

# Praying for Revival

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"If several should meet together with one accord with hearts burdened for perishing souls, and should offer earnest, fervent prayers, they would be effectual" (Reviewing and Herald, 23 August 1892).

"The Savior often left His disciples for seasons of prayer with His Father. At these times He poured out His soul in strong crying and tears for those He had come to save, and for power and grace to carry out the great plan of redeeming the world. His example in prayer Christ desired could be a lesson to His disciples in all ages" (Lake Union Herald, 17 November

**Pray with intense earnestness for a fitness to meet men and to speak words that would lead sinners to Christ.**

"These days of preparation were days of deep heart searching. The disciples felt their spiritual need and cried to the Lord for the holy unction that was to fit them for the work of soul saving. They did not ask for a blessing for themselves merely. They were weighted with the burden of the salvation of souls. They realized that the gospel was to be carried to the world, and they claimed the power that Christ had promised." (Acts of the Apostles, p. 37).

**Pray that all differences, all desire for supremacy, all selfishness will be put aside. Pray in obedience to God's word and in unity, claiming the power of the gift of Spirit that God has promised.**

"Now in obedience to the word of the Savior, the disciples, offered their supplications for this gift, and in heaven Christ added His intercession. He claimed the gift of the Spirit, that He might pour it upon His people" (Acts of Apostles, p. 37).

**Pray with assurance, claiming the promise and believing.**

"I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive and your joy will be complete" (John 16: 23-24).

"As the disciples waited for the fulfillment of the promise, they humbled their hearts in true repentance and confessed their unbelief ..... If they could only see the Master again, how earnestly they would strive to show him how deeply they loved Him, and how sincerely they sorrowed for having ever grieved him by a word or an act of unbelief." (Acts of Apostles, p. 36).

**Pray for fresh supplies of Grace that you will be renewed and strengthened.**

"As in humility they submitted to the molding influence of the Holy Spirit, they received of the fullness of the Godhead and were fashioned in the likeness of the divine" "Those only who are constantly receiving fresh supplies of grace, will have power proportionate to their daily need and their ability to use that power. Instead of looking forward to some future time when, through a special endowment of spiritual power, they will receive a miraculous fitting up for soul winning, they are yielding themselves daily to God. That He may make them vessels meet for His use" (Acts of Apostles, p. 55).

**Pray that I along with God's people will hunger and thirst for the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

"The Lord is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to those who serve Him than parents are to give good gifts to their children, For the daily baptism of the Spirit every worker should offer his petition to God. Companies of Christian workers should gather to ask for special help, for heavenly wisdom, that they may know how to plan and execute wisely," (Acts of the Apostles, p. 50).

**Pray for the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit to accompany the efforts of concentrated believers in the finishing of the work.**

"Near the close of earth's harvest, a special bestowal of spiritual grace is promised to prepare the church for the coming of the Son of man. This outpouring of the Spirit is likened to the falling of the latter rain; and it is for this added power that Christians are to send their petitions to the Lord of the harvest. "In the time of the latter rain" (Acts of the Apostles, p. 55).

**Pray that God's people will have a living connection with the Source of all spiritual growth, that they will be ready for the time of reaping.**

"Unless the members of God's Church today have a living connection with the Source of all spiritual growth, they will not be ready for the time of reaping" (Acts of the Apostles, p. 55).

"Pray that He will give you a heart of flesh, a heart that can feel the sorrows of others, then can be touched with human woe. Pray that He will give you a heart that will not permit you to turn a deaf ear to the widow for the fatherless, Pray that you will have bowels of mercy for the poor, the infirm and oppressed. Pray that you may love justice and hate robbery, and make no difference in the bestowal of your favors, except in the cases of the needy and the unfortunate. Then the promises recorded in Isaiah 58 will be fulfilled to you" (Welfare Ministry, p 84).

"Pray that the mighty energies of the Holy Spirit, with all their quickening, recuperative, and transforming power, may fall like an electric shock on the palsy stricken soul, causing every nerve to thrill with new life, restoring the whole man from his dead,

earthly, sensual state to spiritual soundness." Jesus continues in prayer for us to this day" (Testimonies, vol. 5, p 267).

"Jesus is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us" (Romans 8:34).

"He always lives to intercede for them" (Hebrews 7:25).

**I add my petitions to His, partnering with Him in His petitions. I thank God that He has made every provision for the salvation of His people.**

"I have set watchman on your walls, O Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth" (Isaiah 61:4).

## Scriptures to Claim as I Pray for Revival in my Church

### Pray for Renewal

"Give ear, o Shepherd of Israel, you who led Joseph like a flock; you who dwell between the cherubim, shine forth! Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength, and come and save us. Restore us, O God of hosts; cause your face to shine, and we shall be saved! Then we will not turn back from you; Revive us, and we will call upon Your name. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved" (Psalm 80:1-3, 7, 18, 19).

"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 I will forgive their sin and heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

"Now, therefore,' says the Lord, 'Turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.' So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the Lord you God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm. Who knows if He will turn and relent and leave a blessing behind Him. A grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God?"

"Blow the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly; Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders. Gather the children and nursing babes; Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, and the bride from her dressing room. Let the priests, who minister to the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar; Let them say, 'Spare Your people, O Lord, and do not give your heritage to reproach, that the nations should rule over them, Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'" (Joel 2:12-17).

"And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; You sons and your daughters shall prophesy, you old men will dream dreams, your young men

shall see visions; and also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days” (Joel 2:28, 29).

### **Pray for the heart and compassion of God.**

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you ... These things I command you, that you love one another” (John 15:12, 17).

“Is this not the fast I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free and that you break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked that you cover him, and not hide yourself from your own flesh? Then your light shall break forth like the morning. Then your healing shall spring forth speedily, and your righteousness shall go before you. The glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; You shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am'” (Isaiah 58: 6-9, 11).

### **Pray for repentance and forgiveness**

“Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (James 5:16).

### **Pray for the unsaved**

"For He says, "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you: Behold, now is the accepted time, behold, now is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Ask the Holy Spirit to impress your mind with needs in your Church, Community and Neighborhood, that He would like to have you pray for. Claim Scripture for these needs.