

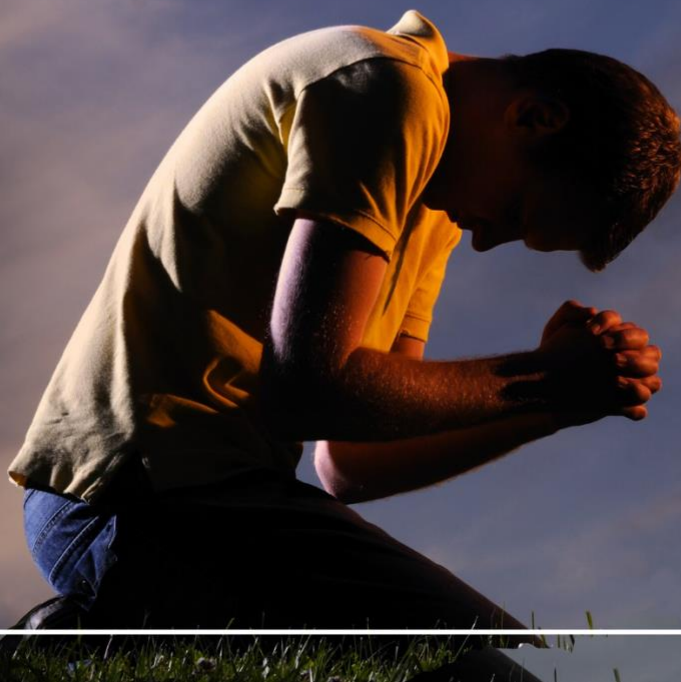
100 DAYS OF
Prayer

ROMANS 12:12

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer"

A WEEKLY GUIDE FOR
TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD

February 3rd, 2024 (Day 1)
Culminating on May 14th, 2024 (Day 100)



WEEK 1 (Feb 3rd-9th)

KEY VERSES FOR THE WEEK: Luke 1:5-66

REFLECTION: John the Baptist understood what it means to get prepared. The whole of his life testifies to divine preparation. How so? His parents were righteous and blameless in the sight of God, and therefore they would raise him up to honor God above all else. His birth was an unexpected and supernatural event that would not have normally taken place for a couple of their age and complications. Therefore, there would be no doubt that God's hand was upon this child. His very name - the name "John" - was picked not from the names of the parents' relatives but according to what the angel had told Zechariah, so that no one would doubt that John was chosen by God. The name "John" means "God is gracious."

God made clear that John was to be set apart for God's purposes. He would avoid any wine, and the Holy Spirit would fill him from even before birth. And John's mission? In Luke 1:17, the angel foretold that God would use John to bring many people back to the Lord. He would be an instrument of God to make ready a people who are prepared for the Lord.

Today we are entering a season of preparation. We are being called anew to prepare the way for the Lord. To join with other believers to pray for 100 days that will culminate on the day the Korean Team starts to pray.

And it begins with our realization that God Himself has been making things ready. God is preparing circumstances, opening doors, and summoning hungry hearts to Him.

PRAYER POINTS:

Use these suggested prayer items as a starting point for where the Holy Spirit will lead you...

1. Praise God for how He has released wells of revival in our region's past
2. Praise God for His revival work among South Korean Christians and for their heart to see Awakening in America
3. Pray for the South Korean intercessors that are being raised up at this time.
4. Pray for the 21 cities in the United States that will humbly receive these Korean teams in May 2024.
5. Pray for the hearts of many in our community to burn brightly in prayer and with a fresh hunger for the Lord

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WEEK 2 (Feb 10th-16th)

KEY VERSES FOR THE WEEK: Matthew 3:1-6

REFLECTION: John the Baptist's life assignment was to prepare for the Lord's coming. How did this call shape the way he lived his life?

One hint is found in the prophetic statement that he was "A voice calling out in the wilderness." John was no palace-bound prophet or a mere orator at a school of higher learning. He was a man of the wilderness.

Now, the wilderness normally is not a safe place. It is a place of dangers, discomfort, and loneliness. It, by no means, produces an easy life. But it can refine those who fully consecrate themselves to God.

A big part of preparing the way for the Lord begins with setting yourself apart for God's plans, no matter the cost or discomfort. It requires intentional commitment. It takes a willingness to endure suffering and do hard things. It calls for a gritty faith that trusts God unflinchingly, even when the sand and sun dig into your eyes.

John embraced consecration. He grew up accustomed to the desert. He wore rough animal skins. He ate locusts and raw honey. This was John's training ground and main battlefield. It may be full of hardships, yet he welcomed it. For John knew he had a message worth telling, even in the midst of the most barren of places.

This week, consider this: Have you set yourself apart for the purposes of God? Will you consecrate your life for Him? Will you do so, even when things get tough?

PRAYER POINTS:

Use these suggested prayer items as a starting point for where the Holy Spirit will lead you...

1. Praise God that He is holy, mighty, loving, and worthy of all we are
2. Pray that we would consecrate ourselves to follow our Lord with all our heart
3. Pray for the courage to enter whatever wilderness we may encounter as we pursue His plans for revival
4. Pray for God's grace to grow deeper in our character and our perseverance each day
5. Pray for faithfulness to proclaim boldly the Good News of the Kingdom and of salvation through Jesus Christ

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WEEK 3 (Feb 17th–23rd)

KEY VERSES FOR THE WEEK: Luke 1:39-45

REFLECTION: No one loves waiting. No one enjoys being told to slow down, pay attention, and get ready. For most people, the mere thought of waiting feels agonizingly slow.

For the nation of Israel, just before Jesus' arrival, it must have felt almost unbearable waiting for the coming Messiah. In the midst of all the bad kings, the legalistic Pharisees, and the onerous Roman occupation, it would have been way too easy to grow tired and wonder when their time would come.

But John the Baptist knew how to tarry well. Even while John was in his mother's womb, there was a vibrant supernatural anticipation in his heart. He looked forward to; he anticipated; he carried great expectations of the Chosen one to come.

And so, when Mary visited John's mother Elizabeth for the first time, John sensed that Jesus was near, and John literally leapt for joy in the womb. It would be months before he would see his cousin with his own eyes. It would be years before they could even meet formally and talk. But in this moment, baby John knew the object of his anticipation was close at hand, and joy exploded out of his heart.

We live in interesting times. Many would point to the encroaching godlessness in our culture, in our nation, and curse the darkness. But many, when they look closely, also see holy divine sparks igniting in that same shroud of dark. Sparks of revival.

This week, take time to slow down and look and listen for the footsteps of the Savior drawing near. To see the divine sparks. It is Holy Spirit fire that can restore broken hearts. It can call back to life the stone-cold churches almost left for dead. It can be a Great Awakening that re-ignites and sets ablaze again nations that have lost their way. This is cause for great immense joy.

Will you be like John the Baptist and prepare to leap for joy at the sound of the coming revival?

PRAYER POINTS:

Use these suggested prayer items as a starting point for where the Holy Spirit will lead you...

1. Praise God for being the Maker and Keeper of amazing promises to His people.
2. Pray that God would grant us patience and alertness as we wait upon Him and seek His Kingdom.
3. Pray for hearts more closely attuned to Jesus' approaching footsteps, and let unrestrained joy begin to erupt in response. May His joy mark us and also draw the lost to meet the Savior.
4. Pray for the 200+ South Koreans who are hearing God's call to step out in faith to journey to and pray for our nation in 2024. Pray for astounding joy that will quicken their spirits each and every day.

5. Pray that the joy of the Lord will be our strength, that any trauma of past disappointments or regrets will be overrun by brilliant hope in Jesus our Redeemer.

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WEEK4 (Feb 24th-Mar 01st)

KEY VERSES FOR THE WEEK: Mark 1:4-8

REFLECTION: John the Baptist had a simple message: Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven has come near..." The idea of repentance is integral to preparing the way for the Lord. There is no getting around it: If you want to experience God's Kingdom, if you want to position yourself to best encounter His presence, if you want to see revival, you begin with repentance. Period.

It's relatively simple. But incredibly hard. To repent means essentially to change my mind. Not in a trivial way, but in a significant way that redirects the major course of my thinking and pondering. It's like choosing to reshape the flow of the mighty Mississippi river to U-turn and flow the other way. It requires a deep humility to admit something is still wrong in my world, in my life, in... me. That I still lack something. That I undeniably and desperately still need God.

We cannot take the Holy Spirit for granted. We can't just rest on our spiritual laurels. True repentance will snap us out of our stupor, help us see the insidious idols in our lives, cause us to hit the brakes, and even - at great cost - to turn this car around. It will lead us to painstakingly recalibrate the GPS and head back home to the Father.

John the Baptist called the people to repent. Many responded. They saw their own darkness with new eyes and confessed their sins. They owned their mistakes and took steps of faith to be baptized, symbolizing the forgiveness they were seeking. They knew that this preparation was absolutely worth it because the One who was coming was far greater, far more powerful, far more worthy than even John himself.

Repentance can be costly. But it is worth it because the One we turn to will baptize us with His fire. Will transform us. Will make us new.

Today, are you in a place of humility and repentance? Are you willing to make yourself ready in this way? Will you U-turn from your idols and turn to Him fully?

PRAYER POINTS:

Use these suggested prayer items as a starting point for where the Holy Spirit will lead you...

1. Praise God for His mercy when we can see our sins so that extraction can happen, and healing can begin.
2. Pray that God would reveal to you the personal sins that are keeping you stagnant in your spiritual growth.
3. Pray for supernatural strength to overcome any personal weaknesses that are hindering revival in our community.
4. Pray for a profound humility to envelop the whole Church and our hearts as we seek for more of God. Pray this for our local churches and for the Korean ones.

5. Pray for a brightly burning fear of the Lord that snatches our breaths away in light of His beauty and power.

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WEEK 5 (Mar 2nd-8th)

KEY VERSES FOR THE WEEK: John 3:27-30

REFLECTION: What must it have been like to be John the Baptist? His birth was supernaturally guided. His ministry was the fulfillment of prophecy. Jesus Himself described him as the greatest of all the prophets up to that time. John would have the unprecedented honor to be a forerunner of Jesus, to prepare the way for the long-awaited Messiah.

And John's ministry was no small deal. It caught the attention of the influential Jewish religious council as well as powerful Gentile government leaders. It attracted big crowds to hear John's words, even if it meant they had to travel deep into the wilderness. Many sought to be baptized by him, and some committed to follow as his disciples.

But through all the fame and notoriety, John knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that this was NOT about him. He was not the big deal. He was not meant to be the center of attention. John never claimed to be and never sought to be "the Messiah".

He was just a good friend getting ready for the Bridegroom to arrive. John's joy was found not by focusing on the crowds or how often his name was mentioned. His greatest joy was in hearing the Bridegroom's voice, knowing that He was near and that the wedding was about to begin.

John, the great honored prophet, understood humility. It is having a sober and correct assessment of oneself, as seen from God's eyes. This is not about John thinking how small he was. It was knowing his role in all this. And it was about knowing how great, and astounding was the One to come.

Jesus was the Messiah. John was there to prepare the way. To call others to get ready. To point to Jesus. To delight in what Jesus was doing and saying. To be willing to be lesser so that Jesus would become greater.

How is the Church today doing in the area of humility? How are you doing? Does it matter too much what people are saying about you? Are we dropping names left and right but perhaps forgetting to lift up the one name of Jesus?

What can I practically do today so that I become lesser, and people truly see how great Jesus is?

PRAYER POINTS:

Use these suggested prayer items as a starting point for where the Holy Spirit will lead you...

1. Praise God for how He calls us His friends and invites us to join in His Kingdom work.
2. Pray that humility would make our hearts more tender and our eyes more attuned to what Jesus is doing. Ask that God would break any self-obsession and self-exaltation and fill our vision with MORE of Him.

3. Pray that God would indeed expand our boundaries and the impact of our ministries, but that we would always point to Jesus as the answer.
4. Pray for the 21 US cities preparing to receive the Korean intercessors in May. Pray for the Spirit to allow humbleness to bridge any divides and bring unity in the Church.
5. Pray that we would be like John and be filled with complete joy as we hear the voice of the Bridegroom - Jesus Himself - drawing near to revive His people.

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WEEK 6 (Mar 9th-15th)

KEY VERSES FOR THE WEEK: Matthew 3:5-8

REFLECTION: Obedience is not a word that is popular today. It carries overtones of forced submission or mindless compliance. It seems to run in opposition to personal freedom and the use of our free will. And yet, the Word of God points to a God who values obedience in contrast to mere sacrifice. 1 Samuel 15:22 tells us that “To obey is better than sacrifice.” Why is that?

It’s because God is not looking for us to reluctantly yield to the perceived whims of a dictator. He’s not asking for us to go through the motions to fulfill some vague notion of religion. He doesn’t desire for us to give up on thoughtful reflection or to stop asking questions.

What He wants is an obedience born out of trust in Him. This implies that we have a relationship with this God. It also implies that we have witnessed up-close His goodness, His faithfulness, His worthiness. And so, we can trust Him. We may not understand why He works the way He does. We can still have some questions. But when He asks us to do something, we obey.

As John the Baptist proclaimed a message of repentance and of preparing for the Messiah, he also called people to demonstrate this repentance through the act of water baptism. It was meant to be a symbol of turning away from their sins and making ready their heart for what God would bring.

What did the people do when they heard this message? Did they pause a long time and drag their feet? Did they argue endlessly and write books about John’s words? No, they obeyed. And quickly. The whole region came out to him and got baptized in the Jordan River. People chose to be immersed in the water as an act of deep trust in God. It was an act of free will. It was a step of faith. It was showing who had priority and ultimate importance in their lives.

How are you doing in your obedience to what God has clearly shown you? Do you trust Him enough to do difficult or risky things? Are you willing to promptly go where He sends you? He will give you, His strength. He will pour out His resources. He will work through you and bring forth good fruit if you will trust Him.

Today, will you trust Jesus enough to obey Him without delay?

PRAYER POINTS:

Use these suggested prayer items as a starting point for where the Holy Spirit will lead you...

1. Praise God for His being absolutely good and faithful and worthy of our total trust.
2. Pray that we would hear His voice and know His will for us with great clarity. Pray that we would have sufficient faith to surrender to Him and obey Him quickly.
3. Pray that God would grant divine provision for the financial needs of the Korean intercessors as they purchase airline tickets and get ready to come to the States.

4. Pray that our city would finalize the plan for their visit. Pray that more believers and churches would join in the 100 days of prayer before Korean's arrival.

5. Pray for Christians here to be "sold out" for Christ.

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WEEK 7 (Mar 16th-22nd)

KEY VERSES FOR THE WEEK: Luke 3:15-18

REFLECTION: When most people think about John the Baptist, they think about his calling people to repent of their sins. They think about his rough clothes and crazy diet in the desert. They think of how he liked to baptize folks in the Jordan River. But sometimes we forget that John also prepared the way by telling others about the good news.

What was this good news? It was that God was making good on His promise of a coming Messiah. This person would be incredibly powerful and rescue His people from their oppressors. Immersing us in the Holy Spirit, the Anointed One would be worthy of the long wait. He'd be worthy of it all.

Such good news is still relevant today. In the midst of distressing and distracting headlines in the world, it's still good news - the BEST news - that God resolutely loves this world. For He hasn't forgotten us. We can be sure that He can powerfully touch us today and set a new fire aflame in our hearts.

As we hear stories of revival popping up and beginning to spread, how will we respond? There's nothing wrong with some caution, as we reckon with what we're hearing and what is really taking place. It's probably wise to peer into the details to make sure that God Himself is definitely on the move.

But, if it all turns out to be true, then what next? One very appropriate response is to then make sure we let folks know how God is reviving His Church. People need to hear that God has heard the cries of His people and is pouring out fresh wind and fresh fire. They need hope. They need His comfort. Revival is a gift to a weary and troubled world that needs to see God again.

Finally, we respond best to revival by boldly getting outside the church doors and telling those far from God about the ultimate good news of the Gospel. These are divinely given opportunities to talk about the Savior and point the way back to Him.

What are ways this week you can deliberately share the good news?

PRAYER POINTS:

Use these suggested prayer items as a starting point for where the Holy Spirit will lead you...

1. Praise God that He so loved this world that Jesus laid down His life 2000 years ago to pay for our sins and bring us redemption. Praise Him that is alive and moving powerfully in fresh ways.
2. Pray that more and more of the Church will look into what God is doing these days and be able to celebrate all the undeniable ways His hand is at work, in Charlotte and across the nation.
3. Pray that we'd experience God's goodness intimately so that we taste fresh joy and peace and hope. Pray this will bubble up in our hearts and give us a keen excitement for sharing Jesus.
4. Pray for an increase in the number of individuals and churches engaged anew to tell the lost about the Gospel. Pray that they also build anticipation of even greater revival fires to come.

5. Pray that the Holy Spirit would powerfully dismantle any attacks of Satan against the Korean intercessors or any leaders here in the States. Pray that God would grant us clarity in all we plan and do for His Kingdom.

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WEEK 8 (Mar 23rd-29th)

KEY VERSES FOR THE WEEK: Matthew 9:16-17

REFLECTION: When Jesus began His ministry and started teaching and healing those around Him, He often caused quite a stir. It jolted the way people thought about God and about their faith. It also sparked hope that God was on the move.

What Jesus said profoundly and what he did miraculously certainly made people take notice. But He agitated more than a few religious leaders by simply doing things differently. He didn't do tasks blindly. He didn't do it merely to follow tradition. He apparently was willing to break the rules when they didn't make sense, and He led His followers to do the same.

When questioned about the practice of fasting, Jesus did not dismiss this time honored discipline. However, He talked about timing, how there is a time to celebrate and a time to grieve and fast. This was not the time to fast.

Jesus then went on to talk about sewing patches and choosing wineskins. He wanted His followers to know that God's quickening Kingdom could not be contained in old traditions and rituals and ceremonies. It's not that the old stuff has to be thrown away. But people would have to respond anew to what God was doing and create fresh expressions of hope and faith and love. Walking in relationship with God was never meant to be about mechanical adherence to a bunch of ancient rules and regulations. The new wine needs new wineskins.

Today, God is definitely up to something good. Revival fires and genuine lavish worship appear to be breaking out spontaneously worldwide. Some aspects look similar to past moves of God. Other elements don't. And that's okay, as long as God is the one igniting the fire.

What new wineskins will we need to adapt to the new thing God is revealing? What is God calling us to be flexible about in this season? What old ways of thinking do I need to lay down? God is calling His people to get ready. He is nudging us to creatively craft a new way of ministry together that will demonstrate God's love and truth just the way He intended. It's time for new wineskins.

PRAYER POINTS:

Use these suggested prayer items as a starting point for where the Holy Spirit will lead you...

1. Praise God that He is always faithful and trustworthy and unchanging in character. Praise Him also that He is loving enough to bring a fresh and personal revelation of Himself to each generation. He cares little about specific methods and more about people's hearts.
2. Pray that God will continue to cause a stir across our city and nation. Pray that more and more people in the Church and outside of it will react and dialogue about who Jesus is.
3. Pray that our hearts will be anchored in truth and love. May God make us firm on the essentials of our faith and abundantly flexible in how we love and care for the lost. Pray for humility - no matter our denomination or preferences - to receive whatever God is revealing to us in this season. Pray for the grace to handle new wineskins God is bringing.

4. Pray for the local churches and pastors in your neighborhood. Pray that God would meet the material and spiritual needs of each congregation. Pray for our role to foster unity.

5. Pray that God will direct us as a city to engage in a fresh way during the upcoming National Day of Prayer. Ask God to direct the local planners. Pray that we would demonstrate boldness, creativity, and risky faith. Pray we would not settle for anything less.

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WEEK 9 (Mar 30th-April 5)

KEY VERSES FOR THE WEEK: Luke 7:31-35

REFLECTION: The Pharisees in the first century had a problem with John the Baptist. John didn't dress like them. He didn't eat the food they ate. He certainly didn't talk like them. He made his home in the desert. He publicly criticized their ways and was always proclaiming that the Messiah was coming. John did not meet their expectations of a prophet. So, they spoke against him and agreed that John must have a demon.

These same religious leaders also had a problem with Jesus. Jesus lived in towns, yes, but he also spent a lot of time with the people. Perhaps too much time. He ate and drank with them, but he seemed to squander his ministry upon the nobodies and the sinners of the world. This behavior did not line up with their religious standards. The Pharisees concluded that Jesus must be a party-crasher, a self-absorbed hedonist, and a fool who made friends with the most despicable sorts in society.

Jesus would later compare the Pharisees to children in the marketplace. They were like kids who rejected the newcomers simply because these outsiders would not do what was expected of them. Nothing would make the Pharisees happy because they were fickle and jealous and hypocrites. So, they condemned and rejected John and Jesus, even though they were both hand-picked and sent by God.

But none of this caught John or Jesus by surprise. Jesus knew full well what these leaders were like. He knew the pain and hurt their condemnation would bring. Yet, He moved forward with his plans. He knew the risks. He had counted the cost.

As God brings us closer to increasingly powerful moves of the Spirit, this nation will face new challenges. The Church can and should celebrate all the ways we see God at work. But there likely will be times of rejection. Moments of anger. Times of persecution. And it should not surprise us. We know there are risks. We need to count the cost.

Have you counted the cost for your church and for yourself personally? God is answering countless prayers as He stirs up revival in our land. Have no doubt: it will be a tremendous blessing that will bring healing and restoration to many. But it will come at a price. And it WILL be worth it.

Are you ready for what God is doing, no matter the cost?

PRAYER POINTS:

Use these suggested prayer items as a starting point for where the Holy Spirit will lead you...

1. Praise God for Jesus who, for the joy set before Him, endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2)
2. Pray that God will prepare His people to be willing to suffer for the truth in love. Pray for deep moments of encountering the Holy Spirit that will make us ready to be faithful during the mighty moves of God.

3. Pray that God would begin to shake up the things that can be shaken within our city, our churches, and families. Pray that His presence will make us steady and strong and capable to trust God more than ever before.
4. Pray for the 21 cities around the USA that will be hosting the Korean teams. Pray for an increased hunger among believers to seek God and to pray in unity across each city.
5. Pray that God's angels would bring divine protection and provision for all those who are involved in the preparation and prayers leading up to the National Day of Prayer. Pray for all weapons and plans of the evil one to be neutralized and rendered powerless.

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WEEK 10 (Apr 06-12th)

KEY VERSES FOR THE WEEK: 1 John 1:5-7

REFLECTION: In the period before the birth of Jesus, Israel experienced 400 years of silence. During this time, no new prophets were raised up. No new revelation came from God to this nation. It was a time of silence. And darkness.

Then the Messiah was born. Jesus was the light of all mankind, breaking into the murkiness of that ancient world. He disrupted the darkness like never before, and he shines brilliantly in the darkness still.

When we think about revival today, we can see glimpses of His light erupting in places around us. What do we do next? How do we respond? Certainly, we should intensify our hunger for more of God. We should seek His face intently. We should pray all the more diligently.

But, in addition, we have to also walk faithfully in the light He's shown us. Sometimes people get a mistaken notion that seeking after revival means to disengage from the world and hide away in some secluded location and just pray all day. Now, there may be a few of us who are called to immerse in continuous private prayer each day. But many more of us are called to shine the light of Christ powerfully right in our homes, at the workplace, and out in public. Wherever we go, whatever we do in our lives, we can choose to walk in the light, as He is in the light.

Preparing for what God will bring next includes being faithful to shine His light in whatever context God gives us now. It means choosing His light and not falling into the darkness around us. Is there someone you've been angry at for a long time? Forgive them. Do you see coworkers worried and distressed? Ask if you can pray for them. Have you noticed that person in the neighborhood who is hard to love? Take a step of faith to serve them.

Listen: It's not about just trying harder or trying to live a perfect religious life. It's about letting Jesus love us, transform us, and shine the blessing of the Holy Spirit into every nook and cranny of our lives.

Get ready for revival now. Be faithful in whatever situation He's called you. Surrender to His leading and let His light shine in you and through you. The darkness, as vast as it may seem, will not win the day. Walk in the light.

PRAYER POINTS:

Use these suggested prayer items as a starting point for where the Holy Spirit will lead you...

1. Praise God that He has a good purpose and plan for each one of us. Thank God that He gives us opportunities each day to let His light shine through us to chase away the darkness.
2. Pray that the churches and individual believers in our community will be encouraged to re-affirm and to walk faithfully in the calling God has given us. May we not miss out on touching those within our sphere of influence, even as we rejoice in news of revival in other places.

3. Pray that God would show us afresh where there is acute darkness around us. Pray that we would boldly shine His goodness and power into the bleakest situations as we walk with Him.
4. Pray for the word to spread about revival and the Korean intercessors. Pray for many people to hear and be excited about the events coming during the week. Pray for unity and a focus on God's Kingdom.
5. Pray specifically that enough translators for the Korean prayer teams would be found during their week-long ministry in each of the cities. These translators will be needed to personally interact with the Koreans each day as well as to communicate effectively during any large group events with participating churches.

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WEEK 11 (April 13-19th)

KEY VERSES FOR THE WEEK: John 17:20-23

REFLECTION: Shortly before Jesus was arrested and condemned to the cross, he prayed with His disciples. He prayed for them to be protected from Satan, and He also prayed that all believers might demonstrate oneness in Christ. He wanted them to be one just as Jesus and Father God was also one. This was extremely important to Jesus. It was a big deal to Him.

Why was it such a big deal? Jesus noted that this oneness of all believers would have a huge impact on how the world viewed them. Their unity would confirm that God indeed had sent them and loved them. They ought to maintain that unity, to hold on tight to it. But it wouldn't be easy.

Certainly, unity must have seemed nearly impossible to the early disciples. Even among that initial group of Christ followers, it was a mixed bag of humanity. There were ordinary fishermen, tax collectors, and anti-Roman zealots. Old and young. Rich and poor. Men and women. And maybe more than a few Gentiles in the bunch. Outsiders looking in were likely amazed that such a dissimilar group with so many differences could sit at a table and eat together peacefully. Yet, one thing was clearly common to all these believers: they had all been with Jesus. The unity of the early church would testify mightily to the reality of God's love at work in their midst.

And what about today? As talk of revival spreads across the nation, it no doubt has caught the eye of even those outside the Church. What will they make of the non-stop worship and immense crowds and contagious spread of spiritual fervor? The jury is still out on what the world will finally decide. But one element that may tilt the world's heart towards God is whether there is unity in the Church.

It's not about guitars or percussion or how modern the music is. It's not about how much or how little liturgy is used. It's not about what style of clothes we embrace or how big our buildings are. We don't have to look or sound the same. True unity isn't about this. It is what is needed to bring together all kinds of people, different perspectives, varying expressions of faith. We get to lay down our traditions, our personal preferences, and the insistence to do things "my way." It brings all eyes to gaze upon Jesus, to agree whole-heartedly on what is essential, and to allow grace and love to flow through the rest.

How much of a priority will unity be in your church and throughout our community? Revival ignites and awakens the Church most powerfully when unity has already paved the way.

PRAYER POINTS:

Use these suggested prayer items as a starting point for where the Holy Spirit will lead you...

1. Praise the Lord that He has designed the Church to operate as it should in a spirit of oneness. Thank God that He has prayed and is praying for unity in all our churches.

2. Pray that our churches can celebrate the diverse expressions of Christian faith and worship, and at the same time, choose to show unity in Christ. Pray that we can pray together, work together, and look out for one another.
3. Pray that God would allow unity in the Body of Christ to reveal the potent truth that God has redeemed us and has sent us to be His witnesses. May the world see this and take notice and, by His grace, come to seek after the Savior.
4. Pray for an increase in the longing of Christians in all denominations and traditions to gather and pray as one. May the Church call upon the Lord with one voice in our city.
5. Pray for the host churches in the 21 cities. Pray that God will give provision and wisdom on where the Korean teams will stay and where best they can eat during the week. Pray for divine leading as to where the teams should be praying in each locale.

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WEEK 12 (Apr 20th-26th)

KEY VERSES FOR THE WEEK: Mark 12:28-31

REFLECTION: Before the birth of every revival, there is a dark period when the Church has seemingly fallen asleep. This spiritual grogginess can take many forms. The Church may have slipped into all kinds of immorality, or it may have become bored and apathetic to God's Word and His leading. Or all too often, as in the case before the Great Awakenings in America, the Church as a whole forgot how to stay in intimate relationship with their God.

Jesus Himself made it very clear: the greatest commandment that should drive all the rest is the one to love God with every aspect of our being. A close second is the command to love others as much as we love ourselves. A loving relationship is what God desires most from us. And it is hardly one sided. As John 3:16 reminds us, God so loved the world that He sent His only son Jesus to suffer and die for us. He did this for us while we were still sinners. He has proven His love for us, for this world. But will we truly love Him?

One of the common themes of the 1st and 2nd Great Awakenings was a restoration of this truth that God wants to be in vital relationship with His people. Before each revival, the Church in America had fallen far away from this truth. It was all about doing your duty, following the rules, fulfilling the rituals. At best, it was about offering sacrifices as a transaction to appease a demanding God. The messages at the pulpit lacked conviction and passion, and those in the pews responded with apathy towards a seemingly hard and distant deity. They had lost their first love.

The revivalists broke onto the scene with the message that God wanted a personal relationship with people. God wanted us to be in a living, breathing vibrant relationship with Him that engaged us in deep reflection and also passionate devotion. The message seemed revolutionary at the time. When the revivalists preached it from the established pulpits, many churches closed and locked their doors. The preachers then took it to the fields, where the regular folks gathered, and the people received it with great joy. It was good news!

Today, we find ourselves at a point in history when Christendom may have lost sight of the primacy of this personal connection with God. Other things have often been elevated above this love relationship: church traditions, moral legalism, denominational pride, doctrinal nitpicking, and corporate culture. We seem to have lost our way.

But, if we can heed the Word to return to our first love, then things can indeed turn around. Icy hearts can melt. Stony ground can become fertile soil. God stands ready to release a great revival if our hearts will humbly and desperately turn back to Him. To love Him more than anything else we find on the Internet, in our bank accounts, or on the mainstream news. Will we give our whole heart to Jesus this day?

PRAYER POINTS:

Use these suggested prayer items as a starting point for where the Holy Spirit will lead you...

1. Praise God that He is a personal God, interested in my life and your life.

2. Pray that the churches and individual believers in our area will re-assess and re-calibrate their priorities and values, if needed. Pray that we will not settle for anything less than what Christ died to give us: a restored, healed, and vibrant relationship with God.
3. Pray for boldness to be voices in our churches to call our church family to awaken to what God is doing in revival worldwide.
4. Pray for the spreading of news of revival and the Korean intercessors in our city. Pray for many people to hear and be excited about the events during the week Pray for a deeper love for Christ.
5. Pray again specifically that many more translators for the Korean prayer teams would offer their time and skill during that week in each of the 21 USA cities. These translators are needed to personally interact with the Koreans every day as well as to help communicate during the large group events. We are in dire need of teams of volunteers in Charlotte and elsewhere. With only 3 weeks away, please pray for God's provision!

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WEEK 13 (April 27th- May 3rd)

KEY VERSES FOR THE WEEK: Isaiah 54:17

REFLECTION: It's never easy to be under fire from your enemies. The prophet Isaiah understood this truth full well. A big part of his ministry included telling the nation of Judah that they were rushing towards judgment as a result of their ongoing sin against God. This was not a popular message, and it likely incited a host of adversaries and troublemakers working against him.

But Isaiah was not one to cave into his belligerent accusers. It might be uncomfortable and difficult at times under attack from foes, but Isaiah knew that God was on his side. This gave him confidence. This gave him peace. He was familiar enough with the ways of the Almighty One to know that no matter how bad things got, God would make a way.

Even today, as we prepare our hearts for a mighty move of God, there may arise opposition. People might question our intentions. Hardships may appear and threaten to steal our peace of mind. And Satan will try his best to toss a few fiery darts our way. But the prophet Isaiah reminds us that God does not forget His people.

God promises His servants that no weapon in this world nor any fashioned from the evil one will be able to overcome us. These instruments of destruction will not prevail. And any accusations or insults or word curses will be completely neutralized. God still sees us. And God will vindicate us. He will back us up and prove our choices right. This is the ultimate heritage - the ironclad legacy - of those who follow hard after the Lord.

So, let's press boldly towards the goal. The weapons of our adversaries will not win the day. They won't win. When Satan insists on the lie that we are swamped or nearly crushed, when he demands that we give up in the face of withering abuse and unrelenting pressure, we can remind him that his weapons can't stop us. His weapons will fail. Whatever is meant to keep us stuck will be countered, disrupted, and broken by the power of God. The Lord will give us the breakthrough as we press onwards by faith.

What weapons from Satan are flashing their metal in your face today? Where is he trying to instill fear in your heart? Anchor yourself in the promises of God. And keep on seeking the **BREAKTHROUGH** that God is bringing.

PRAYER POINTS:

Use these suggested prayer items as a starting point for where the Holy Spirit will lead you...

1. Praise God that He is El Shaddai, the Almighty God, the One who is more than enough. Praise Him as the One who breaks our chains, shatters ancient gates, and sets the prisoners free.
2. Pray that Christians around our city will not give up under pressure from spiritual attacks. Pray that we will press for a supernatural breakthrough in every area and situation, and that we will see God's deliverance soon.

3. As we prepare for a season of intense prayer with the Korean Team, pray for endurance as we enter the final stretch of preparing for God's next move.

4. Pray for the Lord's anointing upon the members of the Korean team coming to our city.

5. Pray also for the Holy Spirit, even now, to stir up embers of revival fire in the 21 cities

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WEEK 14 (May 4th-10th)

KEY VERSES FOR THE WEEK: Ephesians 6:10-13

REFLECTION: It's only natural to be filled with anticipation as we hear news of revival sparking in the distance. It's hard to quench the excitement of imagining a full fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon cities and nations in our day. It will be a time when many of the hardest hearts are drawn back to God. It will be a day when His manifest Presence is clearly seen.

But that doesn't mean evil will just give up and go away. It doesn't mean that life will be totally smooth and easy sailing from then on. The hearts of many churches will indeed be re-awakened, but there may still be clashes ahead. So, the believer who is wise and truly prepared will not only celebrate the revival but also will be getting ready for the battle.

Paul tells us in 2 Timothy 2:3-4, "Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer." He reminds us that our life here in this world includes being in a supernatural battle. We are called to be good soldiers, to be warriors who don't get distracted away from the field of war nor fail to pay attention to the voice of our Commander.

In Ephesians 6, Paul makes it very clear that this great conflict is not really with the flesh- and-blood humans in our world. The key antagonists are the devil's agents in the spiritual realm. To successfully wage war against such a foe requires, first and foremost, that we find our strength in the Lord and in His mighty power.

We've got to know who the principal adversaries are. We've got to put on God's full armor that He's provided us. We have to trust that, by His grace, we can take a firm stand against all of Satan's wiles at the end of the day. God will enable us to still stand strong.

With less than a week away from the arrival of the Korean intercessors in our city, the biggest obstacles are not logistics or money or city officials. Our battle is primarily in the heavenly realm. God is providing His power and resources going into the fight. We need to exercise faith and courage to step into the ring knowing Who is going before us.

The battle is the Lord's! And He is calling us to be ready for the true battle ahead. May we see with more than physical eyes but also with every spiritual sense He has given us. His armor and weapons are the keys to take the offensive and stand strong to the very end.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Praise God that Jesus is the Commander of the host of angel armies. Thank God for the opportunity and grace to enter into battle for the hearts and souls of nations.
2. Pray that the eyes of believers would be more keenly aware of the spiritual battles being waged around us and would have wisdom to know how best to pray and act.
3. Pray for the final stages of planning and logistical arrangements. Pray for smoothness in making ready all the hotel accommodations, meals, and transportation. Pray for enough Korean translators for every event (in Charlotte and every other city). Pray for all the host churches and their leadership during the visit: for divine protection, provision, and abundant blessing.

4. Pray for a supernaturally empowered safe journey for the Korean team coming to our city.

5. Pray for an increase in Holy Spirit fire in the 21 cities hosting the Korean teams.

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WEEK 15 (May 11th-14th)

KEY VERSES FOR THE WEEK: Luke 7:18-23

REFLECTION: John the Baptist was in a tough spot. For months now, instead of normally traversing the open roads of the desert wilderness, he had languished in a small dark prison cell. Instead of boldly and loudly proclaiming the coming of the Messiah to vast crowds, this prophet had only the company of a few other desolate prisoners and his jailers. Instead of seeing with his own eyes the raw power of God on display, he had to make do listening to the whispered rumors of what this Jesus was up to.

John knew how to wait. He had waited his whole life for Jesus to appear. He had prepared for such a long time. He had stayed faithful. But now, the wait must have been killing him. No one would blame him if a few doubts started creeping in. He was certainly a prisoner. Unfairly jailed and locked away. Where was Jesus to set him free? Wasn't He supposed to be the One? Could John have gotten it wrong?

So, John got word out to his own disciples to pay Jesus a visit. And once there, they were supposed to ask Jesus point blank, "Tell it to me straight: Are you or aren't you the One?" John was never one to mince words. And you could imagine that even this servant of God sensed his patience wearing thin.

Jesus answered in a very Jesus-like way. He first healed the sick, cured the diseased, and kicked out a bunch of evil spirits from those afflicted. Then He turned to John's disciples saying, "Tell John what you've witnessed today: the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead arise, and GOOD NEWS is proclaimed to the poor." Jesus knew that John would hear this message and remember all the past words of the Prophet Isaiah. And John's heart would be stirred, doubts turn to ash, and fire re-ignited again. The Messiah was here!

Have you been waiting for something from God for a long time? People have prayed weekly for revival for over 3 decades. They've waited long. Guarded the flames of expectancy. They have persevered faithfully. A good servant, a good soldier, a good son, or daughter KNOWS how to wait. And now is not the time to give in to doubt or weariness. It may feel like it's been a long and dark night. But the dawn is coming. Don't fall asleep now. Light is breaking soon.

PRAYER POINTS:

Use these suggested prayer items as a starting point for where the Holy Spirit will lead you...

1. Praise God that He is the Promise Keeper, the One who hears prayers and moves to release His blessings and power upon His people as they wait and call upon Him.
2. Pray that the Spirit will move upon many believers' hearts in our city and draw them to unify humbly in prayer, joyfully welcoming our Korean guests. Pray for a powerful anointing upon all the Korean team.
3. Press in during this season of intense prayer . Pray with expectancy during this Final Stretch for a mighty move of His Spirit.
4. Pray for God's heart to be on display through every visiting Korean intercessor.

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