

# Monday January 11, Day 8 Prayer Intention:

Repenting on behalf of the Bay Area

## Scripture:

*"Lord," he said, "if I have found favor in your eyes, then let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance."*

Exodus 34:9

### Things we are praying for together:

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

- That the Holy Spirit would grant the Bay Area repentance
- That the Church in the Bay Area would rise up, and God would grant us boldness to speak truth with love
- That God would add to the number of those being saved and the church would grow (Acts 2:47)
- That the Lord would give the people in the Bay Area a tender and responsive heart to receive the gospel (Ezekiel 36:26 NLT)
- That we as a church would count the cost in what it means to share Christ with others

## Reflection:

Bowing your head is common among most cultures as a sign of respect. But how can you bow your head if your neck is stiff? We as a city have positioned ourselves in defiance to God. The neck turns the head, like prayer turns our hearts. They cannot bow their heads because they cannot bow their hearts.

In 2017 the Bay Area was one of the top ranking unchurched areas in the U.S. It was also one of the top ranking dechurched areas in the U.S. Dechurched means people who have left the church.

In 2019 the Bay area moved out of the top ten cities in 2017 to #17. In those 2 years the Bay area has reduced the number of people leaving the church.

<https://www.barna.com/research/post-christian-cities-2019/>

Now I know with this pandemic things have changed, but it gives us hope that God has been moving on hearts in the Bay Area for the last 3 years.

At the same time with the smaller percentage of people who do not go to church and the state of the church, this area needs Jesus! I don't know about you but when I see these statistics, I understand why I am here...why we are here.

## Prayer:

Lord, if we have found favor in Your eyes, then we ask that You go with us into the Bay Area to declare repentance, truth and life. We repent on behalf of any stiff-necked people. Forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as Your inheritance. We know we are born for such a time as this, we are born for such an area as this, we are born for such a purpose as this! Oh God grant the Bay Area repentance and cause Your face to shine on this city. May we be effective not only for Your kingdom, but for the broken, lost and rejected. Amen