



# MONTH OF PRAYER

Digital Guide















One of the most loving things you can do for your neighbor is pray over them. This month, we're setting aside dedicated time to prayer walk our neighborhoods and ask God to bring repentance, renewal, radical devotion, and revival.

## What is prayer walking?

"Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses."

#### -Joshua 1:3

Inspired by God's promise to Joshua, we can walk the victory of Jesus into every part of our neighborhoods and cities. Prayer walking is an easy way to profoundly impact your community.

Simply gather with your Home Group or friends and family and begin walking around your neighborhood, praying over the houses you pass. As you pass others on your journey, ask if there is anything specific in their lives that you can pray for.

## **How should I pray?**

Use the five types of prayer as a guide as you prayer walk. Contextualize these prayers to the places you're walking and the people you meet.

#### **Five Types of Prayer**

- **1. Praise** telling God how great He is
- 2. Thanksgiving thanking God for what He does and gives
- 3. Lament talking to God about what feels hard, hurtful, or wrong
- **4. Confession** telling the truth about your sin
- **5. Request** asking God for something

#### **Ideas for Prayer Walking**

<u>HolyGround App</u> – Map your prayer walks. Watch your neighborhood and streets get covered in prayer.

**Family Activity** – Prayer Chalking and Scavenger Hunt. Draw encouraging words, pictures, or Scripture on the sidewalk and use this <u>Prayer Scavenger Hunt</u> as you walk your neighborhood!

#### **PRAYER POINTS**

- Pray against forces that seek to divide our nation and undermine the democratic process.
- Ask God to forgive where our nation has failed to uphold justice, integrity, and truth in our political system.
- Seek the Lord's guidance in choosing leaders who will govern with wisdom, compassion, and moral integrity.
- Ask for forgiveness for any personal biases or prejudices that may influence our political views and decisions.
- Pray for unity among citizens, regardless of political affiliations, and for healing of divisions in our society.
- Ask the Lord to humble us as a nation and heal our land as we seek His face during this election season.
- Pray with expectancy that the Lord's will would be done in our nation's leadership and governance.

# **REPENTANCE**

**DANIEL 9:3-19** 

To begin our Month of Prayer, we ask God to forgive our sins, the sins of our country, and to show us mercy. In this week's passage, Daniel asks God for the forgiveness of Israel using the word "we." Although there is no evidence that Daniel is guilty of the sins of Israel, that doesn't stop him from repenting on behalf of the nation with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.

As you walk this week, ask God to forgive the sins of our nation. Be specific. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you what to seek forgiveness for concerning our nation.

## **Tips for Prayers of Repentance**

Spend time in silence before God. Sometimes, the best way to approach repentance is to simply be silent before God. Take three deep, slow breaths. Close your eyes if that helps you to relax into your breathing. Let your intent be to rest your whole self into God, knowing you are safe with Him like a newborn is with its mother. Allow Him to speak to your heart and show you the areas in your life that need to be changed.

#### **PRAYER POINTS**

- Thank God for the opportunity to pursue renewal in our community, nation, and individual hearts.
- Ask God to make us a people who look like Jesus, rejecting the values of earthly empires in our personal and national lives.
- Pray that God would renew our hearts and our national identity to align with His kingdom values rather than worldly power.
- Ask the Lord to humble us individually and as a nation, turning our hearts away from building our own empires.
- Pray for wisdom for our leaders to govern in a way that honors God and serves people.
- Ask God to give us a passion for His presence,
   His Word, and His people that transcends national boundaries and personal ambitions.
- Pray for unity in diversity, remembering how God scattered people at Babel but unites us in Christ.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal areas in our hearts where we've prioritized personal empires over God's kingdom, and pray for renewal in these areas.

## **RENEWAL**

# EPHESIANS 5:1-17 GENESIS 11:1-9

This week, we ask God to bring renewal to our church, our nation, and our hearts. Renewal usually precedes revival. In Genesis 11, we see humanity attempting to build an empire that reaches to the heavens, defying God's will. Today, we pray for renewal that aligns not only our nation but also our individual hearts with God's kingdom rather than human empires.

As Paul admonishes in Ephesians 5, we seek to wake up and rise from the deadness of our former ways, both as individuals and as a nation. We pray for an awakening to and reprioritization of the Lord's will for His people, our country, and our personal lives.

## **Tips for Prayers of Renewal**

Prayer cards are a simple but effective way to keep your prayers top of mind throughout the day. Write down your prayers on index cards and carry them with you in your pocket or purse. You can pray over the cards whenever you have a few minutes, or you can use them as a reminder to pray for specific people or situations.

#### **PRAYER POINTS**

- Ask the Lord to reveal areas where your faith has become stagnant or compromised, and pray for renewed passion for His Word and presence.
- Pray for discernment to distinguish between God's voice and worldly influences in all aspects of your life.
- Ask the Spirit to give you courage to stand firm in your faith, even when it's challenging or unpopular.
- Pray for our church to be a beacon of Christ's love and truth in our community, drawing people to Jesus through our unity and devotion.
- Ask God to help you maintain an eternal perspective amidst daily struggles and societal pressures.
- Pray that our radical devotion to Christ would be evident in how we treat others, serve our community, and prioritize God's kingdom in our lives.

# **Tips for Prayers of Devotion**

Choose a passage of Scripture that speaks to you and use it as a starting point for your prayer. You could ask God to help you understand the passage or to apply it to your own life. You could also pray for the people and situations mentioned in the passage. A helpful starting place for this practice is to pray through each phrase in The Lord's Prayer (Matt. 6:9–13).

# RADICAL DEVOTION

# ROMANS 12:1–2 REVELATIONS 14:1–5

In times of societal change and uncertainty, we are called to radical devotion to Christ. The Bible presents powerful images of faithful followers, singing new songs and standing firm amidst cosmic conflict. This unwavering devotion speaks directly to our current moment.

We have a tremendous capacity to live radically when provoked by something great. As Christians, we are part of the most epic story–God's redemption of the world. Yet, we often find ourselves conforming to the patterns of this world rather than being transformed by the renewing of our minds. We're called not to blend in, but to stand out as living sacrifices, discerning God's perfect will.

This week, we pray for a fresh encounter with God's holiness that ignites a passion for His glory. We ask the Lord to stir us to be biblically faithful, spiritually alive, and joyfully sent followers of Jesus. May we resist conformity and instead pursue a faith that transforms every aspect of our lives, allowing us to be living testimonies of God's power and love in a world that often pulls us in conflicting directions.

#### **PRAYER POINTS**

- Ask the Holy Spirit to convict us of sin, both personal and societal, and lead us to true repentance.
- Pray for a renewed passion for God's Word and a deep hunger for His presence across all generations.
- Ask God to increase our evangelistic fervor and give us boldness to share the gospel with our neighbors and coworkers.
- Pray for healing and reconciliation in divided relationships, communities, and our nation.
- Ask for a fresh outpouring of God's love that compels us to meet the needs of others, especially the marginalized.
- Pray for a revival of integrity, compassion, and godly wisdom among leaders in all sectors of society.
- Ask God to transform both yourself and your community, aligning hearts and minds with His kingdom values.
- Pray for unprecedented unity among believers that transcends political, racial, and socioeconomic divides.

## **REVIVAL**

ACTS 2:1-47

From the time the followers of Christ gathered in Jerusalem awaiting the Holy Spirit's outpouring to today, revival has come when God's people pray fervently and without ceasing. We recognize that God comes where He is wanted, and we declare emphatically: We want Him here with us.

In our current climate of societal tension and spiritual hunger, we pray for the Holy Spirit to move powerfully in our communities, families, and nation as He did in the early Church. We ask that awe would come upon every soul, believers would be unified despite differences, needs would be met across all segments of society, and the Lord would add daily to those being saved. May this revival transform not just individual hearts, but also the fabric of our communities and nation.

## **Tips for Prayers of Revival**

Prayer can be even more powerful when you do it with other people. Find a friend, family member, or small group to pray with on a regular basis. You could pray for each other's needs, the needs of your community, or the world. Commit to joining one or more of the weekly prayer meetings at the church on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday mornings.

# Resources

Below are various resources to guide you through this month of prayer.

#### **Books**

- Why Revival Tarries by Leonard Ravenhill
- With Christ in the School of Prayer by Andrew Murray
- · Sit, Walk, Stand by Watchman Nee

#### **Podcasts**

- The Awaken Network Podcast
- Practicing the Way The Prayer Practice

#### **Apps**

- <u>Prayer Mate</u> PrayerMate helps you pray consistently for the people and
  causes you care about. Develop a discipline of prayer as PrayerMate helps
  you organise your prayer life, know what to pray for, and actually pray.
- Holy Ground This app tracks the route that you prayer walk on a shared map so that everyone can see what streets have been prayed for.
- <u>Unreached of the Day</u> Pray for unreached people around the world.
- <u>Dwell</u> Discover the Power of Listening to the Bible. Bring the teachings and stories of Scripture to life, not just reading the words, but hearing them read over you.

#### **Month of Prayer Signup**

- Schedule Your Prayer Time (vll.ge/monthofprayer)
- A Prayer Slot is a time you commit to pray for one hour in your own space and join a 24/7 prayer chain at The Village Church as we contend for renewal, revival, and radical devotion in our church.

#### Join Us In Prayer

- Weekday Morning Prayer
- Monday 9–10 a.m. in Connections Central
- Wednesday 6–6:45 a.m. in Suite 288
- Wednesday 11 a.m.–1 p.m. in the Worship Center
- Friday 7–8 a.m. in Suite 288
- Monday Pray & Play
- Monday 9–10 a.m. at Market Street Playground (weather permitting)

