



**14 DAYS
OF
PRAYER**

Prayer Partners,

Thank you for joining us in prayer! When God's people pray powerful things can happen. As we prepare for revival week prayer is a critical piece we must not neglect. Let's pray over the next 14 days for God to work in us so we are prepared to hear and receive from Him everything we need to fully live for Him. I hope you will also join us Wednesday, September 22, at 6:30pm for a church-wide prayer gathering in the Worship Center at the Raytown Campus in preparation for revival week, September 26-October 3.

- Pastor Brian

DAY 1: REVIVE US

Monday, September 13

We begin with a simple prayer. A prayer for God to revive us.

Psalm 85:6

Will you not Revive us again so that your people may rejoice in you?

Today we simply pray for God to bring revival. Revival starts with individuals, affects the church, and impacts the community and world. Pray for God to start this revival in our own lives as well as the lives of everyone in our congregation.

DAY 2: IT STARTS WITH US

Tuesday, September 14

2 Chronicles 7:14

and my people, who bear my name, humble themselves, pray and seek my face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land.

The church is the people of God, and if we are going to advance the kingdom, if we are going to connect people to Jesus Christ and one another it starts with us crying out to God in humility and prayer, turning in repentance, receiving forgiveness, and embracing healing. Pray for God to prepare us for this work so we may experience all that God offers when we humbly seek Him.

DAY 3: PROPER JUDGMENT

Wednesday, September 15

1 Corinthians 11:31

If we were properly judging ourselves, we would not be judged...

The first thing that will hinder revival is people being more focused on judging others than first judging themselves. Pray today that each one of us would have the humility and freedom that grace offers to admit our own pride and to seek deeper transformation and holiness.

DAY 4: FASTING

Thursday, September 16

Matthew 6:16-18

"Whenever you fast, don't be gloomy like the hypocrites. For they make their faces unattractive so that their fasting is obvious to people. Truly I tell you, they have their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting isn't obvious to others but to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

Through our daily devotional preparing for revival we have challenged our people to practice the spiritual discipline of fasting. Jesus practiced this discipline (Matthew 4:4) and gives us instruction as we imitate Him so we will have our reward from God. As we seek His blessing in this time, pray that each person in our congregation will practice this discipline in preparation for us coming together for revival.

DAY 5: APATHY

Friday, September 17

Romans 12:1-2

Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

The second thing that can hinder revival is apathy, becoming numb to the things of God. We are in danger of adjusting our values and priorities to match the world as we slowly drift away from God to conformity of the world. Pray that we would realize this error and embrace the truth that God's will for us is better than anything the world could offer.

DAY 6: SEARCH ME

Saturday, September 18

Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my concerns. See if there is any offensive way in me; lead me in the everlasting way.

To be revived is to wake up from a state of sleep. When are you aware of sleep? When you are awake, right? You don't understand sleep when you are asleep. Here's the issue, we can often be asleep spiritually and not even realize it. We can be asleep to pride, apathy, and other hindrances to revival.

Pray today that each of us and our congregation is praying this prayer. Pray that God would search our hearts, convict us, remove any hindrances, and lead us in the way everlasting.

DAY 7: WAKE UP

Sunday, September 19

Romans 13:11

Besides this, since you know the time, it is already the hour for you to wake up from sleep, because now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

What do we mean by revive? A simple definition- revive means "to come alive again." As we stated yesterday, revival is like waking up from your sleep. When we are asleep in pride or apathy, or any other hindrance to revival we are nothing more than deceived into slumber and missing out of the revived life of kingdom action God is calling us into.

Pray today that God would "wake up" individual lives from the slumber that would hinder revival.

DAY 8: PURSUING THE CALL

Monday, September 20

Philippians 3:12-15

Not that I have already reached the goal or am already perfect, but I make every effort to take hold of it because I also have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God's heavenly call in Christ Jesus. Therefore, let all of us who are mature think this way. And if you think differently about anything, God will reveal this also to you.

Once we wake up from our slumber and hindrances to revival, we want to have a heart that is passionately pursuing the call of God on our lives and church. As was the heart of the Apostle Paul, let's pray that God would give us a heart of never-ending pursuit of Him and what He is calling us into through Jesus Christ.

DAY 9: PURSUE PEACE

Tuesday, September 21

Hebrews 12:14

Pursue peace with everyone, and holiness—without it no one will see the Lord.

We are commanded to pursue peace with everyone if we want to see the Lord. We are praying to see God in a powerful way during revival week that would impact us going forward. There are broken relationships within our church and with those outside our church. Pray this would not hinder us from seeing the Lord. Pray for us to pursue peace, even with those who hurt us.

DAY 10: PURITY TO SEE GOD

Wednesday, September 22

Matthew 5:8

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Yesterday we focused on pursuing peace with others in order to "see the Lord." Hebrews 12:14 also instructs us to pursue holiness in this effort. Pursue peace with everyone, and holiness—without it no one will see the Lord.

Today, our verse from Matthew teaches us a kingdom principle we can experience here and now. If we pursue purity from the heart, we can see God. Wow! What an opportunity and invitation. Pray today that each of us and our people would be “pure in heart” so we can “see God” during revival week and every week moving forward.

DAY 11: HUNGER AND THIRST

Thursday, September 23

Matthew 5:6

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

During revival week are asking God to awaken our hunger and thirst for Him. As the Scripture states, we will be filled. Pray for each of us and the congregation to have a fresh hunger and thirst for the righteousness of God. Pray this hunger would bring the filling of God and His power among us.

DAY 12: IN THESE YEARS

Friday, September 24

Habakkuk 3:2

Lord, I have heard the report about you; Lord, I stand in awe of your deeds. Revive your work in these years; make it known in these years. In your wrath remember mercy!

We know that God is a God of revival and awesome deeds. We are praying now for Him to revive us in these days, to make know His powerful and awesome deeds among us in these days. We appeal to God's mercy to bring the revival we need. Pray today for God to bring revival in such a way that we would stand in awe of His deeds in these years we serve Him today.

DAY 13: COME DOWN

Saturday, September 25

Isaiah 64:1

If only you would tear the heavens open and come down, so that mountains would quake at your presence—

Tomorrow is Sunday, September 26, the day we begin revival week. We are praying for God to transform lives, to affect the church, and impact our community for the gospel and glory of Jesus. In order for this to happen God must come down in the power of the Holy Spirit and move in our midst in a fresh way. We must respond to His presence in a fresh way. Pray today for our upcoming week. Pray for God to “tear the heavens open and come down” in such a way that we would “quake at His presence.”

DAY 14: CALL ON HIS NAME

Sunday, September 26

Psalms 80:18

Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name.

What comes first, revival or crying out to God? This verse suggests that once God revives us, we are then empowered to call on His name. Maybe it's suggesting that with revival comes deeper awareness of our need for Him, a renewed effort to call on Him in everything we are and everything we do. It seems to be suggesting that a revival that leads us to call on his name keeps us from turning away from Him.

Pray today that we would experience a revival that turns our hearts permanently toward God as we continually call on His name.