

## ***How to Pray for Revival and Awakening***

(Copied from **How to Develop a Powerful Prayer Life**)

- (1) **Ask God for mercy upon our churches and nation.** Because of Luke warmness, materialism, and sin, we indeed deserve God's judgment far more than His blessing. Therefore, we must approach God with deepest contrition and humility. (Daniel 9:18)
- (2) **Ask God to send deep conviction of sin, spiritual brokenness, a holy fear of God and genuine repentance among His people.** There will be no revival without these elements and only God can produce them in His people. We cannot "program" or work up genuine brokenness and repentance. (2 Corinthians 7:10)
- (3) **Pray for deep cleansing, genuine repentance, and spiritual power to engulf pastors and Christian leaders.** Revival and spiritual awakening are extremely unlikely without a fresh work of God in pastors and Christian leaders. Renewed pastors are absolutely crucial to a move of God in our day! Furthermore, pastors are on the front line of spiritual battle and desperately need the fervent prayer of God's people. (Ephesians 6:14-20)
- (4) **Ask for God to bestow spiritual hunger in His people and move them toward fervent intercession.** God has to grant people the genuine faith and the fervent desire for prayer. With all our promotion and programming, we cannot "produce" a genuine prayer movement in fleshly strength. (Philippians 2:13)
- (5) **Ask God to bring loving unity *in* our churches and a deep harmony *between* our churches.** Many churches need healing among members and many churches need to stop competing jealously with other churches. Revival cannot come without a deep movement of loving unity in churches. Also pray for love and unity between pastors. (John 13:35)
- (6) **Ask God to fill His people with a burning passion to see people saved.** (Only God can give a genuine burden for souls.) Until God's people intensely pray for the lost and do aggressive soul winning, revival will tarry. Be sure you are constantly praying for many lost people *by name*. (Romans 9:1-3)
- (7) **Ask God to grant His people a burning passion for missions and starting churches.** Great revivals produce an explosion of mission projects, new ministries, and new church starts. Only God can grant a genuine passion for missions. Our passion must also embrace *world* missions. (Matthew 28:19)
- (8) **Ask God to call thousands into ministry, missions, and Christian service.** Many churches are dying for lack of soul winners, teachers and church workers. Furthermore, we can start only as many churches as we have church planters to start them. (Matthew 9:37)
- (9) **Ask God to pour out His Spirit like a mighty purifying flood.** Ask God to purify our "motives" as we pray for revival. It is possible to pray for revival for selfish or ambitious reasons. We must have "God focused" rather than "self focused" motives for seeking revival. Our motives in seeking revival must be

solely for; (a) The glory of God, and (b) The increase of the kingdom of God. We must not pray for revival just to solve our own problems or make our church successful in the eyes of men. (James 4:2)

- (10) **Pray specifically for a mighty move of conviction and salvation upon key leaders and organizations of cultural influence.** Some key examples are, Hollywood actors and producers, government officials, educators, teachers, and college professors, news and media people, talk show hosts, comedians, homosexual activists groups, and the music industry. Provide specific lists for your congregation. (I Timothy 2:1-2)
- (11) **Ask God to so pour out His Spirit that 20 - 30 million Americans will be converted in a single year.** This would equal the Welsh revival when ten percent of Wales's population was saved in six months! Ask God for a modern day of Pentecost in the United States and Canada. Pray for overwhelming conviction of the lost and deep cleansing of the Church. (Mark 11:22-24; John 14:13-14)
- (12) **Ask God to send sweeping revival even if it takes hard times and difficulty to prepare the soil of men's hearts.** (James 4:2). We must be willing for God to do whatever it takes to send the next Great Awakening. For revival to come, we must die to self and seek God at all costs. If need be, we must be fully prepared to suffer persecution. Ask God to grant His people a genuine death to self and a full embracing of the cross. (Matthew 16:24)