Specific Prayers for Revival and Spiritual Awakening by Gregory Frizzell

• Ask God to bring deep conviction of sin, spiritual brokenness, a holy fear of God and genuine repentance among His people...in you.

There will be no revival without these elements and only God can produce them in His people. After all, we cannot program or work up genuine brokenness and repentance.

"For the sorrow that is according to *the will of* God produces a repentance without regret, *leading* to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death" (2 Corinthians 7:10).

• Pray for deep cleansing, genuine repentance, and spiritual power to engulf pastors and Christian leaders.

Revival and spiritual awakening are extremely unlikely without a mighty move of God in pastors and Christian leaders. Renewed pastors are absolutely crucial to a move of God in our day!

"Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should" (Ephesians 6:14-20).

• Pray for God to bestow spiritual hunger in His people and draw them to fervent intercession.

God has to grant people the genuine faith and the fervent desire for prayer. With all our promotion and programming, we cannot "produce" a genuine prayer movement.

"...for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose" (Philippians 2:13).

• Pray that God will bring loving unity in our churches and a deep harmony between our churches.

Many churches need healing among members and many churches need to stop competing jealously with other churches.

"By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

• Pray for God to fill His people with a passion to see people saved.

Only God can give a genuine burden for souls. Until God's people intensely pray for the lost and do aggressive soul winning, revival will tarry. Be sure you are constantly praying for many lost people by name.

"I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience testifies with me in the Holy Spirit, that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed, *separated* from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh, who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the *temple* service and the promises, whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen" (Romans 9:1-5).

• Pray for God to give His people a passion for missions and starting churches.

Great revivals produce an explosion of mission projects, new ministries and new church starts. Only God can grant a genuine passion for missions.

"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 28:19-20).

• Pray that God will call thousands into ministry, missions and Christian service.

Many churches are dying for lack of soul winners, teachers and church workers. Furthermore, we can start only as many churches as we have church planters to start them.

"Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few'" (Matthew 9:37).

• Pray that God will pour out His Spirit like a mighty purifying flood.

Ask God to purify our motives as we pray for revival. After all it is possible to pray for revival for selfish or ambitious reasons. Our motives must be solely for: (a) the glory of God, and (b) the increase of the kingdom of God. We must not pray for revival just to solve our own problems or make our church successful in the eyes of men.

"You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God" (James 4:2).

• Pray for a mighty move of conviction and salvation upon communities of cultural influence.

Some key examples are Hollywood actors and producers, government officials, educators, teachers, college professors, news and media people, talk shows hosts, comedians, homosexual activist groups, and the music industry.

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness" (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

• Specifically pray for God to pour out His Spirit in a fashion even greater than He did in America in 1858 and Wales in 1904.

Ten percent of Wales' population was saved in five months! Ask God for a modern day Pentecost in the United States and Canada.

"Have faith in God,' Jesus answered. 'Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours'" (Mark 11:22-24).

"Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do *it*" (John 14:13-14).

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