

Do It Again, Lord!

Glimpses of revival and spiritual awakening are coupled with renewed hope. Revivals on college campuses continue to pop up. Churches are growing with the spiritually hungry - and some are experiencing record baptisms as people give their lives to Jesus.

Yet, we are dismayed by growing darkness that seems to target the vulnerable in society. Parents are engaged in battles over control of values taught to their children. People of different ethnicities are pitted against each other with assumptions and suspicions. The economy threatens to overwhelm families that cannot keep up with financial demands. Ideologies, lies, and bad theology lead the undiscerning astray.

Will we see God pour out His Spirit once again throughout our nation, as He has done at critical times in our history? Will we see Him refresh His people with Holy Spirit empowerment to impact lost people? Throughout Scripture and the history of God's people, a unified cry rises again and again: "Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?" (Psalm 85:6).

This month, we pray with renewed hope that the Lord will do another great move of awakening in our day.

1 Pray that revival and spiritual awakening will touch and transform churches and society. We've seen it before in our nation, and we long for the Lord to do it again! Pray that the hope of past breakthroughs will fuel our prayers for today (Habakkuk 3:2).

2 When God moves to restore His people, two patterns immerge: idols need to be destroyed and worship of the living God is revived. Pray for God to reveal the idols of the heart, for His people to repent, and for renewed exaltation of our God (James 4:8).

3 God's Spirit is stirring His people to pray once again for a fresh awakening. Evidence is all around us—on campuses and in churches—that God desires to renew His work. He's done it before, and He will do it again if we fervently seek Him. Pray for a renewed passion in prayer in your own life and among His people (Hosea 6:2).

4 The pattern for revival is simple: God's people willingly humble themselves and pray. But the calling is dramatic: it rests on those who will desperately pray while keeping their eyes fixed on Jesus. Pray for God to stir His people to cry out to Him with hope for a fresh awakening (2 Chronicles 7:14).

5 If we long for God to favor us with revival, we must be faithful to His truth. Instead of only seeking God's blessing, we must be honest about our sin. Cry out to God with a humble heart and plead for His mercy upon our nation (Isaiah 6:5).

6 Rather than expressing anger at the way our society is defying God's truth, we must pray in ways that release God's grace: prayers that result in peace, prayers that reflect God's sovereignty, and prayers filled with praise. Pray that we will replace our anger with prayers of hope in God alone (Psalm 67:3-6).

7 Although we witness the overwhelming cloud of evil enveloping our nation, God's transforming presence can invade any community or nation. And when God comes to town, there is a new reverence and fear of Him, which pushes back the darkness. Pray for God's presence to invade your community and nation (Revelation 14:7).

8 When God's people choose to repent, He unleashes the power of His Spirit in extraordinary ways. Repentance is the key to a revived Church. Pray for humility among God's people that leads to waves of repentance and returning to God and His purposes (Acts 3:19-20)

9 We long for God to "fill the earth with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea." But is it possible our lack of repentance is holding back that moment in our day? Pray that the Lord leads you into deeper levels of repentance that invite His glory (Habakkuk 2:14).

10 God delights to hear and answer our prayers, but our prayer lives can also be a hindrance in advancing His Kingdom. Invite God to shed His light on the effectiveness of your prayers based on the alignment of your heart. Ask God to show you anything that might hinder your prayers for revival (Psalm 66:18-20).

11 Signs of awakening are all around us. Yes, darkness is increasing, but growing fervency in prayer makes us ripe for revival. Pray for a unified vision to pray with a common hope for spiritual awakening. Ask God to bring your church into alignment with other churches in seeking Him for awakening of your city to Jesus (Proverbs 29:18).

12 It is appropriate to pause and lament over the condition of our nation and our desperate need for a sovereign move of God. When we see the sin and depravity, despair is the reality of our souls. Yet, God's compassion never fails and His faithfulness is great. Today, renew your hope in God that He will move again in our day (Lamentations 3:21-23).

13 The secret of keeping hope alive in the Lord is to understand His character in the waiting. As we long to see God send waves of spiritual awakening to our land, we are confronted with seasons of waiting on His timing. Embrace God's purposes and let Him change despair to hope as we wait on Him to respond (Romans 5:1-5).

14 When we pray for revival and don't see evidence that God is answering, we can lose hope. But hope that is deferred—that is still in the waiting—can also serve to create even greater longing and desire for God's spectacular display of grace. Invite God to stir even more fervency in your prayers. Let your season of waiting be filled with joy and peace (Proverbs 13:12).

15 Our nation has been blessed with seasons of revival and awakening—when God moves on His people to restore godly worship and stand strong as bearers of righteousness and truth. Pray that God will do it again, that He will pour out a spirit of repentance, mercy, and grace upon our nation (Psalm 33:12).

16 Revival awakens things that are dead. When God pours out His Spirit on dry and thirsty ground, the Spirit saturates a church with God's Word about God's Son so that people come alive to the glory of Christ. Pray that you and your church will experience the refreshing outpouring of the Spirit (Isaiah 44:3-4).

17 A Christ-dominated revival is filled with fresh vision for the future. What does God have in store for you, your church, and our nation? Pray for a renewed hope in Christ that will infuse you with passionate prayer and Kingdom-focused mission (Ephesians 3:16-19).

18 We are called to shape history with our prayers and partnership with God. Through our persistent cries for God to move on behalf of our nation, we invite the presence and glory of Christ to invade our land. Pray with hope for transformation in our culture and nation (Jeremiah 18:7-8).

19 Many of God's people have labored and toiled in prayer for revival for years. The renewed stirrings of revival in the next generation come on the shoulders of those who have long prayed for a move of God. Remember God's faithfulness and invite Him to stir a fresh vision for revival in our day that will impact all those who come behind us (Psalm 80:19).

20 Revival is a Christ-awakening to the fullness of Jesus Christ as sovereign and supreme over all things. We pray for those moments of increased glory of Christ in our midst—until that final day when He returns in ALL His glory! Pray for ever-increasing expressions of Christ's presence in our day (Psalm 85:6).

21 We may sense an overwhelming darkness covering our land, but the hope of revival is that God's glory will rise upon us once again and break through the heaviness upon people's souls. Pray that the Church will arise and shine to reflect the glory of Christ (Isaiah 60:1-2).

22 The longing for revival comes with awareness that all the wonderful things the Church is doing is not enough. Pray for humbles hearts—and ask Jesus to make His presence known so that the world will see Him through His Church (Psalm 80:18).

23 "Revival praying" is focused on the Kingdom of God as we cry out of the reviving presence of Jesus. Pray for an outpouring of the Spirit on our dry and thirsty land—a revival that is heaven-sent (Acts 2:17).

24 God holds nations accountable for not obeying His commands. Our own nation is guilty of rebellion toward God's holy and perfect ways. Pray for God's mercy on this land, that He will forgive our corporate sins and revive us with His presence (Micah 5:15).

25 Is God about to judge us as a nation—or pour out revival on this land? Our heart's cry is for the Lord to "do it again" with another earth-shaking, life-transforming revival! Ask God for an "alert and sober mind" to pray His purposes in our day (1 Peter 4:7).

26 We are called to watch and pray as days of turmoil surround us. Seek the Lord first above all things, meditate on His Word, listen to His voice, and pray with confidence for God's Spirit to infuse us with the hope of a refreshing revival (Habakkuk 2:1).

27 Discerning intercessors will pray effective prayers because their hearts are listening for the prayers that God Himself initiates and intends to answer! Pray that you will discern the times and the heart of the Father—and then pray accordingly for a lost world (1 Chronicles 12:32).

28 We are told to watch for the signs of the return of the Son of Man. Revival is just a glimpse of what it will be like when Jesus returns in all His glory. Pray that your spirit is alert to the signs of the times and that revival in our day will prepare us for Jesus' return (Matthew 24:30-31).

29 Waves of darkness threaten to overwhelm us in our cities and nation. But the Lord instructs us to be watchmen who pray with hope that "morning is coming." Yes, it will be dark. But pray for the glory of Christ to reign and the gospel to go forth like the break of dawn (Isaiah 21:11-12).

30 The power of unity in prayer is key to ushering in revival and the hope of a great spiritual awakening. The "prayers of all the saints" are orchestrated by God to bring about the fulfillment of the purposes of Christ. Pray for a growing crescendo of unified prayer throughout the Church in our day. (Revelation 8:1-5).

31 The Lord has done it in the past—both biblically and in our nation's history. He has poured out His Spirit in revival in response to the cries of His people. Pray that the Lord will do it again—for His glory and for the sake of lost people who desperately need to be awakened to Christ alone (Psalm 126:1-3).