

## PRAYING FOR REVIVAL IN THE MIDST OF CRISIS

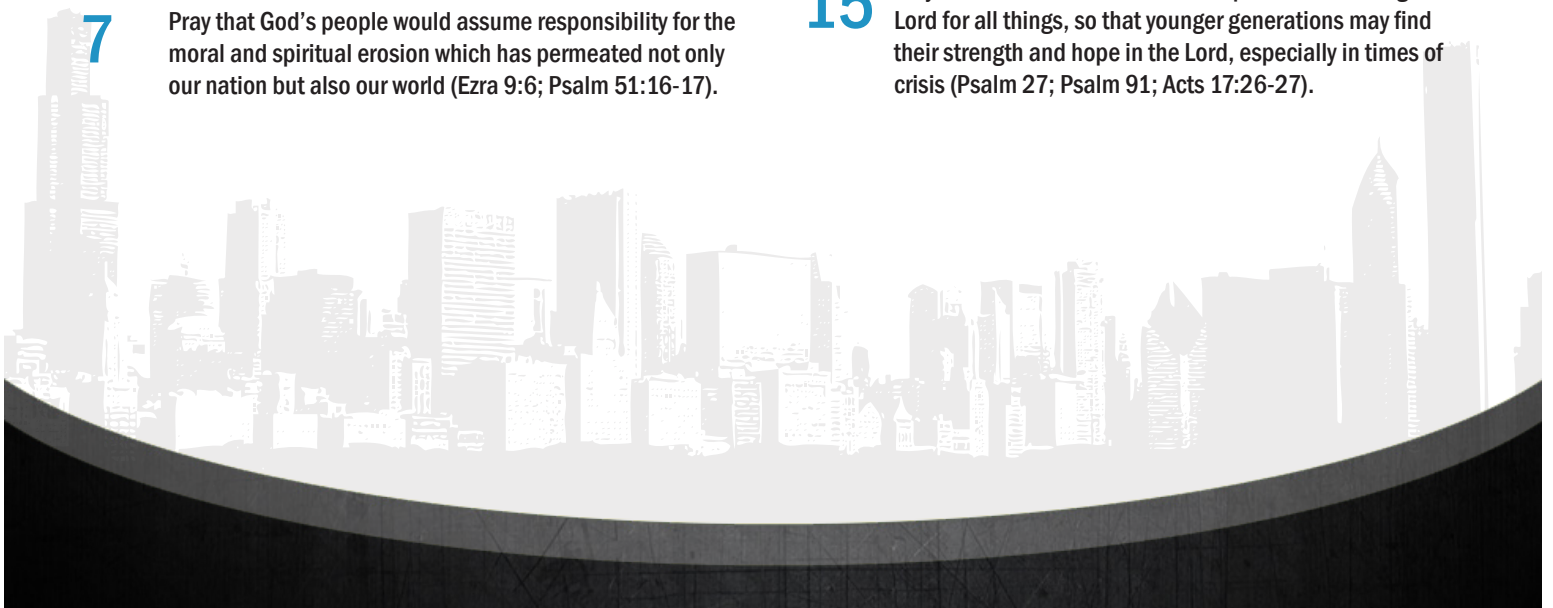
If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land (2 Chronicles 7:14 esv).

**Humble Ourselves**

- 1 Pray that we as Christians will humbly bow our knees before the Lord at the beginning of each day, so that we may receive His grace daily to live as we should (James 4:6-10).
- 2 Pray that those who have a personal relationship with the Lord will walk in a spirit of humility, as Jesus walked, living with a daily recognition that pride leads to destruction, and humility precedes honor (Micah 6:8; Proverbs 18:12).
- 3 Pray that believers will comprehend the value of humility: that it is better to be among the lowly than to share the wealth of the proud, and that God's presence accompanies those who are of a contrite and humble spirit (Proverbs 16:19; Isaiah 57:15).
- 4 Pray that each person in Christian homes (particularly husbands and wives) will be humble in spirit, in order that our prayers may be answered (1 Peter 3:7).
- 5 Pray that younger Christians will be clothed with humility, respecting their elders, praying about all that concerns them, and trusting God to exalt them at the proper time (1 Peter 5:5-6).
- 6 Pray that Christians would remember, with gratefulness, what we have been saved from, and that times of crisis would become tangible reminders of what we deserve apart from the mercy of God (1 Peter 3:13-17; Titus 3:1-6; Psalm 40:1-3; 68:19-20; 103:1-5).
- 7 Pray that God's people would assume responsibility for the moral and spiritual erosion which has permeated not only our nation but also our world (Ezra 9:6; Psalm 51:16-17).

**Pray**

- 8 Pray that God's people would unite behind praying for all who are in authority, that we may lead quiet and peaceful lives in godliness and reverence (1 Timothy 2:1-4).
  - 9 Pray that Christians will seek God first each day privately, before getting physically involved in His work for the day (Matthew 6:6-8, 33; Psalm 32:6).
  - 10 Pray that God would give pastors wisdom as they call their congregations to intercession and lead them to an understanding of the times (Ephesians 4:11-16).
  - 11 Pray that Christians' first response will be to pray when we become anxious about a situation, circumstance, or relationship (Matthew 6:25-33; Philippians 4:6-7).
  - 12 Pray that urgency and fervency would characterize the prayers of God's people (Isaiah 64:9).
  - 13 Pray that God would raise up an army of prayer warriors who would be willing to persevere in prayer and wage long war on their knees (Luke 18:1-8).
  - 14 Pray for the spirit of prayer to spread like wildfire across our land and world until every church becomes a house of prayer, saturated with seasons and extended times of turning to the Lord (Philippians 4:6-7; Luke 18:1).
- Seek God's Face**
- 15 Pray that adult Christians will set a pattern of seeking the Lord for all things, so that younger generations may find their strength and hope in the Lord, especially in times of crisis (Psalm 27; Psalm 91; Acts 17:26-27).



**16** Pray that God would increase our belief in His ability to intervene and do the impossible, especially in difficult times. Pray that we would forgo fleshly appetites of food, entertainment, and pleasure to seek the face of God (Hebrews 11:6; Mark 9:23; James 5:16-18; Isaiah 58:6-12).

**17** Pray that God's people and our national leaders would not trust in earthly wisdom, financial solutions, or political strategies to solve our difficulties. Pray that the Scriptures would guide all decision making (Zechariah 4:6; Isaiah 55:8-9; 48:17; Jeremiah 9:23-24; Psalm 147:10-11; Proverbs 21:30-31).

**18** Pray that God's people would not be self-sufficient or self-reliant. Ask God to show us our dire need of help from Him and others (John 15:5; 2 Corinthians 3:5; Nehemiah 6:16).

**19** Pray that God's people would lay down our petty differences, personal agendas, and divisive attitudes, and genuinely unite behind the need for an outpouring of God's Spirit in revival (Psalm 133; Ephesians 4:1-6).

**20** Pray that Christians will seek the face of God rather than His hand—that our chief concern would be His approval more than His blessing. Pray that we would place our affections and our desires on pleasing Him (Psalm 27:8; Revelation 4:11; Colossians 3:2).

**21** Pray that a healthy fear of God would permeate the hearts and minds of God's people. Ask God to deliver us from being ensnared by a fear of man (Proverbs 1:7; 9:10; 29:25).

### **Turn from Our Wicked Ways**

**22** Pray that Christians will daily meditate on the Word of God so that we may be kept pure, not sin against God, and allow Him to conform us to the image of Christ (Psalm 119:9-11; 1 Peter 1:13-2:3; Romans 8:29; Philippians 1:6; Hebrews 12:4-13; 2 Corinthians 7:1).

**23** Pray that we as Christians will understand our responsibility to live blameless lives before a lost, watching world (Philippians 2:14-16).

**24** Pray for God's people to quickly and honestly acknowledge our sins, seek God's forgiveness, and pursue reconciliation with others (Romans 2:1-2; Galatians 6:1).

**25** Pray that believers will become accountable to godly people who will lovingly ask the tough questions regarding areas of our lives where we might be vulnerable to return to "wicked ways" (James 5:16).

**26** Pray that we, God's people, would grieve over our own sin and how it affects a holy God (Nehemiah 9).

**27** Pray that genuine repentance would characterize the response of God's people to sin, and that the lordship of Jesus Christ would rule our daily living (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; Matthew 7:21).

**28** Pray for a contrite and broken spirit among believers as we become aware of sin in our lives and churches (Isaiah 57:15).

### **Hear from Heaven**

**29** Praise God that His hand is not short that it cannot save nor His ear heavy that it cannot hear. Walk in the promise that the Lord draws near to all those who call on Him in truth (Isaiah 59:1; Psalm 145:18).

### **Forgive Our Sin**

**30** Thank the Lord for His promise to extend mercy to those who confess and forsake their sin, and that He is faithful and just to forgive sin and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (Proverbs 28:13; 1 John 1:9).

### **Heal Our Land**

**31** Praise the Lord that He promises to heal the backslidden and to bind up the wounds of the torn and bruised and to restore the years the locusts have eaten (Jeremiah 3:22; Hosea 6:1; Joel 2:25).