

PRAYER GUIDE

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SCRIPTURE

"Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." Deuteronomy 6:4-9 NLT

"And I will give them singleness of heart and put a new spirit within them. I will take away their stony, stubborn heart and give them a tender, responsive heart, so they will obey me my decrees and regulations. Then they will truly be my people, and I will be their God."

Ezekiel 11:19-20 NLT

"I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent." Revelations 2:4-6 ESV

CORPORATE PRAYER

PERSONAL REFLECTION - Lord, would You give us the grit and grace we need to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength? Imbed Your commandments on our hearts. Give us the integrity and creative ideas to model, teach, and impress them on the children in our lives. Give us the courage and Spirit-led promptings to talk openly about them at home, as we come and go, first thing in the morning, and last thing at night. May Your thoughts never be far from our thoughts. Help us in our daily lives to tie your commands as symbols on our hands—what we do, and to bind them on our foreheads—what we think. May our neighbors see You in the way we live and treat them, as if Your law was written on our doorframes and on our gates.

Father, help us remember our first love with You. We embrace being people madly in love with you. Even now, show us what we need to be aware of in our personal lives that grieves you, so that we can repent and do what pleases You.

CONTEMPLATION - Listen for a moment and then respond to God in repentance and humility.

OUR WORLD - Today we stand in the gap for the cities, nations, and peoples of our world. Raw pain and hopelessness lie underneath the divisions fracturing us. Make us ambassadors of reconciliation and beacons of hope as we walk in Your love and proclaim Your Word. We believe for a fresh outpouring of Your Holy Spirit. Revive Your Church and bring salvation to millions.

Lord, empower us to both live and proclaim Your Word. We come before Your throne with one voice, boldly asking for a fresh outpouring of Your Holy Spirit. Lord, please bring REVIVAL to our cities and lands.

Lord, we pray against the pandemic that has been ravaging us for months. With no vaccine, we are reduced to lockdowns, quarantines, masks, and social distancing. We are thankful for the cities and nations where COVID-19 is mitigated. Yet, we continue to cry out before Your throne until this pandemic has been completely eradicated. In Jesus Name we ask You to eradicate COVID-19!

As one Church, we lift up the scientists, doctors, nurses, and other first responders battling this virus. We also pray for the "essential workers" risking their own health to protect, serve, and feed us. We specifically pray for our teachers right now. First and foremost, draw them to yourself. Give them a piece and confidence in the classroom. We ask you to divinely protect them and their students.

INTERCEDE - Let's pray for specific schools, first responders, and teachers. Lift up their names to God and feel free to share their first name only on Facebook.

HEARTS OF FLESH - Lord, we know you love every person You have made. We thank You for Your Word that is true. Everything and everyone that opposes Your word is a lie and we renounce every lie against Your Truth! We bring the lost and hurting before You today and we ask that you wake up those who are asleep spiritually. We declare to the dry bones that they be alive again, that flesh would form on them and Your Spirit would breathe new life into what has appeared to be lifeless. Replace hearts of stone with hearts of flesh. May we all walk in Your statues and keep Your judgments and do them. We desire to be Your people and we want You to be our God! As we seek Your face, we ask you to have Your way in our lives, in our families, in our city, and in our world. May Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. We declare to all the forces of hell that we will walk in the fear of the Lord and pull down every mindset and stronghold that opposes the wisdom of God. We thank You, Father, that this is the year of Your favor. This is our season to come into greater breakthrough and intimacy with You.

PRAISE - Spend a few moments right now thanking Him for His favor and a growing passion in your own heart for God.

THE DISCIPLE-MAKER'S PRAYER - Heavenly Father, Thank You for giving me a disciple-making way of life in Christ Jesus. As I go through every part of this day, help me to love You and love people who cross my path-starting with my family. Don't let me miss the adventures You are sending my way to live and speak the Good News about Jesus today. Draw my heart to You and to specific people You want me to pull close for Jesus-like disciple-making friendships. By your Word and Spirit, transform me info a follower of Jesus who loves you, loves people, and makes disciples who make more disciples. In Jesus' name, Amen.