



THE COLLEGIATE DAY OF PRAYER

40 Day Prayer Guide

Welcome to the CDOP 40-Day Prayer Guide!

In 1823, nearly every major denomination and university across America agreed to a united day of prayer for colleges. Soon America's colleges were being radically transformed by intense seasons of spiritual awakening! The early records of many of these universities read like a virtual history of spiritual revival. In fact, no other nation has enjoyed as many student awakenings for as many consecutive years as the United States of America.

Today, this historic day of prayer is once again being observed by pastors and leaders, fathers and mothers, grandparents, alumni, faculty and students all across our nation. On the last Thursday of every February, believers across many churches, denominations, ministries, ethnicities, generations and walks of life are uniting to pray that God would renew His mighty works once again in our day!

Our desire is not only to cover every college campus in prayer for revival, but to pray specifically for individual students, faculty and staff to experience the life-changing presence of Jesus. We want to pray with the understanding that, when we adopt a campus, we are not only praying for places and locations, but also for the people who make up the communities on our college campuses.

Would you consider adopting your university, the local colleges in your region, your alma mater, or the colleges where your children and grandchildren attend? Would you consider gathering friends, families, parents and children in united, fervent prayer and heart-preparation for revival?

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DAY 1

Revival Preceded by
Prayer & Repentance

Sammy Tippit

“But tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high...” — Luke 24:49 (KJV)

Every great revival in the history of the Church has been preceded by holy, humble, praying men and women. There is no shortcut to revival. If we're going to have revival that shakes our churches and our communities, we're going to have to get a group of people, somewhere, sometime, somehow, to pray. I've discovered that when the wind of God blows, it always blows across a praying people. We can't twist God's arm to send revival, but we can get in a position to receive it. And the position to receive it is prayer.

Perhaps my closest heartbeat to genuine Spirit-sent revival has been in the nation of Romania. I started traveling there in 1980. I was a pastor in Germany when I went into Romania, and I saw something I had never seen before...

There was a pastor who came to that church who taught the people to pray. He did two things: he taught the people to pray, and he called for repentance. They repented of the sins that were in their lives and sins that were in the church. They were broken before God and entered into a covenant of repentance.

And the people prayed, and they prayed, and they prayed. And the more they prayed, the darker it got, and the worse it became. God was preparing a people...

When the blood of the martyrs began to flow in the streets of Timisoara, there was a release of the wrath of God on the evil Ceausescu regime, and a release of the glory of God on the people of God. An estimated 200,000 people gathered in the main square. They were all atheists. They were all trained from kindergarten to the postgraduate university level in scientific atheism. They were taught there is no God. The pastor of the First Baptist Church stood up before the crowd and began to preach. As he preached on the cross of Jesus Christ, a *dunamis* took place.

The crowd of about 200,000 people, all of whom were trained in atheism, began to shout, “Existe Dumnezeu! Existe Dumnezeu!” (which translated means, “There is a God! There is a God!”) Faith erupted in the whole population. This spread from one town to another town to another town.

As I walked on the streets, people who didn’t know me but could tell I was from the West, throngs of people on the streets — not church people but people on the streets — would gather around and would begin to shout, “Existe Dumnezeu! Existe Dumnezeu! Existe Dumnezeu!” (There is a God! There is a God! There is a God!) The theme song of the days of revolution was a song about the second coming of Jesus Christ. I’m not saying the whole country was converted, but there was a visitation of God upon the nation in which the spirit of atheism in one divine moment was blown out of the country.

Pray for Christians to humble themselves and commit to fervent, persistent prayer for God to make His manifest presence known, especially when things grow darker in the world around us.

Pray for a broken heart and contrite spirit among ministries on campus. Ask God to work so profoundly among believers that they seek God with a greater sense of desperation than they’ve ever known.

Pray for genuine heart change among those seeking revival on campuses. Pray for transparency that results in deep confession of sin and authentic change of heart and lifestyle.

Pray for a divine visitation of the glory of God upon college campuses that will cause even the hardest of hearts to surrender to Him and declare that “there is a God!”

DAY 2

America Is in a Nineveh Moment

Chris Ngai

“The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now one greater than Jonah is here.”

— **Matthew 12:41 (NIV)**

Years ago, a pastor asked one of the most heart-provoking questions, in a room full of praying believers: “Is our level of prayer matching the level of the *need of the hour*?” While the quantity of prayer is increasing as never before in our nation, a greater question remains: is the *depth* and *urgency* of our prayers matching the level of need in this hour?

I’m stirred by the response of the people of Nineveh, in the days of Jonah. God gave Jonah a message to deliver in that urgent hour: “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned.” Amazingly, there was no hope of redemption or a call to repent – it was simply a word of judgment, the final hour for Nineveh.

America is in a Nineveh moment. We are in the *final call* for repentance and revival as a nation! God is giving us a window of mercy, a season of time, to respond as the people of Nineveh did. We will either lose the promises of God as a nation, or we will see the rebirthing of the purposes of God in our nation. But God is looking for us to respond, in the same way that the Ninevites responded in Jonah’s day!

There are five key ways that Nineveh responded that brought in a great outpouring of mercy and revival:

1. They believed God: this is a profound statement – a completely godless generation heard the word of the Lord, awakened to the urgency of the hour and *believed God*.
2. They declared a fast: giving up the enjoyments, pleasures and distractions of this life, they humbled themselves and became *wholeheartedly focused* on their desperate need for God!
3. All of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth: they allowed themselves to feel uncomfortable *continuously*, so they would not forget, even for a moment, the urgency of the hour they were living in.
4. Everyone *urgently* called on God: this was a *desperate, heart-wrenching cry*

for mercy, from all the people of Nineveh – knowing that if they did not catch the attention of heaven, in that *window of time*, there would be no hope for their people or their nation.

5. They *turned away* from their evil ways and violence: they gave up their offensive and grievous ways before the Lord, responding with a deep and life-altering repentance!

They did all of this, not even with the guarantee of mercy, but with the hope that God might have compassion and “turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”

“When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.” (Jonah 3:5-10)

How will we respond in this *critical season* of our nation’s history, to the invitation of heaven to return to Him *with all of our hearts*?

Pray that both believers and unbelievers would awaken to the urgent hour that our nation is in, that our eyes and ears would be open to the final call for repentance and revival that is sounding forth from heaven!

Pray that both believers and unbelievers would respond with wholeheartedness in the way that God is looking for in this hour. Pray especially for His Spirit of repentance, humility, fasting and urgent prayer to come upon His people like never before!

Ask God how He would have you and your ministry respond specifically, to the call of God over our campuses and nation. What is the level of prayer, humility, seeking and repentance that He is inviting you into that is needed to match the level of need in this urgent hour? Write it down and commit yourselves, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, to walk it out over these next 40 days!

Pray for believers to be rooted and grounded in the love of the Father and be set free from all comparisons with others.

DAY 3

Wholehearted
Consecration

Thai Lam

“As for these four youths, God gave them learning and skill in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.” – Daniel 1:17 (ESV)

“That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him.” – Ephesians 1:17 (ESV)

In the days of Nebuchadnezzar and Israel’s exile to Babylon, four Jewish teenagers Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah are brought into Nebuchadnezzar’s school of leadership to be trained in the language and literature of Babylon. Part of the training was a daily regiment of the king’s choice foods. What was Nebuchadnezzar’s objective in taking a handful of young leaders from a slave nation and giving them a full ride to Babylon’s “Ivy League” university including room and board in the king’s palace and dining hall?

I believe Nebuchadnezzar desired to cultivate an appetite in these future leaders for Babylonian comforts and pleasures, to erode their efforts to preserve Jewish heritage and their zeal to be set apart according to Jewish law, and to dull their resistance from imbibing the spirit and culture of Babylon. With their admission to the University of Babylon, these four Jewish teenagers were also given Babylonian names: Daniel, whose name means “God is my judge”, is renamed Belteshazzar, meaning “Lady, protect the King.” Hananiah (“Yahweh has been gracious”) is renamed Shadrach (“I am fear of god”). Mishael (“Who is what God is?”) is renamed Meshach (“I am despised, contemptible, humiliated”). And Azariah (“Yahweh has helped”) is renamed Abednego (“Servant of Nebo”). Nebuchadnezzar wanted to redefine their very identity.

Like Nebuchadnezzar in Babylon, Satan, in the modern context of our secular, humanistic universities, desires to erode our zeal for holiness and wholeheartedness for Jesus and to dull our resistance to the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life. The same holy prescription applies for us today as it did for Daniel and his comrades

in the days of Babylon: these young leaders gave themselves to a consecrated lifestyle of extended fasting and regular prayer.

They voluntarily chose to forego the pleasures of the king's fine dining and embraced a prayerful lifestyle of fasting on vegetables for the three years they were at the University of Babylon. In learning to refuse the legitimate pleasures of food, favor, and comfort, they grew in grace and strength to refuse the illegitimate pleasures of compromise, pleasing man, and selfish ambition. By allowing the Lord to operate on the appetites of their bellies through a lifestyle of fasting and prayer, God gave them "learning and skill in all literature and wisdom" ten times better than their peers, and they became leaders with understanding from heaven that shifted history.

Pray for God to raise up ones like Daniel on college campuses that would be set apart for God's purposes and would fast and pray for breakthrough on their campus.

Pray for God to raise up leaders on campus like Daniel who have the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of God.

DAY 4

Into the
Wilderness

David & Audry Kim

“Immediately the Spirit impelled Him to go out into the wilderness. And He was in the wilderness forty days...”
— ***Mark 1:12-13 (NASB)***

The life and ministry of Jesus on the earth were spectacular. Had He a ministry newsletter, it would have read: *“the blind receive sight and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them.”* But before Jesus *“returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit”* (Luke 4:14), the *“Spirit impelled Him to go out into the wilderness”* (Mark 1:12). Between the transitional moment between His public commissioning and His public ministry, there was a 40-day wilderness of fasting and prayer. Before God manifests His power, He first “impels” His Body into this same wilderness.

From the First and Second Great Awakenings in the 1700 and 1800s to the Jesus Movement of the 1970s, every great move of God has been preceded by great movements of prayer and fasting. God has impelled His people into this wilderness throughout church history, and they came forth in His power. Historically, universities have been ground zero for such seasons of revival. In the words of Jonathan Edwards, “it all began with the young people.”

So it is true in our day. Before there can be any Jesus movement, there must come first a Jesus fast. As the Holy Spirit impelled Jesus into the wilderness, may the Lord impel us in this season of prayer and fasting.

Pray for supernatural grace for fasting — that our hunger for His presence would far exceed our hunger for comfort, strength and earthly enjoyments.

DAY 5

A Different Kind of Praying

David Smithers

“If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.”
— ***John 14:14 (NKJV)***

Prayer proves the promises of God. Unlike anything else, answered prayers are living proof that God is our Father and King. God sovereignly rules everything in His Kingdom by the laws of asking and receiving. King Jesus invites us, *“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives” (Matt. 7:7-8)*. This red-letter promise still stands and dares to be proven.

But what kind of praying proves God’s revival promises — What does revival *asking* look like? James 5:16-18 says, *“Elijah prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain... Then he prayed again, and the heavens poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.”* Revival prayers are *hungry* prayers—They chase hard after God’s presence and *refuse* to give up until Heaven comes down! 1 Kings 18:41-45 tells us that Elijah prayed repeatedly, not once, not twice, but *seven* times before the rains came. Revival prayer doesn’t stop until God says stop. Like everything in God’s Kingdom, our praying *must* be done earnestly and repeatedly, with *all* our heart, soul and strength (Deut. 4:29, Deut. 6:5).

True revival praying is *more* than just engaging God with artwork, music or dance. It’s more than convenient Daniel fasts or quick visits to the prayer room. The need of the hour demands a different and deeper kind of praying. We need the heartache and travail of the old revival weepers. It’s time to stop the ministry treadmill, and come down off our platforms and stages and learn how to *wait* on God again! Some say such methods are only for the faithless and fearful. But Jesus never struggled with fear or unbelief, yet He often tarried long through the night with tears and fervent cries. Hebrews 5:7 says, *“He offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears.”*

Jesus prayed like no one else has ever prayed, because His heart was broken by the *eternal* needs of the whole world. Jesus wept over multitudes of lost souls all rushing toward Hell. While we freely weep for ourselves, we have no tears for our lost and sin-sick generation! Today, Jesus sees the peril and pain of our nation, but He doesn't turn away or hide His eyes. No, He *sees it all* and weeps, and wonders, where are the intercessors? Where are the ones who care and hurt enough to stand in the gap and keep on *asking* until the answer comes? Jesus says, "*Ask Me and I will answer you!*"

Pray specifically, so you can clearly recognize when and how the answer comes.

Pray with an urgency that is consistent with the need of the hour.

Ask, seek and knock until God's revival promise fully comes.

DAY 6

Waiting in One
Accord for the Spirit

Peter Kim

“And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.” — Luke 24:49 (KJV)

On the eve of our Lord’s ascension and the greatest outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Jesus commands His disciples to do one thing: wait for power to come from on high to be witnesses of Him in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:4,8).

Before Pentecost and three thousand souls being saved in a single day, Scripture tells us that the believers were of “one accord in prayer and supplication” while tarrying for 10 days in the upper room (Acts 1:14). By devoting themselves to prayer in humility before the Lord, they received the promise of the Father for power to be witnesses.

God sets His church on fire to set the world on fire. If we are to see revival in our generation, we too must come together, realize our great need for God, and cry out to Him for the power of His Spirit. Paul Washer wisely preached, “Men and women who are used of God, if I had only a few words to describe them: they are the passionately weak and the violently desperate.”

Pray for believers on campus to realize their absolute dependence on Him.

Pray for believers to devote themselves to prayer for another Pentecost on their campus.

DAY 7

**This Is My
Beloved Son**

Lou Engle & Dean Briggs

“You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.”
— Matthew 3:17 (NKJV)

Before Jesus begins his 40-day season of fasting in the wilderness, the Father declares over Jesus, *“This is My beloved Son!”*

Every test that follows must be seen in this light. Satan’s strategy is to tempt Jesus to act in such a way that He will deny the Father’s words through insecurity or impatience. After all, He has not healed a single person, cast out a single demon or preached a single message. No water has been turned to wine. No storm has stilled. Neither cross nor resurrection has yet occurred. How many of us feel the need to prove ourselves? Satan tries to tempt Jesus: *You are the son of God — act like it! Do something. Get this Messiah show on the road!*

But a son does not need to prove anything to his father. He simply abides in love. Before any public ministry or private triumph, before Jesus does any work at all, His relationship to His Father is secure as a matter of sonship and not achievement. One of the great lies in Satan’s arsenal is to convince us that God loves *human doings* more than human beings. Even when Jesus had no resume, He had the Father’s love. He did not earn it — He received it. He was driven into the wilderness to confront the enemy on this very ground.

Pray for believers to understand their identity as God’s children and for the confidence that comes with it.

DAY 8

Hunger for the
Word of God

Collegiate Jesus Fast Team

“Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.” — Matthew 4:4 (NASB)

For 40 days, our Lord fasted and prayed in the wilderness. Jesus did not simply endure a 40-day season of misery, but He emerged victorious over the powers of Satan. He was not at His weakest after He had fasted, though He “became hungry.” He was at His strongest, triumphing over the devil, and launching from these 40 days into 3 years of ministry that would change the world. In studying the accounts of Jesus’ 40-day fast that are detailed in the Gospels, we see both the secret and the source to the success of His fast: the Word of God.

The Word is our sustenance. As *Deuteronomy 32:47* majestically states: “[The Word] is not an idle word for you; indeed it is your life.” When we fast, we feast on a different bread: the bread of life, the very Word of God. In one sense, we not only “eat the scroll” but nothing else entirely. *In fasting, we voluntarily remove the rocks and thorns of the pleasures of this world, so that the seed of the Word of God may find a fertile soul.* In feasting on the Word, we discover the promise of Scripture is true: we live on every word that proceeds from His mouth. When we put aside the scraps of this world, we find full pleasure in the buffet of His Word, so much so that we might exclaim with the psalmist: “*My soul is consumed with longing at all times for your law*” (*Psalms 119:20*).

The Word is our sword. *Ephesians 6:17* declares that the word of God is the “*sword of the Spirit*.” In the wilderness, as the enemy tries to tempt Jesus, He responds with “*it is written*.” In doing so, He sets a model for all of His disciples: to wage war against darkness with His eternal decrees set forth in the written Word. The Scriptures are the absolute authority, and it is the foundation for all of our prayers. When we pray the Scriptures, we pray in His name and by His authority.

Let us heed the wise words of Charles Spurgeon: *“The Sword would have no edge at all if it were not for the Spirit’s presence within it and His perpetual working by it... The Holy Ghost rides in the chariot of Scripture and not in the wagon of modern thought... The Spirit of God works in by, through and with the Word, and if we keep that Word, we may set assured that the Holy Ghost will keep us and make our testimony to be a thing of power.”*

Pray for spiritual hunger to increase on college campuses for the Word of God.

Pray that the Word of God would become the source and sustenance for the Body of Christ on campus.

Pray that believers on campus would pray the Word of God with confidence and faith.

DAY 9

A Return to
Obedience

Nick Jones & CDOP Team

“Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.”

— Matthew 7:24-25 (NIV)

In Luke 6:46 Jesus says, *“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord’, and not do what I say.”* Many in our nation have called Jesus their Savior, but fewer have fully surrendered to Jesus their Lord. Oh, that there would be a great returning to His heart and an even greater returning to His Word! *“Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path”* (Psalm 119:105).

If we are calling Jesus, *“Lord”*, we must ask ourselves if we are doing what He tells us to do. Are we merely hearing His Word, or are we also obeying His Word? Biblical obedience means to *trust*, to *submit* and to *surrender* to God’s leadership.

As A.W. Tozer said, *“The final test of love is obedience — not sweet emotions, not willingness to sacrifice, not zeal but obedience to the commandments of Christ.”*

The promise of God to those who obey His commands is both captivating and enduring: *“If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him”* (John 14:23).

Ask the Lord to draw attention to any areas in your life that you need to allow Him to adjust.

Pray for revelation of the fear of the Lord in our lives that would overcome the fear of man.

DAY 10

Revival of
Holiness

David Kim

“So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west and His glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.” – Isaiah 59:19 (KJV)

A key characteristic that precedes revival is when there was an increase of holiness in the Body. This is true in every revival: a great fear of the Lord, an avalanche of the conviction of sin that cuts the hearts and repentance towards faith in Christ (Acts 2:37-40).

We might think of the 1700s, the days of Jonathan Edwards, as a tightly religious, puritanical society. This could not be further from the truth. In fact, the debauchery and drunkenness of society in those times were at its peak, and the secular humanistic ideas of the Enlightenment mocked and persecuted authentic Christians. Thomas Paine, the famous author of *Common Sense*, declared that *Christianity would be eradicated from the Americas within 30 years*.

It was in this context that the magnanimous preachers of the Great Awakening emerged. They rode out of the closets of prayer and the study of the Word, thundering against false ideologies, exposing sin and calling all men to the saving knowledge of Christ. These were not men bound by the fear of man; they were heralds from heaven, hounding lost men and wayward Christians until they repented of their sins and believed in Christ.

Within a decade, the entire atmosphere of the eastern seaboard had changed. Bars and brothels were closed, worship filled the cities streets, and society was transformed. Jonathan Edwards remarked that, especially among the young people, “radical holiness was the standard of the day.” When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.

At the darkest hour, God raises up consecrated ones who will be a holy banner of light against the kingdom of evil — ones like Noah, Elijah, Daniel and John the Baptist. They are not given to holiness out of legalism, but out of abandoned love to the God who loved them first. These are the ones who *“know their God and do great exploits”* (Dan. 11:32).

There has never been a revival apart from a revival of holiness.

Pray for a revival of holiness on college campuses.

Pray for college students to lay hold of leading a holy, consecrated lifestyle.

Pray for believers on campuses to be able to resist the temptation that comes their way.

DAY 11

A Deep Work of
Repentance

Chris Ngai

“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord...” — Acts 3:19 (NIV)

***“...without holiness no one will see the Lord.”
— Hebrews 12:14b (NIV)***

If we truly want to see the presence of the Lord flood our campuses, we must prepare the way for the refreshing waters to come! As these scriptures clearly tell us, His outpouring and His presence being revealed *first depend* on these conditions: repentance and holiness.

John the Baptist came to prepare the way of the Lord. His message and his baptism were both of repentance. People from the entire region began coming out to confess their sins and to be baptized as a sign of their repentance. He called them not only to confess, but also to *turn* from their sins, bearing fruit in keeping with repentance. (Matt. 3:2-3, 5-6, 8) This heart preparation allowed for the ministry of Jesus to be revealed to Israel and for heaven to draw near to an entire people!

Frank Bartleman of the Azusa Street Revival said this: *“The depth of any revival will be determined exactly by the spirit of repentance it obtains.”*

Indeed, there cannot be a *lasting* move of God without a *deep* work of repentance among us. When the great revival came upon Wales in 1904, *“Nothing had ever come over Wales with such far-reaching results. Infidels were converted, drunkards, thieves and gamblers saved; and thousands reclaimed to respectability. Confessions of awful sins were heard on every side. Old debts were paid. The theatre had to leave for want of patronage. Mules in the coal mines refused to work, being unused to kindness. In five weeks, 20,000 joined the churches.”*

In less than a year, over 100,000 souls were brought into the kingdom in this mighty outpouring of the Spirit!
Leading up to the Welsh Revival, Evan Roberts delivered a message

regarding the four conditions for receiving the Holy Spirit that became a catalyst in and throughout this outpouring:

1. We must confess before God every sin in our past life that has not been confessed.
2. We must remove anything that is doubtful in our lives.
3. Total Surrender. We must say and do all that the Spirit tells us.
4. Make a public confession of Christ.

Are we ready to prepare the way of the Lord? For without repentance, there will be no times of refreshing. Without holiness, no one will see the Lord!

Read Psalm 139:23-24, and then take time to ask God to search and reveal our hearts and to confess our sins before Him. Ask specifically how we are to make it right before Him, and how to replace them with His ways of seeing, thinking and acting.

“Father, we are longing for times of refreshing to come to our campus! We ask that You would release a spirit of humility, prayer and repentance among the student body of [your campus]. We are asking that You would release a movement of repentance and holiness that would sweep through the student body, even amongst the professors and administration, and that every heart would be consumed with longing for Your presence! Let this campus become an altar, and every heart a living sacrifice upon that altar, upon which the fire of heaven will fall! In Jesus’ mighty name. Amen.”

DAY 12

**Forgiveness
Breaks the Cycle**

Kelly Monroe Kullberg

“Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, ‘Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?’ Jesus answered, ‘I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.’” Matthew 18:21-22 (NIV)

Forgiveness breaks the cycle of hurt, offense and vengeance that often characterizes the world’s system. When we confess our own sins before our holy God and remember the blood of Christ shed for us, we are free to extend His mercy to those who’ve hurt us. That makes us channels of healing to the world around us. Forgiveness opens up our future and gives us a fresh testimony of hope.

We do not forgive by our own strength alone but only by the power of Jesus who on that cross declared, *“Father, forgive them, they don’t know what they do” (Luke 23:34)*. When we look to Him, when we draw from the strength of Christ’s forgiveness on the cross (first towards us while we were yet sinners), then His supernatural grace begins to flow through us to be able to forgive all who have sinned against us.

As *1 John 4:19* says, *“We love because he first loved us.”* In the same way, we can only forgive because He has first forgiven us! That forgiveness is an endless ocean of grace, strength and mercy to forgive even the greatest of sins and even the greatest of sinners — beginning first with us and continuing to all who have sinned against us! Once we understand the depths from which we have been forgiven, there will be no forgiveness too great to extend to another.

Pray that no root of bitterness would hinder the Lord’s work in campus ministries but that we would freely forgive and see one another as God sees.

DAY 13

The Step of Humility

Rhonda Hughey Mathisen

“How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me?” — Exodus 10:3 (ESV)

Humility is the reality of our entire dependence on God for life and all of its dimensions. Pride, the very root of all sin, is the loss of the sense of who God is and the exaggerated belief about who we are. Until we humble ourselves before God, we cannot truly abide in God’s presence or experience His favor. Our failure or unwillingness to humble ourselves explains why God so often seems distant.

Humbling ourselves is acknowledging our position as God’s creatures and yielding to His rightful place over our lives. Nothing is as dangerous as pride and self-assertion; nothing is more advantageous than the grace of humility.

Often we make a pretense of humbling ourselves that is both shallow and feeble in its consequence. True humility requires us to empty ourselves and be filled with Him. This is where we discover the reality of God’s presence and power.

“Jesus, grant me the grace of humility. I choose to empty myself of myself — fill me with You!”

“Jesus, forgive me for my independence and help me to be totally dependent on You for everything in my life.”

DAY 14

Desperate Hunger

Rhonda Hughey Mathisen

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” – Matthew 5:6 (ESV)

People who are desperate for God’s presence will move beyond convenience and personal comfort. They cannot be satisfied with worldly pleasures or religious routine. For them, Jesus is no longer a religious concept. He has become their reality, their life and the source of their longing and desire.

An initial hunger and thirst comes with the gift of salvation, but after the spiritual honeymoon is over we must intentionally cultivate our spiritual passion. It’s so easy for our once-fiery hearts to grow cold in our love toward Him. Our first prayer must be to ask Him to increase our spiritual appetite.

The Word of God promises us that if we are hungry and thirsty, we shall be filled! Spiritual hunger is the currency of heaven. Hunger is what causes us to empty ourselves of compromise. It creates a holy dissatisfaction that drives us to our knees and makes us depend on God.

Do we have a desperate, aching, unspeakable thirst for Jesus? How thirsty are we? If we are already full of the lesser pleasures of this world, how can we really have an appetite for God?

“Jesus, forgive me for filling myself with the pleasures of this world and for my complacency towards You. Make me desperate for Your presence, and renew in my life a fresh hunger and thirst for You!”

DAY 15

If My
People

David Smithers

“If my people who are called by My name will 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 (NKJV)

Today there is a cry for revival rising on every side. Believers all across America are contending for a radical change in our nation. But the change most are seeking is focused almost exclusively on the unbelieving and unchurched world. Have we forgotten where revival begins? Revival always *reawakens* the Church before it ever *awakens* and transforms a nation. The first priority of revival is *not* to make America *great* again but to make the Church *right* with God again. America will never be any greater than its churches! The darkness in the land is always determined by how bright or dim the *fire* is burning within God’s people. As the Church goes, so goes the nation!

Because many are confused about where revival begins, many are also confusing evangelism for revival. As the old revivalist James A. Stewart once wrote, “The majority of Christians today confuse revival with the work of evangelism. Such confusion is easy to understand, since revival results in a great wave of evangelism and ingathering of souls. Revival includes evangelism, but evangelism may not include revival. Evangelism always follows revival, but revival does not necessarily follow an evangelism campaign.” The Keswick speaker, A. Douglas Brown put it this way, “*Revival is a Church word; it has to do with God’s people. You cannot revive the world; the world is dead in trespasses and sins; you cannot revive a corpse... Revival is not the drunkard coming down to the altar. It is the proud Church member coming to himself.*”

I’m certainly not suggesting that we stop all our evangelism until we make everything perfect in the Church. But, I am seriously questioning how much we can really accomplish until we first *humble* ourselves and *forsake* all our wicked ways! If this is the time to call the Church to pray for *revival*, then it’s also the time to call the Church to *repentance*. It’s not right that we complain about the sins of our unbelieving nation while barely confessing our own faults and sins!

Ask the Holy Spirit for a fresh personal work of deep brokenness and humility.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you confess and forsake your own sins.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you intercede for the healing of our nation.

DAY 16

Repentance for Our Land

Connie Anderson

“We acknowledge our wickedness, Lord, and the guilt of our ancestors; we have indeed sinned against you.”

— Jeremiah 14:20 (NIV)

We acknowledge that an individual's sin can be a block to the Holy Spirit. Confession and repentance are freeing because as the sin gets cleansed by Jesus, there is more room for the Spirit to overflow.

In America, we often think individually – individual rights and freedoms. But in Scripture, God often deals with us collectively, as people groups and nations. We are asking for revival in this land. Might it be that if we want the Holy Spirit to do such a work, we would be wise to confess and repent collectively for this land? What sins, historical and contemporary, are blocking us from receiving God's favor in greater measure?

Like Jeremiah, Moses, Daniel, Nehemiah and others, in prayer, we can own the corporate responsibility of our nation. Our nation has unjustly benefited from slavery and lands stolen from broken treaties. Like Cain, we have forsaken the call to be our brother's and sister's keeper. This cuts sharply against our sense of individual freedom and privatized faith – we want to say, “I am not responsible for _____.” The Scriptures show us another way.

There is real spiritual power in acknowledging wickedness, injustice, and sin. Evil loves to remain hidden in darkness. Bringing this stuff out into the open lets the healing light of Christ into those places. God loves humility, and the enemy cannot work with it. The humility to repent on behalf of ourselves and our nation can bring great freedom and welcome the Holy Spirit!

Draw near to listen to the Lord.

Ask what He wants you to repent of as a citizen of this country.

Actively repent in response to God's leading.

Pray for God to pour out His Holy Spirit and to grace us with the character to be Christ-like in the places we have not been.

DAY 17

**Azusa Street
Revival**

Collegiate Jesus Fast Team

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.” – Acts 2:1 (NIV)

No great move of God has occurred without His people together in one accord. What made the 1906 Azusa Street Revival so special? Three key factors at Azusa mirrored the reality of the formation of the early church in Acts 2. Firstly, there was a multi-ethnic gathering of unity in Christ (Acts 2:1-11). Secondly, the ministry of the Holy Spirit was powerfully demonstrated (Acts 2:2-4). Finally, there was a clear presentation of the Gospel leading many to salvation (Acts 2:37-41).

This outpouring of the Holy Spirit descended on the poor districts of Los Angeles during an incredibly dangerous, volatile and prejudiced period of American history, yet God used an African-American leader named William Seymour to launch this modern Acts 2 movement. Black, White, Asian and Hispanic came together in the bond of love, unity and prayer.

Sadly, by 1916, the original Azusa Street Revival had officially ended. Segregation once again fractured the fragile unity of the Church, dividing God’s children along the very same color lines previously and gloriously erased by the Holy Spirit. Even so, the flames of Azusa led to various renewal movements that spread like wildfire across the U.S. and abroad. Over the past century, these movements have seen more salvations than the previous 19 centuries combined! If the Kingdom has expanded mightily in spite of our division, how much more could it achieve in unity?

Pray for another outpouring of the Holy Spirit like the Azusa Street Revival.

Pray for the “color lines to be washed away in the Blood” as at Azusa Street.

DAY 18

**Make Us One:
Racial Reconciliation**

Niko Peele

“I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.” — John 17:20-21 (NIV)

There is only one true answer to healing the racial divide in our nation, and it is Jesus, seen through the public witness of the multi-ethnic and multi-cultural Church. In John 17, Jesus was crying out not only for a vertical reconciliation (between us and the Father), but also a horizontal reconciliation (between the people of God). It is through the Church's oneness with God and each other that the world will know that Jesus is the Son of God, sent to redeem mankind.

Jesus invites all believers into the ministry of reconciliation and healing (2 Cor. 5:18) — and how critically it is needed in this hour. This work begins by first confronting our own personal biases and prejudices. We have to get real with God and allow him to deeply clean our hearts. We must ask Him to anoint our eyes to see and love His image in every human being.

Jesus knows that when we move past our personal biases and preferences and begin to love one another with His heart, that a unity so powerful will burst forth, bringing the world into the knowledge and saving grace of God!

Pray for yourself, that God would reveal any personal biases that you're unaware of and that He would give you His heart for all people.

Join with Jesus' prayer for the rest of the Church by praying John 17:20-21.

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DAY 19

Jesus Is
Justice

Paul Hughes

“I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?” — Luke 18:8 (NIV)

We live in a cultural moment where cries for justice from human institutions have come to the forefront. Justice is a cry in every generation. In Luke 18:1-8, Jesus tells a parable about a judge who doesn't fear God or even care about a widow pleading for a just verdict. While the persistence of the widow succeeds in getting the judge to act on her behalf, this is not a story about the effectiveness of pressuring politicians. This is a story about the effectiveness of enduring prayer to the Judge of all the Earth who is zealous for justice in every case: *“And will not God bring about justice for His chosen ones, who cry out to Him day and night?” (Luke 18:7)*

For 2,000 years, the multi-ethnic Church has been laboring in night and day prayer for the justice and righteousness of God's Kingdom to be expressed in the earth. Whether it is for the abolition of slavery, human trafficking or the impacts of racism, the people of God cry out for the God of Justice to act decisively.

But as with most parables Jesus told, this one reveals something we can only understand fully in the context of His return. As important as seeing justice done in our day may be, all true justice is rooted in a right understanding and trust in the leadership of Jesus. All human measures of justice fall short. But one day, Jesus, our coming Bridegroom King and Judge will make all things right.

“Father, thank you that embedded in every cry for justice is a cry for Jesus, the Just Judge of all Creation to return. He is the One who suffered that greatest injustice of all. Never had a man so innocent, been executed by a people so guilty. Thank you that, out of His forgiveness, we are not given the guilty verdict we deserve, but we receive grace to love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with You as Our Father. Amen.”

DAY 20

When God Speaks,
Everything Changes

Dr. Bob Bakke

“Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.” — Psalms 46:6 (NIV)

Our nation faces many troubles, and our colleges and universities are ground zero for many of them. Scholars suggest that Western culture is committing suicide. Respected voices say our republic as originally conceived is lost or should be overthrown and that the American Church is not only forever diminished but should be demolished as part of our hateful and harmful past.

I count myself among those who see the U.S. and its campuses as ripe for revival and spiritual awakening. Church history is my training. Seasons of misery have plagued the last 400 years. My father, brothers and son fought in four different wars that left over three million dead. I experienced anti-war riots, race riots, burned-out cities, political assassinations, threats of nuclear war, the hippie culture of sex, drugs and rock-and-roll and massive political upheavals in the 1960s and 70s. But I also saw what God can do when His Spirit moves. I’m a child of the Jesus Movement that swept millions of students into God’s kingdom.

God is at work today, too. Believe it. God is rattling his people from their small, distracted, complacent and compromised faith. We’re being confronted by our sin that made us sheepish and lacking credibility. Meanwhile, millions of non-believers live in fear — hungry for hope and meaning. Some running from reality (suicide, gender dysphoria, opioids, etc.), others resorting to angry, delusional or violent ideas, acting out their inner fear of meaninglessness. They are dry bones.

In 1797, Timothy Dwight became president of Yale. He couldn’t find more than a few students who were confessing believers. One Sunday when he preached in the college church, only one student attended. After a few years, Dwight determined to preach every day in chapel defending and proclaiming the Bible. For eighteen months, he preached. Those who were previously timid, repented and became emboldened. Prayer mounted and the Spirit came. In 1802, 40% of the student body came to Christ. It can happen anywhere. When God speaks, everything changes.

Read Revelation 3:15-21, and pray its themes back to God. Hear Him speak to you. Turn to God, and open the door of your heart and the door of the Church and let Christ enter in the fullness of his Spirit.

Read Ezekiel 37:1-14. Ask God for the courage to obey him — to open your mouth to speak truth to the spiritually dead — speaking hope to the hopeless. Ask Him to come from the four winds by His Spirit, and breath on those slain to make them live.

DAY 21

A Mercy
Strategy

Daniel Grenz

***“Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in mercy.”
— Micah 7:18 (NIV)***

We are in the midst of great shaking and crisis in our land. Not only have we been gripped by a global pandemic and national unrest around race and politics, but we live in an hour of history when the tides of darkness are seeking to engulf our campuses and the blood of the innocent cries out from the ground. Judgment is imminent. Yet, we are not left without a remedy.

God’s strategy has always been that in moments of waywardness and perversion of His ways, He sends prophetic voices to hold the reins and steer a nation back to Him through a cry for mercy. It is in these moments of crisis that God invites His sons and daughters to ask Him for mercy, for He delights in showing mercy that would stay His judgments and give time for people to turn and for righteousness to once again mark a land.

We are in such a moment on the campuses of America, where the sin of our generation has mounted before heaven and demands a response. And yet the Biblical model of Joel 2 offers us hope that if we will seek the Lord with prayer and fasting and with mourning and crying for mercy, “who knows whether He will not turn and relent and leave a blessing behind Him.” God’s mercy is found in the presence of intercessors, securing a mercy remedy in days of trouble. It just may be that in the tracks of mercy will come a great turning of hearts unto historic revival and generational awakening.

Pray for greater revelation of the God whose very name is “abounding in mercy” (Ex 34:6). Meditate on the blood offering of Jesus, given to secure mercy for you and me. Invite the mercy of God to pursue you in a fresh way.

Ask God for insight into specific issues of injustice and sin over your campus and community. Bring these before Him as tangible realities in need of His mercy. Gather with others (even 2-3) and begin crying out for mercy to triumph.

DAY 22

Appealing to the
Nature of God

Courtnee White

“The Lord passed in front of Moses, calling out, ‘Yahweh! The Lord! The God of compassion and mercy! I am slow to anger and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness. I lavish unfailing love to a thousand generations. I forgive iniquity, rebellion, and sin. But I do not excuse the guilty. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children and grandchildren; the entire family is affected— even children in the third and fourth generations.’” — Exodus 34:6-7 (NLT)

In Exodus 34:6-7, Yahweh makes a declaration about Himself to Moses as he makes a covenant with the Israelites. God emphasizes His loyal love with five words to describe it. While God recognizes that some will rebel against Him, He is full of compassion, unfailing love and faithfulness, making redemption and restoration possible. During Israel’s wilderness journey, Moses becomes a righteous intercessor who appeals to God’s character over and over and over again. Watching the complexity of God in His responses, we ultimately see God’s loyal love and compassion continually prevail. We see that Yahweh keeps showing up for His people, whatever circumstances they get themselves into.

We find ourselves in circumstances unique to this season of world history. Some things, like modern conveniences and technologies, have both positive and negative consequences. Some things are perceived differently by different people. Many things bear more complex nuances than simply positive or negative. And all of it has put much greater strain on our relationships.

I am reminded that as intercessors in the modern world, we continue to appeal to Yahweh’s loyal love and gracious compassion toward people. God is not surprised by the state of the world. And Jesus’ life, death and resurrection remain the cornerstone of God’s peacemaking plan. We can ask with confidence for God to be faithful and for people to discover God and His faithful, gracious, loyal love.

“O God, just as the world was recently in need of mass distribution of protective supplies during the pandemic, we are keenly aware that every person on the planet needs to have an authentic encounter with Jesus and His life-changing love. We ask You, O God, to direct plans, people and resources as the incarnation of Jesus’ love and work on the earth. Please pour out your Spirit, O Holy God, on Your people. Holy Spirit, quiet our hearts to hear and respond with joyful steps of faith. Thank You, God, that no one is excluded from Your limitless grace. Empower Your people with Your generous love. Spread the news of Your compassion like celebratory confetti over all the earth. Prepare our hearts to freely give and receive Your love and mercy. In the strong name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.”

DAY 23

**Do It
Again!**

Byron Paulus

“...for now is the time to seek the Lord, that he may come and shower righteousness upon you.” – Hosea 10:12 (NLT)

It was Matthew Henry who said, “When God is about to extend great mercy toward His people, He first sets them to prayer.”

For many years, I wondered if I could add an addendum to that proclamation. If so, it would simply include two words: “When God is about to extend great mercy toward His people, He first sets *‘college students’* to prayer.”

Think with me about the great movements and stirrings of God in revival during the past 120 years:

It was the 1904-05 *Welsh Revival* that was sparked by Evan Roberts while he was a student in his 20s. It triggered revivals in several other countries, including the United States.

It was 1970, exactly 50 years ago, that the famed *Asbury Revival* began. It spread to many other campuses throughout the nation. Jeanine Brabon was a student who began a 30-minute prayer meeting before chapels and then launched an all-night prayer meeting. During one of those prayer meetings, she sensed the “glory of God” and knew God was coming to campus. Jeanine obeyed. And prayed. The rest is an amazing history.

In 1995, my phone rang. The voice on the other end was telling me I needed to go to *Wheaton College* immediately. That night, I found myself sitting in the balcony of the packed auditorium. I suddenly realized I was in the midst of a campus-shaking revival. Not surprisingly, it was preceded by students crying out in prayer, “Do it again!” referencing previous movements on their campus.

What if ...?

What if God not only heard the prayers of college students on February 25, 2021 . . . but what if He chose to descend upon every campus? Or what if God descended upon just one campus and it spread to others week after week for months and even years to come?

And what if you are a part of a prayer meeting-turned-historical movement?

“Lord, You are the great Reviver. As college students, we seek You now. Lord, do it again. And, Lord, begin Your work in me.”

DAY 24

A Prayerful
Generation

Dr. Glenn Sheppard

“Lord, teach us to pray...” — Luke 11:1 (NIV)

In *The Necessity of Prayer*, E.M. Bounds says, “Prayer is the contact of a living soul with God. In prayer, God stoops to kiss man, to bless man and to aid man in everything that God can devise or man can need.” Someone once said, “We never stand taller than when we kneel in prayer.”

The disciples saw the power of prayer and the priority of prayer as they followed Jesus. He rose before day to pray and withdrew from them at times to be alone with the Father in prayer. Seeing the importance Christ placed on prayer, it is understandable why they asked, “Lord teach us to pray.” (*Luke 11:1*)

In Acts 4, Peter and John, released from prison, told the believers what had happened. Those who had been praying saw the *extraordinary* move of God that resulted from their prayers: (1) They experienced the presence of God (*Acts 4:31* – “the place where they were meeting was shaken”). (2) They received the power of God (*Acts 4:31* – “they were all filled with the Holy Spirit”). (3) They achieved the purposes of God (*Acts 4:31* – “they spoke the word of God boldly”). The result was a massive move of God that impacted the Roman empire and shaped the course of human history.

In 1970 in Wilmore, Kentucky, a revival that continues burning 50 years later began with a small group of college students who consistently prayed. The *Asbury Revival*, from a small and simple beginning, swept across campuses and touched the lives of thousands of young people. In time, a “Jesus Movement” made front page news in national media. Many Christian leaders today trace their own revival experience back to the *Asbury Revival* — and to that small group of students who prayed.

“Oh God, we come into your presence desperately crying out to you, ‘Lord, do it again!’”

“Forgive us for spending more time strategizing than agonizing in prayer. Forgive us for making plans from our collective committees and asking You to bless those plans, instead of seeking Your divine plan!”

“We humbly acknowledge we have been shaped by human standards more than by Heaven’s plumbline. We repent and turn to You in prayer. Please, dear Heavenly Father, use our generation as You used those in the past!”

“Set campuses afire with Your presence as we humble ourselves, pray and turn from our wicked ways, that once again we will experience Your presence and healing power for our campuses, our nation and our world.”

DAY 25

The Two Faces of Revival

David Smithers

“He will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.” — Malachi 4:6 (NKJV)

When God wants to awaken a sleeping church and rescue a lost world, He loves to use the younger generation! Throughout the centuries, God has repeatedly raised up the humble and least experienced among us to accomplish His greatest works. Most of the great revivalists and missionaries throughout history have been young men and women in their twenties. New challenges and changes often require the strength of a new generation of revival pioneers.

Nevertheless, revival is never just about one group or generation. A careful study of Church history reveals that the promises of Joel 2 are always fulfilled in every great revival. *“Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on servants—men and women alike.” (Joel 2:28–29)*

Yes, there are two different faces of revival — two different generations working together to pray and prepare the way for a fresh visitation of God. Like the covenant friendship of Ruth and Naomi or the united faith of Elizabeth and the virgin Mary, God loves to birth revival through the blending of different generations. My favorite example of this multi-generational partnership is found in Exodus 17:8-15. Here, we find the Amalekites threatening the children of Israel. Moses calls up a young leader by the name of Joshua to assemble an army to defeat the enemies of God. This is the first time we find Joshua mentioned in the Scriptures. He would go on to lead God’s people through countless battles of faith and eventually become the successor of Moses.

Most of us know the story of Exodus 17:10-13 of how Moses and the older generation went to the mountain top to watch and pray for Joshua’s army as they fought in the valley below. Soon Moses’ hands of prayer began to grow weak and then the Amalekites began to grow strong and

prevail against Joshua. But with the support of Aaron and Hur, Moses persevered in prayer until Joshua and his young army defeated their enemies. This is what *united* and *focused* prayer can do! This is why the younger generation *needs* the fervent prayers of their fathers, mothers, grandparents and church leaders. The victory of one generation is tied to the faith and prayers of another generation. God's Kingdom is advanced from generation to generation — We need one another's prayers to finish well. True *family* is still the *best* way to true *revival*.

Ask God to help you recognize your need for the gifts and insights of others.

Ask God to help you plan and work like a true family.

Ask for the help and prayers of your fathers and mothers.

DAY 26

Multi-Generational Prayer - Part 1

Julie Loos

“Do you see what this means—all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we’d better get on with it. Strip down, start running—and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins. Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we’re in. Study how he did it.” — Hebrews 12:1-2 (MSG)

With 2020, the most unorthodox, most challenging collegiate year in our lifetime, we are even more aware of the need for the Collegiate Day of Prayer mission to come to fruition in 2021: “A united, multi-generational day of prayer for revival and awakening on college campuses in America.”

There is a dire need to rekindle the flame for *multi-generational prayer* for colleges (which was the genesis of the Collegiate Day of Prayer in 1823) using this unique moment in history to *make the prayer time inter-generational*. While each generation has a seat at the table, sometimes we need to invite others to pull up a chair and join hands as we bless the campus with prayer. Surely the pioneers who blazed the way in the original concerts of prayer for colleges are cheering us on in the heavenlies. Even though all campuses have been adopted in prayer the past two years, we must not quit in our pursuit of corporate prayer which sets the table for revival.

We all need to call the church back to prayer for the college. Let’s invite parents and students to join together in prayer, whether at home or virtually. Invite Grandma. Uncle Collie. Pastor Bowman. Sunday school teacher Mrs. Reynolds. Youth group member Nathaniel. Neighbor Judy. Young mom Jordan. Campus minister Joe. College student Ashley.

Let’s give the church a taste of why it is so important to pray for our campuses. Afterall, the future workers in education, government, media, arts and entertainment, business, religion and family-related fields are being trained largely in our nation’s colleges and universities. As the colleges go, so goes the nation.

As we gather the generations at our table of prayer, can't you picture the long banquet table of saints who have prayed before us, during all the concerts of prayer for colleges? They are waiting in anticipation to see how many more seats we will add to the table. Who are you going to invite?

“Father God of the generations, You are the same yesterday, today, and forever. Forgive us when we have neglected to join intergenerationally in prayer, where we can glean wisdom and inspiration from one another. By Your Holy Spirit, prompt us to invite multiple generations to pray together for our college students, faculty, and administration. Call Your Church to care again for the campus and its spiritual welfare. Amen.”

DAY 27

Multi-Generational
Prayer - Part 2

Vicky Porterfield

“And Simeon came in the Spirit to the temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, Simeon spoke... ‘For my eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light of revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.’ And His mother and father were amazed at the things which were being said about their son.” – Luke 2:27-32 (NASB)

Luke 1 and 2 tell the story of the coming of Jesus to the earth. The times were much like today with confusion, governmental strife, oppression of the religious, unrest among the different races and the teachings of worldly Greek philosophy. Several people were on the scene and played a role in the beautiful story of the birth of a Savior. They were young and old, men and women. Of course, we find the newly betrothed Joseph and Mary who were perhaps in their early teens. Then we see the older parents who had just given birth to John the baptizer, Zacharias and Elizabeth. But God did not leave out the grandparents of that day. Jesus was welcomed by the prophet Simeon and the praying momma Anna.

At the coming of the Lord, God wanted them all present and each one had a visitation of the Spirit who brought the revelation about Jesus. Likely each character represented his/her role in preparing the way of the Lord. Both the zeal of the younger ones and the wisdom of the elderly brought great passion in that day. Aren't you grateful that none were left out of the great celebration of the birth of Jesus?

We desperately need the revelation of Jesus Christ to come to students and staff on every college campus. As we pray and ask the Lord for a visitation of Jesus, let us be mindful that it will take all of us. Old and young must hold hands while men and women join together and ask for God to come in a powerful way. We want to experience the glory of God in our midst, so we must go beyond our own group and join with others who are not like us. Grab hold of your parents and their prayers for you. Believe God with those who have prayed for decades like Anna in the temple. Unite for the coming of the Lord!

Intentionally, gather with young believers and ask for a visitation of the Lord in the next year. This may be elementary or high school students. Or likely other peers on a campus you attend.

Ask the Lord in prayer for a person of a different age to be your spiritual parent or son/daughter. Then approach them and ask for a time to meet together and pray with one another.

Call a parent or a son/daughter and agree that Jesus Christ has come and wants to do miracles in your midst. Combine your faith as you pray for revival and awakening among your friends. (Note: Most parents and grandparents long for the day they can pray with you. Expect to learn from each other.)

Continually bless younger and older Christians who love Jesus like you do.

Men and women, encourage and respect what each other offers in their roles as you lift up the name of Jesus Christ.

DAY 28

Lamb's Awakening Movement

Dr. Jason Hubbard

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing” – Revelation 5:12 (ESV)

It's our desire to see the Church in this generation fully awakened to the Glory of God! Let's ask the Father to release a massive Lamb's-awakening movement on every campus across America, where the Spirit of God uses the Word of God to re-awaken this generation back to God's Son as the Lamb of Glory!

It is time for a 'Just Jesus' generation to encounter Jesus as the Lamb! Twenty-eight times in the book of Revelation, Jesus is revealed as the Lamb! Let's bury our hearts in His wounds until our lives are transformed from glory to glory, for indeed 'every wound bleeds glory.' (2 Cor. 3:18)

May we behold the Lamb of Glory, until our hearts are *wounded* by the Wounded One! As Spurgeon writes, “When we see the Lord pierced, the piercing of our hearts begins.”^[1]

Even as the Lamb is in the center of the throne in Heaven, we declare and decree that it's time for the Lamb to become the center of the throne on the earth in this generation! We know the Father always sees the wounds of His Son and he is asking this generation, “When will you give my Son the reward for his sacrifice?”

Could the Father be holding back the coming wave of glory until we are gripped with a passion for the Lamb, scarred by the sacrifice of His Son as the Lamb? He is all-deserving of all the worship, all the obedience and all the affections of the human race!

[1. Charles Spurgeon, “How Hearts are Softened” *Spurgeon's Expository Encyclopedia*, Vol. 8, pg 377]

“Father, we believe that the hour has come for Your Son, the Lord Jesus to be honored, and treasured as the Worthy Lamb who was slain! Awaken this generation to the absolute worth of Jesus!”

“Father, would You raise up and send forth messengers of the Lamb on our campuses, prophetic voices like John the Baptist who will cry out, “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” Send forth ones like the apostle Paul who will resolve to know nothing but Jesus Christ and him crucified (1 Cor. 2:2). Raise up ones like John the apostle who will look until they see the slain Lamb standing in the center of the throne in heaven, and then reveal him here on the earth!”

“Lord of the Harvest, would You thrust forth ones like the Moravians on campuses across America who will cry out, ‘May the Lamb who was slain receive His due reward for His suffering!’”

DAY 29

Arising From
Every Campus

CDOP Team

“For from the rising of the sun even to its setting, My name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense is going to be offered to My name, and a grain offering that is pure; for My name will be great among the nations,’ says the Lord of hosts.” — Malachi 1:11 (NASB)

Thousands of years ago, the prophet Malachi prophesied that there would be incense (worship and prayer) arising in every place and that the name of the Lord would be great among the nations. Malachi’s prophecy was without qualification: no city was too small, no people were too hidden, and certainly, no campus was to be forgotten.

What if there was incense being offered to His name from every college campus in America? A.T. Pierson, a spiritual father in the faith, said: *“There has never been a revival in any country that has not begun in united prayer, and no revival has ever continued beyond the duration of those prayer meetings.”* Every great move of God has been preceded by great movements of prayer.

To see another Jesus Movement on the college campuses of our nation and another Student Volunteer Missions Movement in our generation, we need unrelenting prayer for every campus and on every campus. What if there could be more than just a 40-day season of prayer, but ongoing prayer until the breakthrough of revival? Until laborers are sent to every tribe and tongue from our campuses? Until Jesus returns? Not just to these ends, but simply because Jesus is worthy! Until His Name is made great among the nations of the earth!

**Pray that on every campus across America,
worship and prayer would begin to arise day and
night, and laborers sent forth into every nation,
until His name is made great among the nations!**

DAY 30

Love One
Another

David Kim

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” — John 13:34-35 (NASB)

Jonathan Edwards wrote that one of the great evidences of true revival is that the heart’s affections are warmed towards God. This is the primary aim of revival, because it is the primary command of all of Scripture: “You shall love the Lord Your God with all of Your heart, mind, soul and strength” (Luke 10:27). Jesus declares that the second greatest commandment, however, is “to love Your neighbor as You love Yourself” (Matthew 22:39). Or as He defined it later during the Last Supper: “to love one another as I have loved you.”

Words fail to describe this kind of brotherly love that we are called to. Our highest ecumenical efforts, our unions and networks on our campuses, great as they are, are infantile compared to this kind of love. This kind of love does not have unity as its goal — it has love as its goal. And this kind of love is the only path to true unity. This kind of love has love for God and His Lordship and His Word as its highest priority, and thus is the only kind of love that produces true *agape* love towards our brothers and sisters. This kind of love thinks nothing of self, agenda or gain, for it “does not seek its own.” This is the kind of love that will be the fabric of the Church in the age to come.

This kind of love is born in a manger. This kind of love hid an eternal crown to bring other sons to glory. This kind of love became a man though God from all of eternity. This kind of love washed the feet of His disciples — even the one who would betray Him. This kind of love did not come to be served but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many. It is not the world’s definition of love: the cheap, humanistic version of tolerance and selfish kindness. It is His definition of love: “for God so loved the world that He gave His only Son” (John 3:16).

Pray for believers to love one another as God loves us.

Pray for love to abound between campus ministries, churches, leadership and believers on campus.

“Father, we ask that You would give us that love that You had for us, for one another. We confess our bitterness, comparison, criticism and our general negligence towards one another. We confess that we cannot love one another as we ought. Lord, produce it in us in these days of fasting and praying. Do a supernatural work in Your Body on our campuses. Let this kind of love abound among the brethren! Jesus, we ask that Your love would transcend racial barriers, denominational lines and movements. For Your Name, Amen.”

DAY 31

Unity Leading to Transformation

Jeremy Story

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace.” — Ephesians 4:3 (NIV)

Churches and ministries must grow beyond accommodating one another toward valuing and therefore needing one another. God is inviting us to consider each other better than ourselves, looking to others' interests above our own. (Phil. 2:3-4) The Lord desires to bring unity through *His* voice as we pray together. (Acts 4:31-32) From that place of united prayer, God directly intervenes to transform us and our campuses.

To see entire campuses transformed by the Gospel, the whole Body of Christ must work together towards that end. The goal of our partnership, prayer and fellowship together is to see God's glory spread throughout a campus and beyond. (Acts 1:7-8)

Mission will always flow out of Christ-centered prayer and transformation-focused relationships. Jesus the King will call us to informed action together through the leadership and direction of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:44; 4:31-32)

Pray for the laying down of past and present offenses, leading to forgiveness and restoration.

Pray that leaders in the Body of Christ on college campuses would humbly and mutually submit to one another, learning to value and appreciate one another.

Pray for Holy Spirit-led unity between ministry leaders and believers in the Body of Christ that would result in deep relationships, united prayer, united action and transformational impact.

DAY 32

Desperate for
Heaven to Come

Chris Ngai

“Blessed are the poor in spirit [utterly helpless, spiritually bankrupt], for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” — Matthew 5:3 (NIV, with annotations)

All throughout history, God has moved in extraordinary ways in response to the hunger and desperation of His people. When men and women come to the point where they realize that unless God comes, there is no hope of anything changing, then they begin to get *desperate* for Him. This is when revival begins!

A man named John “Praying” Hyde had a passion to see revival in India in a hard place where no one was responding to God. He would spend entire nights in prayer crying out for God to move. This passion consumed him to the point where one day he began to pray, “O God, give me souls or I die!”

His prayers of desperation began to move the heart of God. He began praying for one soul to be saved every day – and by the end of that year, over 400 had given their lives to Christ! The next year, he began to feel that one soul a day was not enough, so he began praying for two souls every day. At the end of that year, 800 had given their lives to Jesus! Yet, so great was his hunger that even two souls a day wasn’t enough. He began crying out for four souls to know Christ every single day!

In fact, Praying Hyde was *so moved* by the heart of God, that before he died at the age of 47, his heart had *literally* (physically) shifted to the other side of his body from weeping and crying out so intensely!

What would happen if we began to be moved by the heart of God like that? What would happen if *we* began to pray desperate prayers for the salvation of our friends and our campuses?

God is looking for those with a heart like John Hyde, who will become so desperate for God to move, they will weep and cry out until He breaks through. He is looking for those who will say, “God, give me my campus or I die! Give me souls or I die!” and who will be satisfied with nothing less!

Take a moment, not to pray a formula, but to enter into a heart response. Ask God for a holy hunger and desperation that only He can give you. Ask Him to consume you with desire for His presence, that He would ruin you for anything less than revival in this generation!

Pray for a holy hunger for souls to be saved on your campus and that God would use you to bring people into His Kingdom.

Pray that He would set apart a holy people, passionately in love with Jesus marked for revival and awakening on your campus. Pray that God would raise up a generation that seeks His face, “with clean hands and a pure heart” (Psalm 24) who will never settle for anything less than the full outpouring of God’s Spirit!

DAY 33

Confidence in His Blood

Daniel Grenz

“Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith...”
— *Hebrews 10:19-22 (NIV)*

There are several things that God cannot resist: hunger, unity, purity and faith. Hunger is our longing for more; unity, our reach for one another; purity, our resolution of heart. Holding all of these together is faith – the confidence that it matters. The temptation is to believe that things are the way they are and will not change: our campuses will continue in extreme liberalism and humanism; people will remain stuck in sin patterns; the Gospel will be ineffective and powerless against the therapeutic deism culture. On top of that, we struggle with our own issues of shame and weakness, doubting that God welcomes us into His presence. But for those who dare to dream of days of awakening, our confidence in both God’s nature and in the effectiveness of our prayers is everything!

Our confidence comes not through our own giftedness or efforts but through the person of Jesus. His blood has given us access to stand before God as though we belong there — because we do. And if we belong before God, then our voices of prayer and intercession also belong before Him. As John says, our confidence is that if we know He hears us, we know we have what we ask of Him (1 John 4:14-15). He cannot resist ones who are confident in Jesus’ blood and faithful unto effectual prayer!

Pray for God to strengthen your faith. Renounce unbelief and declare confidence in the blood of Jesus that allows us to stand before His throne. Ask God for the dreams of His heart for your campus, and make these your prayer points.

DAY 34

A Life of
Surrender

Tom Yeakley

***“We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.”
— Hebrews 6:12 (NIV)***

Many have gone before us, modeling a life of surrender and commitment to obey the Lord wholeheartedly. Here, the writer of Hebrews exhorts us to imitate their lives — lives that demonstrate three qualities of a surrendered life:

They first model a life full of faith — a life that trusts God and His Word. They trust His purposes when it makes sense or not; when it feels good, or not; and when supported by others or asked to stand alone against the cultural tide.

Secondly, they model a life that patiently waits upon God to do what only He can do. They are not passive in their patience, but they only act as He directs. They rest in the assurance that He knows their circumstances and will, in His perfect time and His perfect way, demonstrate His power to do above and beyond what we can ask or imagine.

Finally, these models of the surrendered life inherit what God has promised. They take God at His Word and align their lives to His promises. Through faith and patience (perseverance), they receive what He promises, knowing His Word is backed by His unchanging character and that nothing is impossible for Him. They pray over His promises with an expectancy that He will do just as He promised.

Pray that we would model faith, patience and trust in the promises of God as found in His Word, encouraging others to imitate our surrendered life.

Pray that God would raise up a new generation of surrendered followers of Jesus on campus whose lives demonstrate the power of God to fulfill His promises.

Pray that believers on campus will live courageously for Christ as they trust Him and His Word.

Pray over the Scriptural promises God has given you, asking Him to do just as He promised.

DAY 35

Walking Pure
& Blameless

Josh MacDonald

“And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.” – Philippians 1:9-11 (NKJV)

As the days ahead draw closer to the return of Jesus, we will begin to see much deception, and *“the love of many will grow cold”* (Matt. 24:12). We are warned intensely throughout Scripture of the pitfalls and traps of these last days that will develop in the hearts of many. One of the greatest ways to combat this is by looking at the way Paul prayed for the churches that he established and the believers that he discipled.

In Philippians 1, Paul lays out a prayer that has many implications to us growing in the heart of God: that our love would increasingly abound, resulting in a love for truth, that produces discernment on the things that God approves and calls excellent, which will set us up to live a life free from internal offense and making choices that offend others. Ultimately, all of this is so that we can stand before Him at the judgment seat, pure and blameless!

Pray that your love for God would abound more and more each day, in knowledge and all discernment.

Pray that you would live a righteous and fruitful life, free from all offense, and that you may be found pure and blameless at His judgment seat.

DAY 36

In One
Accord

Thai Lam

“These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.” — Acts 1:14 (NASB)

In Acts 1, when Jesus told His disciples to wait together for the promise of the Father (Acts 1:4,8), He called them to move in together and embrace a lifestyle of fervent prayer until they saw the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. These men and women who not too long before were quarreling, jockeying for position, and falling asleep at late-night prayer meetings were now *“with one mind continually devoting themselves to prayer”*. The Greek word for *“with one mind,” homothymadon*, is also translated *“together”* or *“in one accord.”* *Homothymadon* describes the power of deep, unanimous agreement and how the Lord moves when there is unity and oneness in prayer, fellowship, worship, ministry, teaching and leadership (Acts 1:14; 2:46; 4:24; 5:12; 8:6; 15:25).

I see three key elements of *homothymadon* family: (1) the consecrated life together, (2) the shared life together, and (3) the poured-out life together. The disciples learned how to selflessly pursue the Lord together; how to enjoy each other, be vulnerable, and struggle together; and how to give themselves sacrificially in prayer, service and ministry together. The ten days in the upper room leading up to Pentecost was an internship in which they learned to grow in *homothymadon* family in faith, life and mission. The disciples’ journey to becoming a family of one heart and mind in Acts 1 is almost as significant as the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2.

Today, we are called to this same reality: to be a praying family bound to each other in the Spirit of God and contending for another great awakening in our day.

[Excerpt from article “Revival is Family” by Thai Lam from World Changer Magazine, 3rd Ed, pp. 90-91]

Ask the Father for vision of what it would look like to be an “upper room” praying family on your campus or in your community “in one accord” for His promises and purposes for our day.

Ask the Father for faith, persistence and perseverance to be “continually devoted to prayer” for revival and awakening on the college campuses of our nation.

DAY 37

Jesus' Protest
Culture

David Bradshaw

“And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily.” — Luke 18:7-8 (ESV)

As Gen Z across the earth is finding their voice for lasting change, Jesus Christ is actually building a protest culture, but His primary mechanism for change is surprising to many. According to Jesus, your voice with God in prayer will bring justice quickly. Justice is when wrong things are made right, and there are quite a few issues of injustice that God cares more deeply about than even the most vocal among us. But perhaps the greatest injustice is that millions in this generation do not know Jesus as He is and are groping in blindness in a search for reality.

But we don't just see the bleakness of our situation. Through all the darkness, can you visualize what God wants to do on the universities of America? Can you see a great spiritual awakening sweeping the campuses of America and the nations, including your campus or community specifically? Can you give this voice in prayer?

Things are not supposed to stay the way that they are, and the great news is that they don't have to. You have a groan of prayer in your heart and, as you give it voice and refuse to relent, God's dreams will come on earth just like they are in heaven. Your voice has more power than you have any idea. As Walter Wink says, *“Intercessory prayer is spiritual defiance of what is in the way of what God has promised. Intercession visualizes an alternative future to the one apparently fated by the momentum of current forces. Prayer infuses the air of a time yet to be into the suffocating atmosphere of the present. History belongs to the intercessors who believe the future into being.”* ^[1]

There was a lady named Hannah in ancient Israel. She was barren and passionately longed for a son. In light of her barrenness, she did more than wallow in self-pity or anger. She knew that she had a recourse. She let her voice come before God in prayer for justice — for her barrenness to end. One day in the temple, the high priest named Eli actually thought

she was drunk, because she was praying so passionately for God to give her son. Do you know what God did in response to this kind of prayer? He didn't just give her a son — he gave her the greatest prophet of her entire generation named Samuel. What was your last passionate prayer like this?

Like Hannah, young and old are arising with the prayer: “we want the sons and daughters of this generation, and we are going to lift our voice until something supernatural happens in Gen Z!”

“Father, I ask You for the campuses of my nation. I ask You for justice to come and for this generation to be awakened to see You as You truly are. Open the eyes of my campus and community. Send a great move of the Holy Spirit in this generation. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

DAY 38

The Great
Commission

CDOP Team

“This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.” — Matthew 24:14 (NASB)

In Scripture, our Lord not only gives us a great commandment (Matthew 22:36-40) but also a great commission (Matthew 28:16-20). These two things cannot be separated. A love for God is a love for missions — for His Name to be glorified in every place (Malachi. 1:11), the salvation of the lost and ultimately the return of our King.

The Apostle Paul aspired to pioneer and preach to those who had never heard the Gospel. It is truly astonishing that the man who spends the entirety of Romans 8 speaking of the freedom, victory, and unbreakable love of Christ offers his soul on the altar for the lost in the very next chapter. Paul’s great love for God (and God’s love for Paul) is what drives him to expend everything for His purposes. The apostles devoted their lives for His Kingdom, expectant for His triumphant return.

Revivals have always involved the youth. Hudson Taylor, the great missionary who pioneered China Inland Mission, was 21 years old when he left for China. Evan Roberts was 26 when he was used mightily in the Welsh Revival.

In 1886, 251 college students attended a conference held by D.L. Moody in Mount Hermon, Massachusetts. 100 students dedicated their lives to be foreign missionaries (who became known as the Mount Hermon 100), and this was the pioneering moment of the Student Volunteer Movement. Spanning into the mid-1900s, this missions movement would send around 20,000 missionaries, believing for “the evangelization of the world in their generation.”

Although this task remains unfinished, the mantle and responsibility has been passed to our generation. Let it be our great duty and honor to declare the supremacy of Christ to those who have never heard His name.

Pray for another Student Volunteer Missions Movement in our generation.

Pray that believers would count the cost and follow the Lamb wherever He may lead.

Pray for students to live for the age to come and not just this present age.

DAY 39

Missions
Movement

David Kim

“Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power; in holy array, from the womb of the dawn, Your youth are to You as the dew.” — Psalm 110:3 (NASB)

Huddled together beneath a haystack to keep dry in the sudden spring rain shower, Samuel Mills and four young men’s hearts raced as they discussed the great task before them: the evangelization of the “heathen world.” Sheer belief and whispered prayers sparked the greatest surge in foreign missions the world has ever seen. The refrain: “We can do this, if we will.”

Out of this famed “Haystack Prayer Meeting” more than 100 years ago, God raised up the Student Volunteer Movement out of the Western church. Over 20,000 college students and young professionals abandoned their pursuit of the “American dream” and, ignited by the Holy Spirit, proclaimed the gospel in foreign lands. Trading in promises of lucrative careers, powerful influence and comfortable lives, these men and women were not motivated by earthly pleasures and human accolades, but wanted instead to wholeheartedly commit themselves to the fame of Jesus.

Throughout history, Western college campuses have been seedbeds for prayer, revival and missionary activity. From John Wesley’s Holy Club at Oxford University to the Student Volunteer Movement and the Jesus Movement, college students have been a powerful force for spiritual renewal in America and the nations of the earth. History will continue to be made on our college campuses as students respond wholeheartedly to the gospel.

Despite the rich history of God’s activity on college campuses, the youth of our nation are in spiritual crisis. Several studies reveal church engagement among college and high school students is dramatically decreasing, as students espouse moralistic, therapeutic deism rather than Biblical faith. But we know that God still has a plan and purpose for the youth of America and the West. Behind the waning church attendance

and alarming statistics are flesh-and-blood people with passion and destiny. Young adults may be dissatisfied with religious rhetoric and programs, but they are also growing more and more disillusioned with the American dream. They long for greater purpose and influence to impact their generation and change the world. The ground is fertile for change.

In college campuses and local congregations, there are glimmers of hope as young men and women are convicted in the place of prayer and emboldened to volunteer themselves (Psalm 110:3) to help finish the great task before us. We believe this is just the beginning. May the Lamb who was slain receive the reward of His suffering in our generation.

Pray for college students to be motivated by the worth of Jesus to give their lives for His glory.

Pray for missionaries to be sent from the campuses of America to the nations of the earth.

Pray that God would touch the student groups that seem the *hardest and darkest* on campus.

DAY 40

The Power of
Collegiate Prayer

CDOP Team

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, and to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” – Luke 4:18-19 (NIV)

Several spiritual movements in history can be traced back to students praying on their campus. John Wesley, Charles Wesley and George Whitefield are incredible examples. These three Oxford University students, dubbed as The Holy Club, gave themselves to radical prayer, worship and fasting that served as a catalyst to shifting the expression of Christianity around the world.

From their small prayer meeting, they were sent out like arrows offering incredible contributions to the world. John Wesley founded the evangelical movement known as Methodism; Charles Wesley wrote over 6,000 Christian hymns; and George Whitefield helped lead the First Great Awakening in America along with Johnathan Edwards and Gilbert Tennent.

As a revival of faith was underway through Wesley and his friends, so was the altering of society. The First Great Awakening helped spark American Independence and a new nation; and the Wesley Movement helped paved the way for William Wilberforce’s abolitionist efforts that abolished slavery in England and gave hope to its ending in America.

All across the world, a network of encouragement among fellow revivalists and reformers was growing as they all were partnering with heaven to defeat the giants of their day and rewrite history. They knew they were anointed and appointed for such a time!

In Luke 4, after Jesus' 40-day fast, he goes to the synagogue and declares out of *Isaiah 61*: *"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

What a powerful moment as Jesus is coming out of his 40-day fast in the wilderness to declare with confidence and boldness what was prophesied of Him in the Jewish scriptures. Similarly, we all have our place written in the Father's redemptive storyline in shaping history, and it can only be found in the place of friendship and oneness with God.

We were created for such a time as this. Let's shift the tide of history and see America turned back to God. The Spirit of the Lord God is upon us.

Pray for an open heaven as believers across America gather to pray for revival and awakening on college campuses in America.

Pray for open hearts to the Gospel that many would turn from sin and surrender to the Lordship of Jesus.

Pray for open hands for students to surrender to God's purposes for their lives and in their generation.

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