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REVIVAL GOD'S WAY

Revival is the sovereign work of God by His Spirit and Word in which He renews the faith and life of believers. God alone can revive; it is His work. Just as we cannot regenerate ourselves, we cannot revive ourselves. He is our only hope of revival.

God grants revival by the working of His Holy Spirit through the Word of God. It doesn't take place by chance or coincidence. It is not something that we can produce by our own wisdom and power. God uses His Word to reawaken His people to fresh faith in Jesus Christ and holy worship and action.

This issue of *The Prayer Closet* will focus on seeking God for revival. Since revival is His work, we must seek Him. We must humble ourselves before Him and cry out for His reviving grace. There's no formula for revival. There are no guaranteed steps to revival. We must seek God, waiting on Him to move in power in our hearts and in our churches. This issue will provide tools to help you pray for God's reviving power.

Scripture Prayers For Revival

The following are Scripture prayers that you can use to plead with God for revival. These requests are based on the Word of God and are the revealed will of God for the church. Plead these Scripture prayers with confidence and persistence. As always, begin by praying for yourself and then move to interceding for the other believers concerning revival.

O God, revive the believers of _____ Church so that we may rejoice in You (**Psalm 85:6**)

Restore, O God, the believers of _____ Church; make Your face to shine on us that we may be delivered from our backsliding (**Psalm 80:7**).

Rise up and help the believers of _____ Church; restore us to Yourself because of Your redeeming love (**Psalm 44:8**).

Father, grant a spirit of brokenness and repentance to the believers of _____ Church (**Isaiah 57:15**).

Living God, give the believers of _____ Church a fresh and powerful vision of Your holiness (**Isaiah 6**).

Almighty God, create in the believers of _____ Church a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us (**Psalm 51:1**).

O Lord, do not take away the sense of Your presence from us and do not take away Your Holy Spirit from us (**Psalm 51:11; Revelation 2:5**).

Holy God, cause the believers of _____ Church to acknowledge our transgressions and to see that our sins are ever before You (**Psalm 51:3**).

Father, cause the believers of _____ Church to be receptive to and responsive to Your holy Word (**Nehemiah 8:8-9**).

Father, cause the believers of _____ Church to be broken and humble, trembling at Your Word (**Isaiah 66:2**).

Lord God, cause the believers of _____ Church to call on Your name and to stir ourselves to lay hold of You (**Isaiah 64:7**).

Father, stir the believers of _____ Church to remove anything from our lives or church that would hinder our experience of revival (**Luke 3:4-6**).

God, convict the believers of _____ Church of any unforgiveness and bitterness. Give us no joy, peace, or rest until this is dealt with (**Ephesians 4:30-32**).

Father, as the deer thirsts for the streams of water, so cause the believers of _____ Church to thirst for You (**Psalm 42:1-2**).

Lord, I plead that the Holy Spirit will work powerfully among the believers of _____ Church (**John 16:7**).

Revive us, O God, that the believers of _____ Church will obey Your holy Word (**Psalm 119:88**).

O Lord, heal our backsliding; love us freely; turn Your anger away from us (**Hosea 14:4**).

Though our sins testify against us, restore the believers of _____ Church for Your great name's sake (**Jeremiah 14:7**).

Father, I plead that You will convict and save those who belong to this church who have been deceived about true salvation and are actually lost. Have mercy on them and save them (**Matthew 23:27-28**)!

Lord Jesus, enable the believers of _____ Church to return to You as our first love (**Revelation 2:4**).

Father, convict the believers of _____ Church of the sin of compromise. Cause us to hate this sin and to deal immediately with it (**Revelation 2-3**).

Lord Jesus, break the believers of _____ Church from a spirit of self-sufficiency and grant us a spirit of dependence on You (**Revelation 2:17**).

Father, I plead that You will create a spirit of praise among the believers of _____ Church (**Psalm 150**).

Father, enable us to deal with anything in our lives and our church that we have placed above You (**Exodus 20:1-2**).

Have mercy on the believers of _____ Church and restore us to a right relationship to Yourself (**Psalm 51**).

O God, grant the believers of _____ Church a burden for lost souls (**Romans 10:1**).

Father, create within the believers of _____ Church a spirit of prayer and fasting (**Colossians 4:2**).

Lord, reveal to the believers of _____ Church what is not pleasing in Your sight. Give us an unceasing burden about these things until they are dealt with (**Psalm 139:23**).

O God, cause Your people of _____ Church to love You with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength (**Matthew 22:37-38**).

Father, cause Your people of _____ Church to love each other with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength (**Matthew 22:39**).

Revelation 2-3 Prayer Model

Revelation 2-3 are Christ's messages to the churches of Asia Minor in the first century. These messages speak to churches of all ages. By praying through these chapters, you can plead with God to bring revival and change to your church. The following are suggested prayer requests that you can pray concerning revival in your church:

(1) Pray that God will give the believers a fresh vision of the Lord Jesus Christ (**1:12-18**).

(2) Plead that God will enable believers to return to Jesus Christ as their first love, their top priority (**2:1-7**).

(3) Ask that believers will commit themselves to be faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ no matter what their circumstances are (**2:8-11**).

(4) Call on God to convict believers about the evil of tolerating sin and false doctrine in the midst of the church (**2:12-17**).

(5) Plead with God to deal with immorality in the church (**2:18-29**). Ask God to strengthen the marriages in your church and to strengthen the singles to live a life of sexual purity. Plead that your church will be an example of marital faithfulness and sexual purity to the lost world around you.

(6) Pray that God will convict the believers of your church of simply going through the motions (**3:1-7**). Pray that God would empower believers to be bold in confessing Christ by their words and deeds to the world around them.

(7) Pray that God will mold the church into a body that He can powerfully use (**3:7-13**). Plead that God would deal with any hindrances that are keeping your church from providing a powerful witness and ministry to the world.

(8) Plead that God would destroy a self-sufficient, proud spirit from the believers who make up the church (**3:14-22**).

Praying For Revival In Your Marriage and Family

Marriages and families are struggling to survive today. Satan is throwing an all-out offensive against these institutions. The world is attempting to lessen the sanctity and the importance of these institutions. In the midst of all this, the church must stand for marriage and the family. The primary way to do this is through intercession. We must pray for the marriages and families that make up the church.

The following is a simple pattern for praying for the families in your church. It is based on the acrostic F.A.M.I.L.Y. This pattern provides a powerful way to intercede for the families in your church. You can use this pattern to plead for revival in your own marriage and family. I plead with you to pray for the marriages and families in your church. Through prayer, strong and godly marriages and families can be a living reality. Instead of complaining and lamenting about the breakup of marriages and families, we should be praying and pleading with God for them.

Faithful to hear and obey the Word of God (James 1:21-25; John 14:23). Pray that the Word of God will

be the foundation on which this family builds. Ask God to give each one a hunger for the Word of God. Pray that they will put into practice what God commands in His Word.

Active in serving Christ and His church (**Hebrews 10:25; Mark 8:34-38**). Plead with God to create in this family a longing to follow Jesus and to serve in His church. Pray that each family member would know Christ and would faithfully serve Him.

Maintain their prayer lives (**Luke 18:1; Colossians 4:2**). Pray that each member would have a heart for prayer. Ask God to create in each family member a longing to spend time with Him. Pray that the family would establish a family altar. Plead that the Spirit would give them a spirit of prayer.

Introduce others to Jesus (**Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8**). Pray that the family would be witnesses for Christ both with their lives and their lips. Ask God to give the family boldness in standing for Jesus Christ. Plead with Him to remove anything that would hinder them from being powerful witnesses.

Love as God loves (**I John 4:7,11; I Corinthians 13:4-8**). Pray that this family will love each other with deep and unconditional love. Ask God to remove anything that might hinder them from loving God and each other.

Yield themselves to God's protection (**John 8:44; Ephesians 6:10-20**). Pray that this family will confess and repent of sin. Ask God to enable them to cut off any avenue that Satan might use to attack them. Call on Him to convict them of the necessity of the armor of God. Plead that He would protect them from the attacks of the enemy.

The Word of God and Revival

God works through His Word to bring revival. These Scripture prayers are based on how we are to respond to the Word and can be used to plead with God for revival through the Word:

Father, You are the holy God; I tremble before You. Fill me with a fresh awe for Your holy Word (**Psalm 119:120**).

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O God, let our souls be consumed with a longing for Your Word (**Psalm 119:20**).

Father, teach me to hate and abhor falsehood and deepen my love for Your Word (**Psalm 119:163**).

Father, the world rejoices in wealth; I plead that I will rejoice even more in the riches of Your Word (**Psalm 119:14**).

Father, I plead that Your Word will be sweeter to me than any sin or worldly pleasure (**Psalm 119:103**).

Father, You are my Shield and my Refuge; teach me how to trust Your Word; enable me to cling to Your promises (**Psalm 119:114**).

Father, Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path; guide me by Your Word (**Psalm 119:105**).

Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life by Your Word. Deliver me from temptation with Your truth (**Psalm 119:37**).

Father, the hearts of the lost are callous and unfeeling toward Your Word. Yet, I delight in Your Word; deepen my delight in and enjoyment of Your Word (**Psalm 119:70**).

Prayer Closet News

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued prayer and financial support. We are laboring to finish our facility in Hickory. We have purchased a number of shelves and are getting it more organized. We are still working on getting our bathrooms finished. Once we finish these, we plan to have prayer workshops at the facility. We are also laboring to produce materials that will encourage and strengthen believers and churches in prayer. Please continue to pray for us. We covet your prayers and desperately need them. We would also ask you to consider giving financially to The Prayer Closet. We are deeply grateful to those who have donated and help us carry out God's will for this ministry. We are solely dependent of the donations of God's people. No one at The Prayer Closet receives a salary. The money given goes straight to helping us carry out our ministry goals. May God richly bless and keep you.

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