

Revival Among Students

**Are you hungry for a move of God among students?
Learn how God is raising up the next generation as
new movements sweep across our campuses.**

What is revival?

Revival has many potential definitions depending on your upbringing and/or current context. Here, we are defining it as a unique, passionate, Spirit-led invitation to a renewed and reawakened relationship with Jesus. Revival is often so transformative that it inspires those who experience it to worship, pray, confess, repent, intercede, and soak in the presence of God together. You may have heard this called renewal or awakening. Whatever you call it, God's manifest presence is a powerful and tangible force in these settings.

On a college campus, we've noticed beautifully intense moments of reconciliation and reconnection motivate students to share their experiences with great enthusiasm and sincerity. Sharing these stories can spark new relationships and genuine curiosity about Jesus, the Holy Spirit, prayer, and Christianity, including in those who have been standing at a distance from faith, wondering if there's more.

Only God can bring revival, but we may earnestly ask him to let us experience this renewal together. We encourage prayers for revival across university and college campuses so that students might collectively and personally experience a spiritual awakening that draws them into God's goodness and nearness. Students who experience revival can be catalysts for sharing the promises of the gospel with their peers.

Revival is an unshakable invitation to wake up again to the beauty of Jesus. We can't force it, but we can ache for it, pray for it, and believe for it to sweep across our universities and colleges so that students taste the nearness of God in a way that changes them forever. And when they do, they carry that fire into their generation, telling the story of Jesus with both words and lives set ablaze.

How can students share the gospel?

Peer-to-peer interactions, campus culture, and the creation of safe spaces for prayer are all ways through which students can positively influence their campuses by extending invitations to encounter God. Intentional student-led gatherings attuned to cultural, historical, and spiritual needs in the school can open up genuine opportunities to share the good news of the gospel.

Revivals on university campuses can even happen on the campuses of very small schools. Generation Z has already experienced a major (and perhaps the generation's first) revival through the Asbury Revival, which began at Asbury University in Kentucky in early 2023 and lasted for more than two weeks. That revival began humbly and organically from a simple chapel service that invited students to linger, worship, and pray in a safe space with openness and curiosity. Notably, the Asbury Revival was championed by students stewarding the outpouring by leading prayer and worship for one another.

Revival is breaking out on campuses around the world. In the *24-7 Prayer Podcast* episode "The Netherlands: Is God raising up the next generation?", Denise van der Zwaag, National Coordinator of 24-7 Prayer Netherlands, talks about how her community in Rotterdam created a "sense of home" for students, and shares the strategies that have helped young people to start to explore prayer for themselves and begin to share their faith with their friends.

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Consider the following tips to help students share in a move of God:

- 1. Start small:** Host a prayer or worship gathering in dorm rooms or common areas—just snacks, comfortable space, and openness.
- 2. Be authentically present:** Ask questions like, “How’s your week? Anything you’d want prayer for?”
- 3. Share your story:** Talk about times prayers have felt real, or perhaps difficult.
- 4. Initiate simple community gatherings:** You don’t need a large budget or a stage. Organize low-stakes entry points such as study breaks, volunteer meetups, or prayer nights with friends.

How can we pray to evoke a move of God among students?

We recognize that God alone sends revival. Yet, there are ways we can pray for revival among students. Seek and encourage simple, sustained prayer and worship.

Here are five ways you can join us in prayer:

Posture ourselves for revival

Approach God with expectancy and faith, believing he desires to bring revival and renewal to his people.

Humbly and earnestly ask God to pour out his Spirit, acknowledging our dependence on him.

Share testimonies of students and young adults stewarding moves of God—from Evan Roberts who was 26 when God used him to ignite the Welsh Revival, to the students who lingered and instigated the Asbury Outpouring in 2023.

Start with revival in our own hearts

Ask God to search your heart daily, show you idols, lies, and strongholds to repent from and people you might need to forgive, and to make your heart a ready and trustworthy vessel for revival.

Pray Psalm 139:23-24 (NIV): "Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

Invest in Kingdom relationships

Support, encourage, and commit to prayer with fellow believers, recognizing that revival often begins in unified communities seeking after God's heart together.

We believe revival moves at the pace of relationships and that every generation needs one another. Be intentional about investing in mentoring relationships between generations, fostering trust and collaboration.

Equip young leaders to steward revival, teaching them how to foster healthy, Spirit-led relationships within their schools, campuses, or communities.

Sow with tears

This is a costly yes and not for everyone, but some will prayerfully consider staying awake with Jesus in Gethsemane, letting your heart break for what breaks his, interceding deeply and persistently for God's purposes.

24-7 Prayer International's [What is Travailing Prayer?](#) blog may be helpful for you.

Ask for God's heart for campuses across the United States

Pray for discernment about spiritual strongholds or barriers present in specific universities and regions in the United States, asking for divine strategies to intercede.

Pray also that God will call and raise up young revival leaders and that they will boldly respond, believing God can do more with one wholehearted yes to his plans and purposes than anything we could dream.

Revival begins in the small, sacred spaces of community, courageous openness, and sustained dependence on God. May these prayers guide you as you help prepare the way for a move of God among students and young adults in the United States.

Hungry for more real-life advice and stories about evoking a move of God among students?

In *The Gathering 2023* - Seminars podcast episode "Evoking a move of God amongst students throughout Europe", Sarah Breuel from Revive Europe shares how **travailing prayer**—a deep, sustained, heart-level intercessory prayer—can spark spiritual awakening among students, along with peer-led prayer hubs and study groups

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