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PRAYER GUIDE

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**“The means God uses
for bringing about revival
are always the same:
commitment to prayer and the
uncompromising preaching
of the Gospel.”**

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Prayer: God's Catalyst for Revival

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a movement of God to awaken His people
to greater obedience and spiritual hunger—
which then spills out into society

From the Great Awakening to the Prayer Meeting Revival, there's one key thing these history-making movements of God had in common:

They all began with prayer.

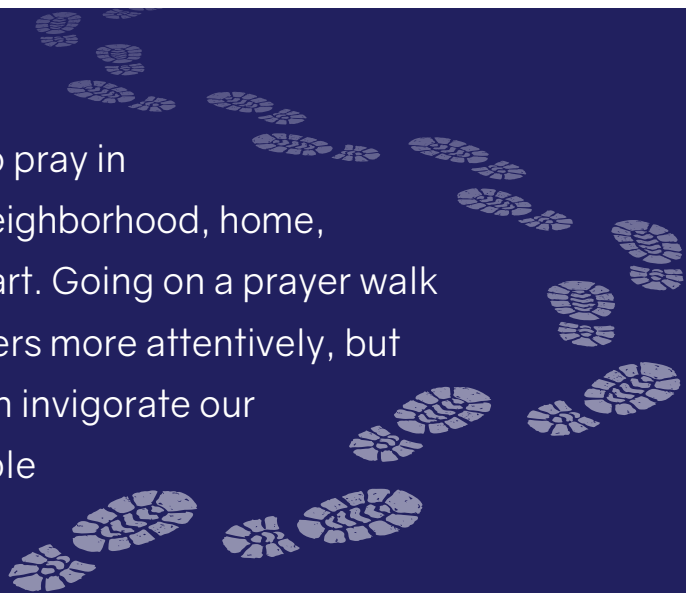
What might God do in our nation as believers in Christ come together to cry out to Him? What spiritual awakening might He bring as together we humble ourselves, pray, seek His face, and turn aside from our own selfish distractions and desires? What life-altering move of God might happen if we commit to seeking His Kingdom alone?

Let us pray.

Practical Prayer Tips

Try Going on a “Prayer Walk”

A prayer walk is simply an opportunity to pray in and for a specific place—whether your neighborhood, home, or other location God places on your heart. Going on a prayer walk doesn't mean God will listen to our prayers more attentively, but sometimes our physical environment can invigorate our prayers in a new way as we see the people and places we are praying for.



1. Start with God's Word.

“[My word] will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire . . .” (Isa. 55:11). The Bible is a great place to start as we lift up our prayers before God. So many of the Truths and heart cries we long to express have already been so beautifully articulated by our forefathers in the faith.

2. Ask for the Holy Spirit's help.

“We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us . . .” (Rom. 8:26). Ask for God's help to guide your prayers in a way that aligns with His desires, and spend time listening to how He might be leading you to pray.

3. Begin with praise.

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise” (Psalm 100:4). Worship reminds us who we are praying to and aligns us with the heart of God. It's also a form of spiritual warfare (see 2 Chron. 20:21-22), and Satan can't stand it!

4. Remember that Christ has overcome the darkness.

“And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross” (Col. 2:15). As believers in Christ, we wage war on a spiritual level—but we know the battle has already been won. We are to pray with the realization that Christ has already defeated sin and death, and nothing is impossible for Him.

5. Don’t rely on words, but on Christ.

“And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him” (Matt. 6:7–8). We can approach God’s throne with confidence not because of the eloquence of our prayers but because of who God is and what He has done.



Scriptures to Pray

If you're looking for a starting place in prayer, these Scripture passages are a great place to begin.

FOR REVIVAL: Heavenly Father, **"I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord. Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy" (Hab. 3:2).** I have heard of Your amazing works throughout history. I have seen Your power and love on display in my own life and in the lives of others. Do the impossible, Lord!

FOR OUR NATION'S LEADERS: Heavenly Father, I pray for **"all those in authority"** who are governing and leading our nation **(1 Tim. 2:2).** I thank You that You want **"all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:4)** and so I pray for the salvation of those in leadership. Move their hearts to rely on You, glorify You, and surrender their lives to You. Move their hearts to make decisions that honor You and preserve religious freedom in our country. Surround them with godly voices who will lead them in Your ways. Provide godly leaders, **"shepherds after [Your] own heart who will lead [us] with knowledge and understanding" (Jer. 3:15).**

FOR PASTORS & CHURCH LEADERS: Heavenly Father, strengthen my pastor and the pastors in this city to **"stand firm, let nothing move [them], and always give [themselves] fully to the work of the Lord, [knowing that their] labor in the Lord is not in vain" (1 Cor. 15:58).** When they're tempted to compromise the Truth, strengthen them to **"contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people" (Jude 3b).**

FOR THE LOST: Heavenly Father, I pray for those who don't know You, that You would **"open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith" in You (Acts 26:18).** I pray that you would awaken those who have been blinded by the **"god of this age . . . so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ"**

(2 Cor. 4:4). Give them “a new heart and . . . a new spirit; . . . remove [their] heart of stone and give [them] a heart of flesh,” and soften their hearts to know You (Ez. 36:26).

FOR THE CHURCH: Heavenly Father, we repent of our own spiritual complacency and idleness. Help us, Your church, to truly “**grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge, [and be] filled to the measure of all the fullness of God**” (Eph. 3:18–19). I pray that Your people would be obedient to then share that love with others, fulfilling Christ’s mission to “**proclaim good news to the poor. . . . to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, . . .**” by the power of Your Spirit (Isaiah 61:1–2).

FOR THE GOSPEL: Heavenly Father, “**enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness**” (Acts 4:29). Do a mighty work through Your people as we surrender to You in obedience. Help us to be “**[un]ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes**” (Romans 1:16).



A Powerful Example to Follow

2 Chronicles 7:14 – A Precedent for Repentance

In its original context, this verse was a specific promise to ancient Israel, not America. However, its principles of humility, repentance, and prayer are still relevant to believers today.

“¹⁴ . . . if my people, who are called
by my name,

(1) Remember that revival starts with us, God’s people. Our prayers should not just center around “those sinners in our midst” but begin by dealing with the sin in our own hearts.

will humble themselves

(2) Approach God in humble worship. Our prayers should not be like the Pharisee who prayed, “God, I thank you that I am not like other people.” Rather, we are to approach God like the tax collector who prayed, “God have mercy on me, a sinner!” (Luke 18:9-14). This means acknowledging our own smallness—our own inability to save—and magnifying God’s incredible holiness, love, and saving power.

and pray and seek my face

(3) Seek God’s direction. Many times in Scripture we see God’s people “inquire of the Lord” (see Gen. 25:22; Judges 20:18; 2 Sam. 2:1). Prayer is not a monologue but a dialogue. Spend time listening to what God might be saying. He may direct you to a specific passage in Scripture or guide your prayers in a focused direction. You may also find that, as you pray with others, God aligns your prayers, placing the same topics on your hearts!

and turn from their wicked ways,

(4) Repent not just in word but in deed. Revival doesn’t just come when we pray for others, but when we ourselves make a decisive turn away from our own sins. As you come before God in prayer, ask for His help to overcome any sins in your life that affect not only your relationship with Him but your witness to the world around you.

then I will hear from heaven, and I will
forgive their sin and heal their land.”

(5) Trust that God will answer. God loves it when His children cry out to Him in humble faith. He loves it when we approach His throne boldly on the basis of what Christ has done for us. As you come before Him in prayer, trust that your heavenly Father has heard you!



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