be genuinely, deeply burdened for lost souls.

Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

Ask God to...

- Help you understand more about the plight of the lost
- Help you understand better how much He abhors sin
- Give you a greater understanding of His holiness
- Give you a renewed burden for the lost
- Help you share His message of love with the lost
- Save the lost people you will pray for right now
- Lead you to more lost people to witness to

Thanksgiving

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Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

Isaiah 55:10-11 "10 For just as rain and snow fall from heaven, and do not return there without saturating the earth, and making it germinate and sprout, and providing seed to sow and food to eat, 11 so My word that comes from My mouth will not return to Me empty, but it will accomplish what I please, and will prosper in what I send it to do."

Luke 10:2 "2 He told them: 'The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest!'"

Matthew 28:18-20 "18 Then Jesus came near and said to them, 'all authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. and remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'"

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DAY 6 PRAYER FOR PERSONAL REVIVAL

Repentance

Revival begins when Christians repent of their sin and embrace holiness.

Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

Ask God to...

- Help you surrender every area of your life to Christ's lordship
- Help you be aware of any sin in your life
- Help you be willing to give up sin in your life
- Help you change any patterns in your life that tempt you to sin
- Help you make strong Christian friendships that encourage you in holiness
- Help you live faithfully
- Help you to be an example of holiness to others

Thanksgiving

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Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

1 John 1:9 "9 if we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Mark 1:15 "15 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe in the good news!'"

Luke 13:1-5 "1 at that time, some people came and reported to Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. 2 and He responded to them, 'Do you think that these Galileans were more sinful than all Galileans because they suffered these things? 3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as well! 4 Or those 18 that the tower in Siloam fell on and killed—do you think they were more sinful than all the people who live in Jerusalem? 5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as well!'

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DAY 7 PRAYER FOR PERSONAL REVIVAL

Action

True repentance leads to action.

Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

Ask God to...

- Help you to live a peaceable and quiet life in all godliness and holiness
- Help you be involved in your community for the sake of the gospel
- Give your church a desire to reach your community for Christ
- Enable you to engage with the culture creatively and effectively
- Help you vote for good leaders who will respect and protect religious liberty
- Compel Christians to register and prepare to vote
- Help churches find creative ways to encourage Christians to register and prepare to vote

Thanksgiving

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Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

Matthew 5:13-16 “13 ‘you are the salt of the earth. But if the salt should lose its taste, how can it be made salty? it’s no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled on by men. 14 you are the light of the world. a city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. 16 in the same way, let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

1 Timothy 2:1-4 1 First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, 2 for kings and all those who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. 3 This is good, and it pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Additional Scripture

Romans 13:1-7

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DAY 8 PRAYER FOR CHURCH REVIVAL

For Your Church

A God honoring local church is the key to spiritually healthy Christians and effective ministry.

Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

Ask God to...

- Pour out His Spirit on your church
- Break down all barriers to revival
- Fill your church family with His Spirit
- Strengthen your church family's burden for holiness
- Increase joy in your fellowship
- Strengthen your church's commitment to its mission
- Raise up more laborers for ministry

Thanksgiving

- Thank God for hearing you
- Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

2 Corinthians 13:9 "9 in fact, we rejoice when we are weak and you are strong. We also pray for this: your maturity."

Ephesians 3:17b-19 "17b I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and width, height and depth, 19 and to know the Messiah's love that surpasses knowledge, so you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

Ezekiel 37:4-6 "4 He said to me, 'prophesy concerning these bones and say to them: Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! 5 This is what the Lord God says to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you will live. 6 I will put tendons on you, make flesh grow on you, and cover you with skin. I will put breath in you so that you come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'"

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DAY 9 PRAYER FOR CHURCH REVIVAL

Churches in Your City

Every community needs churches that are Spirit-empowered.

Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

Ask God to...

- Pour out His Spirit on all the churches in your city
- Give the churches in your city a deep burden for the lost
- Raise up spiritual leaders in all the churches to call their members to holiness
- Convict every person in each church of their unconfessed sin
- Fill the pastor of every church in the city with His Spirit
- Break down barriers that prevent churches from working together for the Gospel
- Reveal to each church anything that is hindering a great movement of God in their midst

Thanksgiving

- Thank God for hearing you
- Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

Philippians 1:9-11 “9 and I pray this: that your love will keep on growing in knowledge and every kind of discernment, 10 so that you can determine what really matters and can be pure and blameless in the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.”

2 Corinthians 13:7-9 “7 Now we pray to God that you do nothing wrong, not that we may appear to pass the test, but that you may do what is right, even though we may appear to fail. 8 For we are not able to do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. 9 in fact, we rejoice when we are weak, and you are strong. We also pray for this: your maturity.”

1 Thessalonians 4:4, 7 “4 so that each of you knows how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor. 7 For God has not called us to impurity, but to sanctification.”

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DAY 10 PRAYER FOR CHURCH REVIVAL

Churches in Your State

Spirit-empowered churches across a state can change the state and influence the nation.

Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

Ask God to...

- Pour out His Spirit on all the churches in your state
- Convict every Christian in the state about sin in their lives that hinders revival
- Give Christian leaders across the state a vision of what God wants to do through their church
- Remove any barriers to revival in the churches across the state
- Raise up men and women in the churches across the state to call the people to holiness
- Bind Satan and every demon and prevent them from interfering with revival
- Cause the Christians across your state to long for a close relationship with Him

Thanksgiving

- Thank God for hearing you
- Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

Philemon 1:6 “6 I pray that your participation in the faith may become effective through knowing every good thing that is in us for the glory of Christ.”

Galatians 5:13, 22-23 “13 For you are called to freedom, brothers; only don’t use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, 23 gentleness, self-control. against such things there is no law.”

Hebrews 12:14 “14 pursue peace with everyone, and holiness—without it no one will see the lord.”

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DAY 11 PRAYER FOR CHURCH REVIVAL

Churches in the Nation

A national revival in the churches will change the course of the nation and touch the world.

Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

Ask God to...

- Break the hearts of Christians across the nation over sin in their lives
- Burden Christians across the nation to change their priorities
- Raise up national spiritual leaders to call the nation's Christians to holiness
- Accompany biblical preaching throughout the nation with a great movement of His Spirit
- Pour out His Spirit on all the churches in the nation
- Bind Satan and every demon so they cannot hinder revival in the churches
- Fill pastors in every church with a sense of His holiness and their accountability before Him

Thanksgiving

- Thank God for hearing you
- Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 "11 and in view of this, we always pray for you that our God will consider you worthy of His calling, and will, by His power, fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith, 12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified by you, and you by Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Ephesians 1:17-19 "17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, would give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the glorious riches of His inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power to us who believe, according to the working of His vast strength."

Additional Scripture

Jeremiah 42:2-3

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DAY 12 PRAYER FOR CHURCH REVIVAL

Church Friends Who Need a Touch from God

People all around us are in need of God's spiritual touch and encouragement.

Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

Ask God to...

- Fill your heart with love for your friends
- Help you know what encouraging words to share with them
- Surround them with His angels and fill them with His Spirit
- Remind them of His great love for them
- Create some divine encounters with people that would encourage them
- Restore their joy in their walk with Him
- Help them see things from God's perspective

Thanksgiving

- Thank God for hearing you
- Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

3 John 1:2 "2 Dear friend, I pray that you may prosper in every way and be in good health, just as your soul prospers."

James 5:13, 16 "13 Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone cheerful? He should sing praises. 16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The intense prayer of the righteous is very powerful."

Matthew 9:27-29 "27 as Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed Him, shouting, 'Have mercy on us, Son of David!' 28 When He entered the house, the blind men approached Him, and Jesus said to them, 'Do you believe that I can do this?' 'yes, Lord,' they answered Him. 29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, 'let it be done for you according to your faith!'"

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DAY 13 PRAYER FOR CHURCH REVIVAL

Revival Rooted in God

Revival begins when God's people turn back to God.

Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

Ask God to...

- Choose to send revival at this time
- Help Christians regain their understanding of His holiness
- Convict Christians that they are to be completely dependent on Him
- Restore in Christians an understanding of the destructive power of sin
- Remind Christians of His great love for them
- Remind Christians of His great sacrifice on their behalf through Jesus
- Raise up Spirit-filled leaders to call the church to holiness

Thanksgiving

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- Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

John 1:1, 3 (Creating God) "1 In the beginning was the Word; and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 3 All things were created through Him, and apart from Him not one thing was created that has been created."

Romans 3:23-25 (Holy God) "23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. 24 They are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. 25 God presented Him as a propitiation through faith in His blood, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His restraint God passed over the sins previously committed."

Isaiah 53:5-6 (Loving God) "5 But He was pierced because of our transgressions, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on Him, and we are healed by His wounds. 6 We all went astray like sheep; we all have turned to our own way; and the Lord has punished Him for the iniquity of us all."

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DAY 14 PRAYER FOR REVIVAL AMONG CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Pastors

A church will not rise any higher spiritually than its leadership.

Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

Ask God to...

- Help your pastor maintain the right spiritual priorities
- Draw your pastor close to Himself
- Surround your pastor and his family with His protecting angels
- Fill your pastor with His Holy Spirit
- Remind your pastor of His great love for him
- Reveal to your pastor anything that stands in the way of his walk with God
- Fill your pastor with a great thirst for God

Thanksgiving

- Thank God for hearing you
- Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

2 Timothy 4:1-5 “1 Before God and Christ Jesus, who is going to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom, I solemnly charge you: 2 proclaim the message; persist in it whether convenient or not; rebuke, correct, and encourage with great patience and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not tolerate sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, will accumulate teachers for themselves because they have an itch to hear something new. 4 They will turn away from hearing the truth and will turn aside to myths. 5 But as for you, keep a clear head about everything, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”

Ephesians 6:19-20 “19 Pray also for me, that the message may be given to me when I open my mouth to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel. 20 For this I am an ambassador in chains. pray that I might be bold enough in Him to speak as I should.”

Additional Scripture

Romans 15:30-33

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DAY 15 PRAYER FOR REVIVAL AMONG CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Other Staff

The church staff is under spiritual attack and must be covered in prayer.

Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

Ask God to...

- Help each staff member maintain the right spiritual priorities
- Draw each staff member close to Himself
- Surround each staff member and their families with His protecting angels
- Fill each staff member with His Holy Spirit
- Remind each staff member of His great love for them
- Reveal to each staff member anything that stands in the way of his or her walk with God
- Fill each staff member with a great thirst for God

Thanksgiving

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Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

Romans 15:5-6 “5 Now may the God of endurance and encouragement grant you agreement with one another, according to Christ Jesus, 6 so that you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ with a united mind and voice.”

Ephesians 3:14-21 “14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. 16 I pray that He may grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 and that the Messiah may dwell in your hearts through faith. I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and width, height and depth, 19 and to know the Messiah’s love that surpasses knowledge, so you may be filled with all the fullness of god. 20 Now to Him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think—according to the power that works in you—21 to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. amen.”

Additional Scripture

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

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DAY 16 PRAYER FOR REVIVAL AMONG CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Deacons

Effective deacon ministry must be Spirit-empowered.

Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

Ask God to...

- Fill each deacon with His Holy Spirit
- Remind every deacon of His great love for them
- Help them to see hindrances in their lives to their work with Him
- Help them understand how important they are for the health of the church
- Give them a deep thirst for the things of God
- Give them great wisdom as they minister to the church family
- Surround them and their families with His protecting angels

Thanksgiving

- Thank God for hearing you
- Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

Philippians 2:5-8 “5 Make your own attitude that of Christ Jesus, 6 who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be used for His own advantage. 7 Instead He emptied Himself by assuming the form of a slave, taking on the likeness of men. and when He had come as a man in His external form, 8 He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—even to death on a cross.”

1 Timothy 3:8-13 “8 Deacons, likewise, should be worthy of respect, not hypocritical, not drinking a lot of wine, not greedy for money, 9 holding the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. 10 and they must also be tested first; if they prove blameless, then they can serve as deacons. 11 Wives, too, must be worthy of respect, not slanderers, self-controlled, faithful in everything. 12 Deacons must be husbands of one wife, managing their children and their own households competently. 13 For those who have served well as deacons acquire a good standing for themselves, and great boldness in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.”

Additional Scripture

Acts 6:3-4, 7

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DAY 17 PRAYER FOR REVIVAL AMONG CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Ministry Leaders

Spirit-empowered leadership of the churches' ministries is crucial for effective outreach.

Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

Ask God to...

- Fill each leader with His Holy Spirit
- Surround each leader and his or her family with His protecting angels
- Give each leader a deep thirst for the things of God
- Give each leader a vision for what He wants their ministry to achieve
- Raise up others to engage in the ministries of your church
- Help every leader understand the important role they have in the church's ministry
- Give every leader the wisdom they need to serve God faithfully in their ministry

Thanksgiving

- Thank God for hearing you
- Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

Matthew 6:9-15 "9 'Therefore, you should pray like this: Our Father in heaven, your name be honored as holy. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And do not bring us into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. 14 For if you forgive people their wrongdoing, your heavenly Father will forgive you as well. 15 But if you don't forgive people, your Father will not forgive your wrongdoing.'"

Jeremiah 1:6-8 "6 But I protested, 'Oh no, Lord God! Look, I don't know how to speak since I am only a youth.' 7 Then the Lord said to me: 'Do not say, "I am only a youth"; for you will go to everyone I send you to and speak whatever I tell you. 8 Do not be afraid of anyone, for I will be with you to deliver you. This is the Lord's declaration.'"

Additional Scripture

Acts 4:29-31

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DAY 18 PRAYER FOR REVIVAL AMONG CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Ministry Teams

Spirit-empowered teams of Christians can shake communities and nations.

Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

Ask God to...

- Fill every team member with His Holy Spirit
- Surround every team member and their families with His protecting angels
- Give every team member a deep thirst for the things of God
- Help every team member understand the importance of their ministry
- Give every team member the wisdom they need to fulfill their ministry
- Raise up additional workers for your church's ministries
- Give every team great success in their ministries

Thanksgiving

- Thank God for hearing you
- Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 "4 Now there are different gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 There are different ministries, but the same Lord. 6 And there are different activities, but the same God is active in everyone and everything. 7 A manifestation of the Spirit is given to each person to produce what is beneficial.

Matthew 25:34-36 "34 Then the King will say to those on His right, "Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you took care of Me; I was in prison and you visited Me."

Additional Scripture

Joshua 24:14-15

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DAY 19 PRAYER FOR NATIONAL REVIVAL

Conviction of Sin

Only God can convict people of sin and of their need for Him.

Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

Ask God to...

- Pour His Spirit out over the entire nation
- Convince and convict every person of their sin
- Convince every person that they will face a final judgment by God
- Reveal His great holiness to every person
- Reveal His great love through Jesus to every person
- Empower and embolden Christians to share their faith so the lost can hear the gospel
- Restrain Satan from blinding people to their sin

Thanksgiving

- Thank God for hearing you
- Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

Romans 1:20-21 “20 From the creation of the world His invisible attributes, that is, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what He has made. as a result, people are without excuse. 21 For though they knew god, they did not glorify Him as god or show gratitude. instead, their thinking became nonsense, and their senseless minds were darkened.”

John 15:22 “22 if I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin. Now they have no excuse for their sin.”

Job 38:1-3 “1 Then the lord answered Job from the whirlwind. He said: 2 Who is this who obscures My counsel with ignorant words? 3 Get ready to answer Me like a man; when I question you, you will inform Me.”

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DAY 20 PRAYER FOR NATIONAL REVIVAL

Conversions

When God pours out His Spirit a renewed understanding of righteousness results.

Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

Ask God to...

- Convince the lost that Jesus is the only way of salvation
- Give Christians a great burden to share their faith and ask people to trust in Jesus
- Help churches to discover more effective ways to reach the lost
- Create divine appointments for lost people to hear the gospel
- Give you the opportunity to share your faith with lost people you know
- Confound the enemies of the gospel and prevent them from hindering the church's witness
- Raise up a new generation of Christian leaders who are fearless in sharing their faith

Thanksgiving

- Thank God for hearing you
- Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

Isaiah 55:1 "1 'Come, everyone who is thirsty, come to the waters; and you without money, come, buy, and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost!'"

Acts 2:36-41 "36 'Therefore let all the house of Israel know with certainty that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both lord and Messiah!' 37 When they heard this, they were pierced to the heart and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles: 'Brothers, what must we do?' 38 'Repent,' Peter said to them, 'and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus the Messiah for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and for your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call.' 40 And with many other words he testified and strongly urged them, saying, 'Be saved from this corrupt generation!' 41 So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about 3,000 people were added to them."

Additional Scripture

John 14:6

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DAY 21 PRAYER FOR NATIONAL REVIVAL

Saved to be Spirit-Filled

The nation is in desperate need of Christians empowered by God's Spirit.

Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

Ask God to...

- Give Christians a deep desire to know Him better
- Give Christians a thirst for His Word
- Convict Christians to examine their lives for hindrances to God's filling
- Help Christians make their relationship with God their highest priority
- Move Christians to renew their commitment to the lordship of Christ over their lives
- Help Christians call the nation to repentance
- Cause the lost to see the differences between life in the flesh and life in the Spirit

Thanksgiving

- Thank God for hearing you
- Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

Ephesians 4:18-21 "18 They are darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them and because of the hardness of their hearts. 19 They became callous and gave themselves over to promiscuity for the practice of every kind of impurity with a desire for more and more. 20 But that is not how you learned about the Messiah, 21 assuming you heard Him and were taught by Him, because the truth is in Jesus."

Romans 8:13-17 "13 for if you live according to the flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 all those led by God's Spirit are God's sons. 15 For you did not receive a Spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, 'Abba , Father!' 16 The Spirit Himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God's children, 17 and if children, also heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ—seeing that we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him."

Additional Scripture

Galatians 5:24-25

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DAY 23 PRAYER FOR NATIONAL REVIVAL

Renewed search for God

The Spirit must reveal people's emptiness before they search for God.

Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

Ask God to...

- Help churches find creative ways to call people to faith in Jesus
- Raise up Christian leaders who can effectively share His message with the lost
- Burden Christians to support national efforts to bring people to Christ
- Cause Christian ministries to find favor with the media
- Prevent Satan from interfering with the church's witness
- Lead Christians to discover new ways to present the gospel to the lost
- Burden churches to do all they can to be welcoming to people searching for God

Thanksgiving

- Thank God for hearing you
- Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

Zephaniah 3:9, 12 "9 For I will then restore pure speech to the peoples so that all of them may call on the name of Yahweh and serve Him with a single purpose. 12 I will leave a meek and humble people among you, and they will trust in the name of Yahweh."

Deuteronomy 4:29 "29 But from there, you will search for the Lord your god, and you will find Him when you seek Him with all your heart and all your soul."

Matthew 7:7-8 "7 'Keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep searching, and you will find. Keep knocking, and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who searches finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.'"

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DAY 24 PRAYER FOR NATIONAL REVIVAL

Rejection of immorality

God must reveal the wickedness of sin before many people will reject immorality.

Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

Ask God to...

- Help national leaders recognize the social destruction caused by public immorality
- Raise up new entertainment personalities who promote godly values
- Help the nation's youth recognize the destructive effects of immoral behavior
- Help parents reject immorality for the sake of their children and their marriage
- Convict those who live off of immorality like the pornographers and abortion providers
- Guide Congress to pass laws that restrict immoral behavior
- Help churches work with their communities to set new standards for public morality

Thanksgiving

- Thank God for hearing you
- Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

2 Corinthians 7:1 "1 Therefore dear friends, since we have such promises, we should wash ourselves clean from every impurity of the flesh and spirit, making our sanctification complete in the fear of God."

Titus 2:11-14 "11 For the grace of God has appeared, with salvation for all people, 12 instructing us to deny godlessness and worldly lusts and to live in a sensible, righteous, and godly way in the present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. 14 He gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for Himself a special people, eager to do good works."

2 Timothy 2:21 "21 So if anyone purifies himself from these things, he will be a special instrument, set apart, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work."

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DAY 25 PRAYER FOR NATIONAL REVIVAL

Embrace of Biblical Values

National renewal will only occur when the people choose morality.

Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

Ask God to...

- Help national leaders promote biblical values
- Put a thirst in the nation's youth for biblical values
- Help parents to make godly choices for themselves
- Help parents to make godly choices for their families
- Convince policy makers that His moral code makes strong nations
- Guide Congress to pass laws that promote biblical values
- Cause young people to choose lifestyles that reflect biblical values

Thanksgiving

- Thank God for hearing you
- Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

Psalm 119:105 "105 Your Word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path."

Psalm 1:1-2 "1 How happy is the man who does not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path of sinners, or join a group of mockers! 2 Instead, his delight is in the Lord's instruction, and he meditates on it day and night."

1 Timothy 4:6-8 "6 If you point these things out to the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished by the words of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed. 7 But have nothing to do with irreverent and silly myths. rather, train yourself in godliness, 8 for, the training of the body has a limited benefit, but godliness is beneficial in every way, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come."

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DAY 26 PRAYER FOR NATIONAL REVIVAL

Families Strengthened

The family is the foundational social unit of healthy societies.

Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

Ask God to...

- Help parents to put their spouse's needs ahead of their own
- Help parents to resolve their conflicts instead of divorcing
- Help parents understand how much their children need them
- Help children resist ungodly influences
- Help churches minister to families' needs
- Cause policy makers to pass more family-friendly policies
- Raise up a new generation of leaders to promote strong family values

Thanksgiving

- Thank God for hearing you
- Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

Ephesians 6:1-4 "1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, because this is right. 2 'Honor your father and mother'—which is the first commandment with a promise— 3 'that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life in the land.' 4 and fathers, don't stir up anger in your children; but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."

Colossians 3:18-21 "18 Wives, be submissive to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives and don't become bitter against them. 20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing in the Lord. 21 Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so they won't become discouraged."

Deuteronomy 5:16 "16 'Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and so that you may prosper in the land the Lord your God is giving you.'"

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DAY 27 PRAYER FOR NATIONAL REVIVAL

Communities at Peace

Communities that work together can resolve the most stubborn problems.

Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

Ask God to...

- Put it in the hearts of the people to desire peace
- Give community leaders wisdom to resolve conflicts in their communities
- Burden the churches to become more involved in their communities
- Restrain Satan from creating divisions in the community
- Cause media to report on positive developments in communities
- Help law enforcement find and convict those who break the laws and destroy communities
- Help communities develop effective ways to help troubled youth

Thanksgiving

- Thank God for hearing you
- Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

Psalm 133:1 “1 How good and pleasant it is when brothers can live together!”

James 3:17-18 “17 But the wisdom from above is first pure; then peace-loving, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without favoritism and hypocrisy. 18 and the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.”

Esther 10:3 “3 Mordecai the Jew was second only to King Ahasuerus, famous among the Jews, and highly popular with many of his relatives. He continued to seek good for his people and to speak for the welfare of all his kindred.”

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DAY 28 PRAYER FOR NATIONAL REVIVAL

Return to Civic Morality

Public morality reinforces personal morality and brings honor to any culture.

Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

Ask God to...

- Help people who disagree with each other to treat each other with respect
- Remind community leaders to insist on high standards of public morality
- Give judges the wisdom to rule on obscenity issues like pornography and vulgarity
- Convict people to dress modestly in public
- Put it in the hearts of media producers to want to produce media that promotes the public good
- Help people engage in acts of kindness toward others
- Restrain Satan from encouraging violence and hatred

Thanksgiving

- Thank God for hearing you
- Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

Psalm 85:10-13 “10 Faithful love and truth will join together; righteousness and peace will embrace. 11 Truth will spring up from the earth, and righteousness will look down from heaven. 12 Also, the Lord will provide what is good, and our land will yield its crops. 13 Righteousness will go before Him to prepare the way for His steps.”

Matthew 7:12 “12 Therefore, whatever you want others to do for you, do also the same for them—this is the law and the prophets.”

Ecclesiastes 2:4-5, 11 “4 I increased my achievements. I built houses and planted vineyards for myself. 5 I made gardens and parks for myself and planted every kind of fruit tree in them. 11 When I considered all that I had accomplished and what I had labored to achieve, I found everything to be futile and a pursuit of the wind. There was nothing to be gained under the sun.”

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DAY 29 PRAYER FOR NATIONAL REVIVAL

Religious Liberty for All

The freedom to worship God according to the dictates of one's conscience is an indispensable value of true liberty.

Preparation

- Praise God for who He is
- Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
- Allow His Spirit to draw you near
- Listen as He speaks to you

Ask God to...

- Cause our nation's leaders to protect the God given right of religious liberty for all
- Help our nation resist all efforts to prevent people of faith from expressing their deeply held religious convictions freely and publicly
- Raise up leaders to resist any effort to force people of faith to violate their consciences in order to satisfy unbiblical social mandates
- Help our nation pass laws that are just from God's perspective
- Give the church courage to resist any effort to force it to obey manmade laws rather than God
- Convict our nation's leaders to work for religious liberty around the world especially in totalitarian nations
- Help you find ways to protect religious liberty in the United States and around the world

Thanksgiving

- Thank God for hearing you
- Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

Scripture for Reflection and Preparation

Romans 13:1-7 "1 Everyone must submit to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those that exist are instituted by God. 2 So then, the one who resists the authority is opposing God's command, and those who oppose it will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do good and you will have its approval. 4 For government is God's servant to you for good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, because it does not carry the sword for no reason. For government is God's servant, an avenger that brings wrath on the one who does wrong. 5 Therefore, you must submit, not only because of wrath, but also because of your conscience. 6 And for this reason you pay taxes, since the authorities are God's public servants, continually attending to these tasks. 7 Pay your obligations to everyone: taxes to those you owe taxes, tolls to those you owe tolls, respect to those you owe respect, and honor to those you owe honor."

Daniel 6:10-12

Acts 17:24-31

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DAY 30 PRAYER FOR

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Ask God to...

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