

24-7 Prayer Guide

CrossPoint Alliance Church

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Prayers of Renewal

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God, create a clean heart for me, and **renew** a steadfast spirit within me.

Psalm 51v10



Prayers for RENEWAL

“In every age, the church needs renewing. There is a process of renewal and decline which we can see at play throughout history. It begins as God in his grace moves. Those open to his leading and humble enough to follow, respond. The move of God becomes a movement.”

Mark Sayers

Renewal:

The transformation of something back to its original intended design; to make new again.

Introduction

As we head into 2021, we want to specifically pray for **renewal**. We desire for God to do a fresh work within us as we move forward out of the distressing and depleting year of 2020.

We desire to have the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2v16), and to keep in step with the Spirit (Gal. 5v16-26) so that our lives are transformed and bear fruit in a world full of darkness. Renewal begins as we abide and remain in Jesus (John 15v1-17).

In order for us to be the people God has called us to be (his church) we must continue to be renewed into the likeness of Christ.

2 Corinthians 4v16 says,

*Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being **renewed** day by day.*

In this 24/7 prayer experience, we will pray for three facets of renewal:

1. Personal renewal (renewal in my heart)
2. Corporate renewal (renewal in the church)
3. Global renewal (renewal in the world)

May God use this intentional time of prayer as we begin 2021, to bring about the transformation of God – renewal - in our own hearts, our church, and the world.

Personal Renewal

(renewal in my heart)

*You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be **renewed** (made new) in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.*

Ephesians 4v22-24

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the **renewing** of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

Romans 12v2

- Read Romans 12v1-21
- Listen to the Holy Spirit's voice as it pertains to your own heart right now in the present.
 - What are you holding back from God? What in your spiritual life and relationship with God needs to be made new? What inner transformation do you seek from God? In what ways do you sense your relationship with God needs to be renewed?
 - Talk with God about these things.
- Repent, and ask God to create in yourself a pure, righteous, clean heart.
- Ask God for deep, personal renewal within your heart and mind regarding the things he has revealed to you.

FIVE WAYS TO CHECK WHETHER IT'S GOD SPEAKING:

1. He will not contradict what He's said in the Bible
2. Ask for the Holy Spirit to give you the gift of discernment
3. Ask the advice of a friend or leader who loves Jesus — what do they think?
4. Observe your own conscience — do you have a sense of peace or disquiet?
5. Ask the Lord for confirmation — to say the same thing in another way

As you finish, be sure to write everything down, even the things that seem strange or unrelated. If God is speaking, He will continue the conversation. If they are just random thoughts, that's okay; it's all part of the process of learning.

Corporate Renewal

(renewal in the church)

*Bring us back to You, Lord, that we come back; **renew** our days as of old.*

Lamentations 5v21

Pray the following specifically for CrossPoint and other local churches as the Spirit leads:

- Read 1 Corinthians 12-13
 - Listen to the voice of Jesus. How is he leading you to pray for renewal for CrossPoint and for all of God's people in various church contexts?
 - Write down what he says to you and talk to God about these things.
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- Pray for a humble and repentant heart for our church.
 - Pray we would be open to the voice of the Holy Spirit, moment by moment.
 - Pray that we would decrease, and God would increase in us.
 - Pray that God would renew the church in love by the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - Pray that Christ would dwell in our hearts in all of his fullness through faith leading to an increase in personal and corporate holiness.
 - Pray that our faith as a church might grow and increase in Jesus.
 - Pray that we would be rooted and grounded in love as children of God.
 - Pray that we would be filled with more of the Holy Spirit and less of ourselves.
 - Pray that we might overflow with love for others.
 - Pray we would make disciples of Jesus who make more disciples of Jesus.
 - Pray that we would be a faithful presence to the lost around us who need Jesus and to know the Gospel.
 - Pray we would more fully live out our vision to be a community helping people trust and fully follow Jesus.

If God speaks to you regarding CrossPoint, we would love for you to share it with us.

Send an email to info@crosspointlew.org.

Global Renewal

(renewal in the world)

“God does His best work for the world through prayer. God’s greatest glory and man’s highest good are secured by prayer. Prayer forms the godliest men and makes the godliest world.”

E. M. Bounds

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness...

1 Timothy 2v1-27

It can be helpful to focus our prayers of renewal at times of large-scale crisis on three particular groups:

1. People afflicted around the world: We ask God to comfort and renew those who suddenly find their lives torn apart by grief, loss, poverty, fear, anxiety, racism, trauma, corruption, etc. We ask for spiritual, emotional, physical, and mental renewal for hurting people in our world.
2. Pastors | Spiritual Leaders | Missionaries | The Church: We ask God to give courage and steps of renewal to all who carry Jesus’ name. Pray the church would seek to bring Christ’s presence and hope to others in the midst of trauma and profound questions of pain. We pray for a renewal in the global church that the Gospel might be proclaimed among the nations, especially as we embark into 2021.
3. Peacemakers, politicians, and governments: We ask God to give clarity and wisdom to government agencies and NGOs, blessing and supporting their efforts to bring justice, reconciliation, and aid. May God use those in authority and who have influence to bring renewal and the hope of Jesus to a hurting world.

Identify and pray for whatever global crisis weighs heavy on your heart today. Pray through the lens of Isaiah 40v31:

*But those who trust in the LORD will find **renewed** strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.*