

Thursday January 14, Day 11 Prayer Intention:

We are repenting on behalf of the church, for not standing up for Biblical truths and for having an apathetic heart for the lost and dying.

Scripture:

...as it is written: "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that could not see and ears that could not hear, to this very day."

Romans 11:8

Things we are praying for together:

(you can pray for all of these or choose a few to pray for)

- That we would have hearts of unity as the church
- That we would awake from our slumber
- That the church would have a greater measure of conviction for the word and prayer

Reflection:

Romans 11:8 came to me immediately when I started thinking of where the church is today. And for clarification, when I speak of the church, I am speaking about the church as a whole, and not specifically Crosswalk Church. The word stupor in the greek means slumber. The church is asleep right now. Asleep to what is right and wrong. If you speak when you are sleeping, usually you do not have control in what you say. God has allowed the enemy to keep the church asleep, and in that the enemy uses the church for his purposes.

Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed.

Romans 13:11

We also know that the church is completely split, with both sides divisive and completely erratic in their belief system. Looking at where the church is at right now, I honestly can see why there is such a decline in church attendance in past years. What happened to the church that started in Acts, that was full of unity and powerful exploits. People would be healed if they walked into Peter's shadow (Acts 5:15). The church would be in a very different place now, if we would have devoted more time to prayer than TV, more time in hearing Christ's heart than the hearts of governmental leaders, and if we spent more time interceding for our brothers and sisters in Christ. The facts are, the church has lost its power because our hearts have become full of apathy.

For the past week when I began to pray for the state of the church, this is the scripture that came to my heart.

*Lord, 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.*

Habakkuk 3:2

Prayer:

Oh Holy Spirit give us a heart like Daniel. He knew the time and the seasons of how and when to pray. May we know that now is the time to awake from sleep. Oh God we repent on behalf of the church who have fallen asleep to the cries of injustice and the marginalized society. Grant us repentance, that we would awake from our slumber and understand Your heart towards us, as Your children. That we would have the same love for each other as You have for the church. Amen