

If my people pray...



What Do I Pray For?

Pray For God to Bring Revival

What Is Revival?

Many people mistakenly understand revival as tent meetings, evangelistic preaching and thousands being saved. While these things may arise from revival, God's true revival occurs at the level of the individual heart. It is a quickening, a reawakening, a rekindling of our spirit in God's direction. It does not arise from anything we do, just as our salvation does not come from anything we do. It is God's work. If God chooses to "revive" many of His saints over a short time span, the public result may be seen as a "movement"—but be sure to understand that it is God's movement and not the result of religious organizing.

Personal — *Psalm 51:12* "...Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me."

During one of Scotland's great revivals in the early eighteenth century, a tourist visited to see what the revival was all about. The news about what was happening in Scotland spread far and wide. Upon arriving off the boat, the tourist started looking for the gigantic revival meetings. He went to the churches, but they were closed. "Where is the great revival," he asked someone while passing? With a sincere look in his eye, and pointing with his finger to his heart, the man responding to the question said "It's in here." The tourist could not find the revival at street meetings, or large rallies. Instead, the revival could be only be seen in the daily lives of the people. Their attitudes, habits, and lifestyles. —from B. H. Brennan

Family — for God to touch the hearts of my family members.

⋮ "God blessed them; and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it...'" (Gen 1:28)

The family was the first of three God-given institutions for mankind. He appointed the husband to be the leader "on the ground" but he must lead in the way God ordains. Our prayer as a member of an earthly family should be God's revival in the lives of our fellow family members.

Church — for God to touch the hearts of every member of my church family.

Just as God created the family, He created the church. We often speak of our "church family" as we understand that the church is made up of our brothers and sisters. We relate and interact much as we do with our own family.

⋮ Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. (James 5:16)

Government — for God to touch the hearts of those in authority over us.

The government is the third institution established by God that we might live safely and in an orderly way. Romans 13:4 says, "For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing."

Since those in government are imperfect humans just as we are, government will always be imperfect. We must pray for those in authority over us but especially for those who are Christians that they may experience God's revival in their hearts.

National — for God to touch the hearts of every Christian in the United States.

⋮ Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance. (Psalm 33:12)

Second Chronicles 7:14 tells us that God's conditions for national spiritual revival are limited to His people, and only to His people. To be specific, the people that are called by God's Name ... the Israelites in the Old Testament and through His Son, the Christians in the New Testament.

With this in mind, every Christian should be praying for God's fulfillment of the Great Commission as the surest way to secure His blessing on this land.

⋮ Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.' (Matthew 28: 18-20)