

Sound From Heaven

Come, Holy Spirit...

Acts 4:31

Night and Day Prayer for Revival of the Church

21 – 30 May 2020

*The fullness of the Holy Spirit is needed to overcome temptation,
to stand in persecution and to gather in the harvest...!"*

(Luke 4:1 / Acts 7:55/ Acts 11:24)

Origin of 10 Days of Prayer

Jesus' last words moments before His ascension are captured in Acts 1:8: *"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."* The Bible says that in an upper room in Jerusalem, 120 people waited and prayed for the fulfilment of this promise, which came ten days later, on the day of Pentecost. Over the centuries the church has, in commemoration, kept the ten days before Pentecost in like manner, praying for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit of God.

Focus

The *10 Days of Night and Day Prayer* focus on *prayer for revival in the Church of Jesus Christ*, motivated by a longing of Christians that God will again pour out His Holy Spirit upon the church, so that the works of the first church may also be done in our generation.

This year

The 10 Days of Night & Day Prayer are from *21 – 30 May 2020*, and a special *Global Day of Corporate Prayer for Revival on Pentecost Sunday, 31 May 2020*. We will call to remembrance the revivals in history, and ask God for a renewed outpouring of His Spirit across the world. We suggest spontaneous prayer, facilitated with testimonies and/or video clips on revival, as well as using the proposed guidelines in this prayer calendar.

PRAYER CALENDAR

Day 1: Thursday, 21 May 2020

Lord Jesus, restore us... (Ps 80:7 & Matt 3:2)

Confession & repentance: Church leaders & members

Father, forgive us for losing our first love, growing cold, and for not loving You with all our soul and mind and all our strength and our neighbours as ourselves. (Mark 12:28-30; Rev 2:4-5, 3:16). Forgive us for compromising the preaching of the pure, undefiled Gospel; and for failing to fulfil Your command in Matthew 28:19 - *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations..."* (Matt 28:19-20; 2 Cor 5:18-21; Mark 16:15; Eph 3:5); for failing to equip the Body

of Christ to do good works, so they may grow in the knowledge of the Son of God and become spiritually mature, attaining the whole measure of the fulness of Christ. (Eph 4:11-13; 1 Thess 5:11; 1 Cor 12:1-31).

Let Your Kingdom come !!

The Kingdom of heaven is like...

A virgin, ready to meet the bridegroom (Matt 25:1-13)

"Then the Kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom." (Matt 25:1).

Lord Jesus Christ, our Bridegroom, we pray for the Bride of Christ to be pure, diligent, and shining brightly in Your Kingdom in these last days. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon the Bride, fill us with all the fullness of Christ, so that we may be the light of the world, a city set on a hill, glorifying Your name, expanding Your Kingdom. (Matt 5:14).

Simple prayer: Lord Jesus, fill my lamp to overflow.

Declaring God's name:

Spirit of holiness (Rom 1:4)

We proclaim the powerful work of the Spirit of holiness in every heart to convict the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment. (Joh 16:8).

Day 2: Friday, 22 May 2020

Lord Jesus, restore us... (Ps 80:7 & Matt 3:2)

Confession & repentance: Godly households

Father, forgive us as husbands, for not loving our wives unconditionally as Christ loves the church; for not setting an example to our children to obey You and honour your Word; for not demonstrating to them to honour their mother; and for not faithfully attending the gathering of believers. (Deut 6:4-9; Eph 6:4; Heb 10:25).

Forgive us as wives, for disrespecting our husbands and for allowing selfish ambitions to cloud our judgement and neglecting our responsibilities towards our husbands and children, society and the church. (1 Pet 3:1-6).

Forgive us as children, for disobeying our parents and disregarding their instruction in teaching us the ways of God. (Ex 20:12; Col 3:20). For this, we truly repent.

Let Your Kingdom come !!

The Kingdom of Heaven is like...

Labourers in the Vineyard (Matt 20:1-16)

So, the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few are chosen. (Matt 20:16).

Lord of the harvest, we pray for labourers to answer Your call to come, to lay down their lives and work in Your vineyard while there is still time.

Simple prayer: Lord, send me...

Declaring God's name:

Abba Father (Rom 8:15)

We proclaim Your name – Abba Father – over every household, every father, mother, and child – that through the Spirit of adoption at work in them will cry out "Abba Father"!

Day 3: Saturday, 23 May 2020

Lord Jesus, restore us... (Ps 80:7 & Matt 3:2)

Confession & repentance: Idolatry

Father, we repent of the idols we submit to and allow in our lives, as well as things of the world taking priority over spending time with You: screen time, social media, TV, material possessions, gambling, drugs & pornography and many such things. (Ex 20:4-5). Forgive us for honouring idols of silver and gold. (Isa 2:20-21; Ps 135:15-18), yielding to the lusts of the flesh (Col 3:5), being insincere in our love and worship. (Hos 10:2). For this, we truly repent.

Let Your Kingdom come !!

The Kingdom of Heaven is like...

The Mustard Seed and the Leaven (Matt 13:31-32)

The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, which indeed is the least of all the seeds... (Matt 13:31-32)

Lord of the harvest, we pray for a new generation of nameless, faceless men and women, to arise that will boldly speak and testify about Your love, life and resurrection from the dead, so that of the increase of Your government there shall be no end. (Luk 1:33).

Simple prayer: Lord give me faith.

Declaring God's name:

Deliverer (Ps 70:5)

We proclaim that You, oh God - through Jesus Christ - are the Deliverer of everyone who cries out to You for help, to deliver them from evil, wickedness and bondage.

Day 4: Sunday, 24 May 2020

Lord Jesus, restore us... (Ps 80:7 & Matt 3:2)

Confession & repentance: Murder, crime & violence

Father of mercy, forgive us as the church, for allowing the legalising of abortion, for our prejudices regarding robbery, theft, bribery, the rich and the poor, and for tolerating domestic violence - fearing the reaction of perpetrators. Forgive us for tolerating adultery, lies, and false witnesses. Forgive us for not valuing and protecting life, the livelihood of others, the safety of families, especially children, with godly fear. (Ex 20:13; Matt 5:21; 19:1; Rom 13:9). For this, we truly repent.

Let Your Kingdom come !!

The Kingdom of Heaven is like...

Leaven

The Kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened. (Matt 13:33).

Lord of the harvest, we pray for men and women, filled with the Holy Spirit, who will overcome the devil and all his works, by the blood of the Lamb, by the word of their testimony, and not loving their lives even to death. (Rev 12:11).

Simple prayer: Lord, make me an overcomer.

Declaring God's name:

Restorer (Ps 23:3)

Lord Jesus, we proclaim Your name as Restorer over every instance of wickedness, murder, crime and violence in our nation. You are able to restore all things. (Acts 3:20-21).

Day 5: Monday, 25 May 2020

Lord Jesus, restore us... (Ps 80:7 & Matt 3:2)

Confession & repentance: Fraud & corruption

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. (1 Tim 6:4-10).

Father, we confess our love for money, our greed and appetite for unjust gain. Forgive us for corruptive financial practices, for large scale unprincipled favouritism, partiality, obtaining "blod money" at the expense of someone else and for self-enrichment. For this, we truly repent.

Let Your Kingdom come !!

The Kingdom of Heaven is like...

A hidden treasure

Again, the Kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy, over it, he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. (Matt 13:44).

Lord of the harvest, we pray for a generation of men and women to emerge, who will not love money or fall to the lusts of the flesh, but who will be dedicated to share the Gospel with the unsaved, even at great personal sacrifice.

Simple prayer: Lord Jesus, I surrender all to you.

Declaring God's name:

Saviour of the world (1 Joh 4:14)

We proclaim Your name – Saviour – over every soul in our nation, breaking every stronghold of evil, setting men and women free from bondage and turning their hearts to their Heavenly Father.

Day 6: Tuesday, 26 May 2020

Lord Jesus, restore us... (Ps 80:7 & Matt 3:2)

Confession & repentance: Families, divorce, sexual offences

Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. (Gal 5:19-22).

Father, we confess that we have profaned Your ordained institution of marriage, often breaking covenant by lustful after things that you prohibit. Forgive us for all forms of adultery, fornication, rape, incest, sexual molestation, assault and other sexual perversions. For this, we truly repent. (Ex 20:14, 17; Col 3:18-19).

Let Your Kingdom come !!

The Kingdom of Heaven is like...

The sower who went out to sow (Matt 13:18-23)

But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty." (Matt 13:23).

Lord of the harvest, we pray for the message of Your Kingdom to reach every nation on earth, touching the hearts and minds of people. We pray for the soil of every heart to be ready and open, fertile and bearing much fruit for Your glory.

Simple prayer: Lord may my heart become fertile soil and bear much fruit.

Declaring God's name:

Redeemer (Isa 59:20)

We proclaim You as Redeemer of every household where there is suffering, pain, loneliness, rejection and violence. You redeem and restore those who are hurt as well as those who turn from their transgressions.

Day 7: Wednesday, 27 May 2020

Lord Jesus, restore us... (Ps 80:7 & Matt 3:2)

Confession & repentance: Women & children

God of love, forgive us for neglecting and turning our eyes away from the widow and the orphan, of women and children suffering injustice because of the brokenness of society. (Ps 11:5). Forgive for neglecting and hesitating to become involved in the lives of widows, orphans and those who are suffering, and for not bringing your light into in their darkness. (Matt 5:14). For this, we truly repent. Make us willing and able to do Your will. (Isa 10:18).

Let Your Kingdom come !!

The Kingdom of Heaven is like...

A dragnet

...when it was full, they drew to shore, and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels but threw the bad away. (Matt 13:48).

Lord of the harvest, we pray for the Holy Spirit to convict the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment (Joh 16:8), so that, at the end of the age, when Your angels come to separate the wicked from among the just, more souls will be saved than those who will be cast into the furnace of fire.

Simple prayer: Lord Jesus, purify your Bride.

Declaring God's name:

Healer (Ex 15:26)

We proclaim Your name as Healer over every widow, orphan, every man, woman and child suffering injustice, pain and sickness.

Day 8: Thursday, 28 May 2020

Lord Jesus, restore us... (Ps 80:7 & Matt 3:2)

Confession & repentance: Poor & needy

Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." (Matt 19:21).

Father of mercy, forgive us for turning a blind eye, for distancing ourselves from the plight and need of the poor and the needy, from shying away from the unemployed and the downtrodden, while having the means to help but taking care of our own needs first. (Deut 15:10-11; Prov 3:27-28; Isa 58:6-11; 1 Joh 3:17). For this, we truly repent.

Let Your Kingdom come !!

The Kingdom of Heaven is like...

New and old treasures

Therefore every teacher and interpreter of the Sacred Writings who has been instructed about and trained for the Kingdom of heaven and has become a disciple is like a householder who brings forth out of his storehouse treasure that is new and [treasure that is] old [the fresh as well as the familiar]. (Matt 13:52, Amp).

Lord of the harvest, we pray for every disciple of Your Word, to teach, admonish, encourage and correct those entrusted to them – both young and old, both wise and simple – so that none may perish, but all may be saved.

Simple prayer: Lord Jesus, multiply the disciple-makers.

Declaring God's name:

El Shaddai / All-sufficient God (Gen 17:1)

We proclaim that You are more than enough, the all-sufficient God, abundantly able to provide in every need of those in distress, unemployed, downtrodden, poor and needy.

Day 9: Friday, 29 May 2020

Lord Jesus, restore us... (Ps 80:7 & Matt 3:2)

Confession & repentance: Personal sin

And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person." (Mark 7:20-23).

Holy Father, in confess that pride in my life has resulted in much unnecessary strife and quarrels with family, friends, colleagues and even church members. I confess my sin of placing tradition, culture and preconceived ideas about God and church before Your Word. I furthermore confess my sin of personal idols like sport, over-eating, hobbies, etc., anything resulting in neglecting my relationship with You. (Ex 20:4; Eph 5:5). For this, we truly repent.

Let Your Kingdom come !!

The Kingdom of Heaven is like...

Forgiving one another

Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven." (Matt 18:22).

Lord of the harvest, we pray for every person who testifies of loving Jesus Christ, to be quick to forgive, quick to make right and be kept without offence until Your return. (Acts 24:16; Matt 18:35). Help us not to count offences, neither the number of times we have to forgive, adding no 'but' to our prayers, and to trust You wholeheartedly to avenge us. (Luk 18:7).

Simple prayer: Lord Jesus, let me be quick to forgive.

Declaring God's name:

Rock that is higher than I (Ps 62:2)

We proclaim that in every personal crisis, You are the Rock that is higher than us, You are our only Rock and our salvation; You are our defence; we shall not be greatly moved.

Day 10: Saturday, 30 May 2020

Lord Jesus, restore us... (Ps 80:7 & Matt 3:2)

Confession & repentance: Walk in faith

Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Heb 12:2).

Heavenly Father, You are the Author and Perfecter of our faith. Forgive us for not trusting You, relying on You, surrendering to You and putting our faith in You. We quickly resort to our own ways, following our own dictates and working out our own ways. Therefore, we are turning away to sin that so easily entangles us, hindering us from fulfilling Your purpose for our lives. (Heb 2:10, 5:7, 10:7-10). For this, we truly repent.

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The Kingdom of Heaven is like...

A wedding feast (Matt 22:1-14)

Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy.'... "For many are called, but few are chosen." (Matt 22:8,14).

Lord of the harvest, we pray that Christians will obey Your call to holiness and purity, and to live consecrated lives, separated from the world and its passions. That those who walk uprightly will prove themselves ready and be chosen.

Simple prayer: Lord Jesus, sanctify my life.

Declaring God's name:

Faithful God (Deut 7:9)

We proclaim that You are the Faithful God, even though we are unfaithful. You keep covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love You and keep Your commandments.