



PRAYER GUIDE FOR REVIVAL

The purpose of this prayer guide is to break down the bonds of sin that may have crept into our fellowship and prepare our hearts, minds, emotions, and spirit for a moving of God. Why 24 hour prayer? For God to heal our land, His people must pray (2 Chronicles 7:14). Jesus was our ultimate example and He was always busy praying (John 17). Paul prayed throughout his epistles and said pray without ceasing (Ephesians 1:15-19; 3:14-19).

Two main reasons:

1) FOCUS

- a) Helps us all focus on same area, issues, and concerns united as a body, as a church.
- b) Helps us all agree in prayer.
- c) Helps us all experience the same things at the same time together to build unity as a body of Christ.

2) GUIDE YOUR PRAYERS

- a) Consider and visualize what you are praying for and to remember how God led you to pray. If a thought comes to mind as you are praying, even if you think is frivolous, pray it.
- b) See the faces. Realize you are not just praying for the group (ie. "the youth") but rather praying for them by name.
- c) Makes the prayers personal.

Let's Get Started

Step #1 ---Pray for Yourself and Your Family

To begin, we need to get right with God before one can begin to lift up our prayers to Him. If you would prefer, find a quiet place in the sanctuary alone to begin to study God's Word and to pray.

1) Ask God for forgiveness for yourself.

Please read and meditate on Acts 3:19 and 1 John 1:9.

If there are people you need to ask forgiveness from, write down their names and call them ASAP. Ask God to be completely cleansed of your sins and to convict you of sin that is unconfessed. Pray that you will repent from your sins. Pray that you will be made pure before Him.

IF WE DO NOT FIRST CONFESS OUR SINS, WE CANNOT EXPECT GOD TO HEAR OUR PRAYERS (Isaiah 59:1-3).

“Come near to God and He will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.” (James 4:8)

There is no mystery about what it takes to experience the manifest presence of God. We must confess and repent of sin, drawing near to God. We know that He will then draw near to us, guiding us to lose our double-mindedness and gain the mind of Christ.

“Who can discern his errors? Acquit me of hidden faults.” (Psalm 19:12)

Yet there are likely sins that are hidden to us that we ought to repent of as well. This is the humble reality of the fact that we are not yet perfected. Having confessed and repented, the following verse promises us that our prayer will be of use.

“Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.” (2 Timothy 2:21)

2) Pray for the salvation and security of your family.

Pray that those in your family will all come to Christ and to rest securely in their salvation. Pray for marriages in your family. Pray that couples will be reunited and families will be repaired. Pray that you will be an example. If you are married, pray for your marriage.

3) Pray for our church body as a whole as we seek revival.

Pray that God will truly bring revival and refreshing to our hearts. Pray that we will be convicted of sin and repent from our sins and be turned back to God and His Word. Pray for unity and an end of gossip. Pray that God will grant us wisdom in how to proceed with Revival. Pray that revival will come in a mighty way.

Now we are ready to intercede and implore the Lord for corporate revival.

Step #2: Pray for Church Revival

Here we pray according to Scripture for the church as a whole. As Ephesians 6:18 says, "With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints." See examples of topics below. Note: It is helpful to read the associated Scriptures to use as guidelines as we pray.

1. Pray that God's people would have a contrite and lowly spirit as they become aware of sin in their lives and in the church.

Isaiah 57:15: "For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the con- trite."

2. Pray that God's people would grieve over their own sin and how it affects a Holy God.

2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

3. Pray that God's people would get serious about personal revival.

James 4:8-9: "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom."

4. Pray for spiritual protection of our pastors and spiritual leaders.

Psalms 5:11-12: "But let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread Your protection over them, that those who love Your name may exult in You. For You bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover him with favor as with a shield."

5. Pray that God would start a great revival in our pulpit and in His church.

Psalms 85:6-7: "will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You? Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord and grant us Your salvation."

6. Pray that God's people would not be self-sufficient or self-reliant. Ask God to show His people their dire need of Him.

7. Pray that God's people will reject anything that tickles their ears but rather desire the power of the truth of the Gospel.

2 Timothy 4:3-4: *"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths."*

8. Pray that God's people would have a new and insatiable appetite for His word.

Psalm 19:7: *"The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul, the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple."*

9. Pray that churches across the world would cleanse themselves of the world and return to being houses of prayer.

Mark 11:17: *"And He was teaching them and saying to them, is it not written, that my house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations? But you have made it a den of robbers."*

Joel 2:13: *"Even now, declares the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend you heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity."*

10. Pray that churches across the world would awaken and work with urgency looking for the second coming of the Lord.

Ephesians 5:13: *"But when anything is exposed by light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O Sleeper and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine upon you."*

John 15:5: *"Yes I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in Me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from Me you can do nothing."*

11. Pray that God will replace worldly desires of His people with His desires.

1 John 2:15: *"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him."*

12. Pray God will give His people a new heart and a new spirit.

Ezekiel 36:26: *"And I will give you a new heart and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh."*

13. Pray that God will break up the fallow and hard ground of His people's hearts.

Hosea 10:12: *"Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the Lord, that He may come and rain righteousness upon you."*

14. Pray that God's people would devote themselves to prayer and a deeper study of God's Word.

Acts 2:42: *"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayers."*

15. Pray that Christians will seek the face of God rather than His hand and His approval more than His blessing.

Psalms 27:8: *"You have said seek my face. My heart says to you, your face, Lord do I seek"*

Colossians 3:2: *"Set your mind on things that are above, not on the things that are on earth."*

16. Pray that church will rediscover its first love and repent.

Revelation 2:4-5: *"but I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent."*

Pray for particular people in our church. Pray for them by name if possible.

Pray for the ushers and greeters. Pray that they will greet people with a smile and make them feel welcome.

Pray for those who may have been Christians for many years. Pray for them by name. Pray that they will be open to hear a fresh

word from God. Pray that God will convict them of sin and lead them to repentance. Pray for purity and wisdom as they lead our church.

Pray for the young couples in our church that are struggling. Pray that they will be drawn to Renewal and to find refreshing in their marriage, in their families, their jobs, and in their hearts. Pray for the young couples in this class and in our church. Pray for them by name and pray that they will be led to repent of sins and truly be refreshed. Pray for unity in their marriages and in their homes. Pray that the men will rise up and be leaders in their home and love and serve their wives.

Pray for Sunday School teachers as they lead their classes. Grant the wisdom as they teach and lead by example. Pray that they will find refreshing in their hearts and lives.

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Pray for Pastor Shane and Ms Shelia—Pray that God will grant him wisdom as he prepares sermons, Bible studies, and lessons for our congregation. Pray that he will grow deeper in his walk with God and live a life of integrity. Pray for their marriage and for their Bible study together. Pray for her as a pastor's wife.

Pray for the Pastor Paul— Grant him wisdom as he coordinates our SS, our children's programs, and leads by example. Pray that he will find refreshing in his heart and life.

Pray for the Pastor David— Grant him wisdom as he coordinates our music ministry, and leads by example. Pray that he will find refreshing in his heart and life.

Pray for Pastor Chris— Grant him wisdom as he teaches our students and leads by example. Pray that he will find refreshing in her heart and life this weekend.

Pray for Pastor Teddy— Grant him wisdom as he lead our Senior Adult Ministry. Pray that he will find refreshing in her heart and life.

Pray for the Allison Fredrick— Grant her wisdom as she keeps our church financial books and leads by example. Pray that she will find refreshing in her heart and life.

Pray for the nursery workers— Grant them wisdom as they teach and leads by example. Pray that they will find refreshing in their hearts and lives.

CHILDREN—please pray for as many by name as you can.

“ **Pray for them to go deeper in God’s Word** and come to Christ early in life. Pray for them to experience true refreshing. Pray that they will come to salvation before they are pulled away as a teenager. Pray for our children’s committee and teachers as they seek direction in how to nurture and train up our children in God’s Word. Pray for dedication and consistency.

“ **Pray for their families.** Pray for their parents to be godly role models and pray that fathers will be able to show little girls what a true gentlemen is. Pray for their self-esteem and as they formulate their identity. Pray for the children that are hurting from deaths in their families or from divorces. Pray that their parents will be the primary ones in helping them determine “who they are.” Pray that parents will be the ones that openly show them healthy and loving physical affection and verbally tell them how much they are loved and how much they are proud of them.

“ **Pray for their protection.** Pray that the children will abstain from drugs. Pray that they will be guarded and protected from drug pushers and “friends” who are pressuring them to continue or to begin in that lifestyle. Pray for their physical protection from sexual predators, bullies, and abuse from family.

YOUTH—please pray for as many by name as you can.

“ **Pray for them to go deeper in God’s Word.** For some, they may not return to church after high school graduation and our window for ministry with them is small. Pray that they may come to find the Christian life is so much more fulfilling than living for self and in the world. Pray for youth to rise up and be Godly leaders that we can build a youth leadership team around. Pray for their youth teachers and workers to be sensitive to their needs and for us to develop a ministry that will allow them to grow in their relationship with God. ”

Pray for their families. Pray for their families and pray for their parents to be Godly role models. Pray for the parents that do not know Christ and pray that they will come to know Him. Pray for their self-esteem and as they formulate their identity. Pray for the children that are hurting from deaths in their families or from divorces. Pray that their parents will be the primary ones in helping them determine “who they are.” Pray

that parents will be the ones that openly show them healthy and loving physical affection and verbally tell them how much they are loved and how much they are proud of them.

.. **Pray for their protection.** Pray that the youth will abstain from drugs. Many struggle with alcohol, cigarettes, and illegal drugs. Pray that they will be guarded and protected from drug pushers and “friends” who are pressuring them to continue or to begin in that lifestyle. With immortality so prevalent in our society and with incredible pressure from their peers, temptations are everywhere for them. Pray for them to flee from sexual immortality and for them to find Godly men/women to date. Some are struggling with scares from past mistakes. Pray for healing.

Step #3: Pray for the Evangelization of the Unsaved

A revived church must engage in evangelism. However, the Bible makes it very clear that no one seeks after God unless the Holy Spirit first draws him. Therefore, we must pray that God would open hearts to repent and receive His Son.

- Pray that the captives of the devil would be released. (2 Timothy 2:26)
- Pray that the dead would be made alive in Christ. (Ephesians 2:1-7)
- Pray for the lost to repent. (Luke 13:5)
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. (John 16:8)
- Pray for seeds to sprout and take root because they fall on receptive hearts. (Luke 8:4-15)
- Pray for revived Christians to be faithful in witnessing. (Acts 1:8)

We ought also to intercede on behalf of specific individuals for salvation, we ought to pray for specific social ills in the community, and we ought to pray for our leaders.

Make a list. Pray for them by name.

Let us remember that effective prayer is not checking off a checklist, but it is praying as the Spirit leads us according to God's Word for the things with which He burdens our hearts. It is never about doing things for God, but it is about God accomplishing His reviving work in and through us such that it touches others as well.