



THE COLLEGIATE DAY OF PRAYER

30-DAY CHURCH PRAYER GUIDE

WELCOME TO THE CDOP 30-DAY CHURCH 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 powerful seasons of spiritual awakening! The early records of many of these universities read like a 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!

Would you consider adopting 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? This prayer guide starts with devotionals designed for our own personal hearts, so we can prepare ourselves to pray fervently. Midway through the guide the focus will shift to praying daily for college campuses all the way to the Collegiate Day of Prayer.

Our hope is that this prayer guide serves every willing intercessor in receiving God's heart for the next generation, activating faith for revival and awakening (beginning with our own hearts), and praying effectively for the college campuses of our nation!

May these 30 days become more than a moment—may they become a catalyst to another Great Awakening in America!

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DAY 1

Revival Preceded By Prayer & Repentance

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“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 (work of God's power) 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

- 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 believers 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. Pray for transparency that results in deep confession of sin and authentic change of heart and life.
- 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
Ninevah Moment

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“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 as a nation! We will either lose the promises of God over America, or we will see the rebirthing of His purposes in our nation. God is giving us a window of mercy, a season of time – He 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 god-less 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 Him!
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 hour in which they were living.

4. **Everyone Urgently Called on God:** with desperation, this was a heart-wrenching cry for mercy – knowing 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 surrendered their offensive and grievous ways before the Lord, responding with deep and life-altering repentance!

“When God saw what they did...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

- Pray the eyes and ears of believers would be opened to the final call for repentance sounding forth from heaven – that we would respond with wholeheartedness, and that the Spirit of repentance, humility, fasting and urgent prayer would be poured upon us as never before!
- Take time now to ask God: “What is the level of prayer, humility, seeking and repentance that You are calling me into, that is needed in this urgent hour?” Write it down and commit yourself, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, to walk it out in these days!

DAY 3

If My People

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“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)

Where does revival begin?

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!

PRAY

- 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 4

The Revival We Need

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In 1804, all Wales was aflame. The nation had drifted far from God. The spiritual conditions were low indeed. Church attendance was poor and sin abounded on every side

Suddenly, like an unexpected tornado, the Spirit of God swept over the land. The churches were crowded so that multitudes were unable to get in. Meetings lasted from ten in the morning until twelve at night. Three definite services were held each day. There was very little preaching. Singing, testimony and prayer were the chief features. No choir, for everybody sang. No collection and no advertising.

Nothing had ever come over Wales with such far-reaching results. (Unbelievers) were converted, drunkards, thieves and gamblers saved, and thousands reclaimed to respectability. Confessions of awful sins were heard on every side. In five weeks 20,000 joined the churches. In the year 1835, Titus Coan landed on the shore belt of Hawaii. In 1837, nearly the whole population became an audience. He was ministering to 15,000 people. Unable to reach them, they came to him and settled down to a two-year long camp meeting. Day and night, audiences from 2,000 to 6,000 people strong would rally to the signal of the bell.

There was trembling, weeping, sobbing, and loud crying for mercy, sometimes too loud for the preacher to be heard. Once while preaching in the open field to 2,000 people, the entire congregation took up the cry for mercy. For half an hour Mr. Coan could get no chance to speak, but had to stand still and see God work.

Quarrels were resolved, drunkards delivered, adulterers converted and murderers revealed and pardoned. Thieves returned stolen property. Sins of a lifetime were renounced. In one year 5,244 joined the church. When Mr. Coan left, he had baptized 11,960 persons.

My heart cries out to God for such a manifestation of Himself...

- How many of our churches are empty Sunday after Sunday?
- Where is the hunger for spiritual things?

- How many professing Christians are living the Christ-life before men?
- Where are the persecutions that were heaped on the early Church?
- How many souls are won through the preaching of the Word?
- Where is the conviction of sin we used to know?

Ah, yes, men have forgotten God. Sin flourishes on every side. The pulpit fails to grip. And I know of nothing less than the outpouring of His Spirit that can meet the situation. Such a revival has transformed scores and hundreds of communities; it can transform ours.

Now, how may we secure such an outpouring of the Spirit? You answer, by prayer. True, but there is something before prayer. We will have to deal first of all with the question of sin; for unless our lives are right in the sight of God, unless sin has been put away, we may pray until doomsday, and the revival will never come. "Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you so that He will not hear." (Isaiah 59:2)

PRAY

- Let God search your heart and reveal the hindrances. Sin must be confessed and put away. It may be you will have to forsake some cherished idol. It may be you will have to make restitution. Perhaps you are withholding from God, robbing Him of His own. It lies between you and God.

The trouble is not with God; it lies right here with ourselves. He is willing, but we are not ready. He is waiting. How long will we keep Him waiting?

DAY 5

A Deep Work of Repentance

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“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 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, 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!

PRAY

- Read Psalm 139:23-24. Take time to ask God to search and reveal our hearts. Let each heart ask: "Lord, is there any way in me that is offensive? Is there anything I have not truly surrendered to You?" Do not rush, but allow Holy Spirit to bring to light everything He desires to address. Then, confess your sins one to another (James 5:16).
- After confessing each sin, ask God how He wants to replace each old way of seeing, thinking, believing and living, with how He wants you to see, think, believe and live!
- "Father, we are longing for times of refreshing! We ask You to release a movement of repentance and holiness that would sweep through [your adopted campus], that every heart would be consumed with longing for Your presence! Let this campus become an altar, and every heart a living sacrifice, upon which the fire of heaven will fall!"

DAY 6

Into the Wilderness

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“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 was 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

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

DAY 7

Digging Deep

Ruth Vacciana
Luke 18 Project

“So why do you keep calling me ‘Lord, Lord!’ when you don’t do what I say? I will show you what it’s like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and then follows it. It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, it stands firm because it is well built. But anyone who hears and doesn’t obey is like a person who builds a house right on the ground, without a foundation. When the floods sweep down against that house, it will collapse into a heap of ruins.” Luke 6:46-49 (NLT)

“The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. But since they don’t have deep roots, they don’t last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God’s word.” Mark 4:16-17 (NLT)

A few months ago, a friend admonished me about going deeper in the Lord. She challenged me to press further into God’s Word and His presence than the level I had been accustomed to, growing up in the church. I had reached a point in my walk with the Lord where I knew there was more to be accessed in my relationship with Him, but I was living like I had already maxed.

Our lives are like trees and houses before the Lord; for a tree to thrive in the heat of the day and for a house to withstand the floods, the roots must go down deep and a sturdy foundation has to be laid in a deep hole.

In Luke 6, the one who digs deep is the one who comes to Jesus, listens to His teaching and follows it. Digging deep is mostly in the small things like daily connecting with the Lord through His Word, through prayer and worship.

Like the rich young ruler, we set a cap on how deep we are willing to go for Jesus. The onus is on us; Jesus has already laid out his whole heart before us. Now He waits for a mutual response of wholehearted

devotion and affection.

This decision requires intentionality on our part; we have to set our hearts and prepare ourselves to give everything at the feet of Jesus. As the day draws closer to Jesus' return, it will become more critical to have oil in our lamps; it is no longer enough to just own a lamp, we need oil.

PRAY

- “Lord, forgive me for setting limits on the depth of our relationship. I want to go all in for You. Show me practical ways I can shape my life and daily activities, in a way that will foster deeper knowledge of Your beauty and glory. Lord, let my culture and my lifestyle be geared towards seeking You wholeheartedly. Help me to show my love for You through my obedience and my daily “yes” to the cross You have for me. Lord, I realize there is more in You I can access; I confess that I desire this next level more than anything else. Now give me greater desire and fire. Do it in me and do it in this generation, in Jesus' name. Amen.”

DAY 8

A Return to Obedience

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“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 asks a compelling question: “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord’, and not do what I say?” Many in our nation have called upon Jesus as their Savior, but few have surrendered to Jesus as 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: are we doing what He commands 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).

PRAY

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

- Pray for a revelation of the fear of the Lord in our lives, that would overcome all fear of man.

DAY 9

A Different Kind of Praying

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“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

- 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 10

Repentance for Our Land

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“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. As we ask 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 our nation? 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, from lands stolen by violating treaties, and from other acts of oppression. 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 the sins of our nation out into the open lets the healing light of Christ into those places. God loves humility, and when we humble ourselves the enemy loses his foothold. The humility to repent on behalf of ourselves and our nation can bring great freedom, and can welcome the Holy Spirit to bring revival to our land!

PRAY

- 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 11

Make Us One: Racial Reconciliation

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“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 and cultural divisions 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 powerful oneness with diversity will burst forth, bringing the world into the knowledge and saving grace of God!

PRAY

- 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.

DAY 12

Forgiveness Breaks the Cycle

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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)

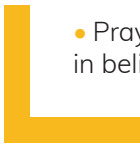
Forgiveness breaks the cycle of hurt, offense, and vengeance that often characterizes the world's system. When we confess our own sins before our holy God, and remember the blood of Christ shed for us, we are free to extend His mercy to those who've hurt us. That makes us channels of healing to the world 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." 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

- Pray that we would remember and understand the depths from which we have been forgiven and cleansed by the blood of Jesus! That our forgiveness to others would simply become an overflow of the forgiveness that we have received from Christ.
- Pray that we, as the Body of Christ, would freely forgive one another and choose to see one another as God sees. Pray for genuine love to abound



between ministries and churches on campus and in our communities.

- Pray that no root of bitterness would hinder the growth of the Lord's work in believers and ministries on college campuses and in our communities.

DAY 13

In One Accord
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Luke 18 Project

“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 here:

1. The consecrated life together
2. The shared life together
3. The poured-out life together

The disciples learned how to live Christ-centered lives in Christ-centered community—together. They 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.

PRAY

- Ask the Father for vision of what it would look like to be an “upper room” praying family in your community and “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 14

A Prayerful Generation
Dr. Glenn Sheppard
National Prayer Committee

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

Why is prayer necessary for revival?

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.”

Surely, 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)


And teach them to pray He did, using the Lord’s Prayer as a model. Later in the book of Acts, we see the disciples’ dependence on prayer and the God-glorifying results of such devoted prayer. In Acts 4, for example, Peter, John, and the other disciples prayed together and saw an extraordinary move of God in three ways:

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”).

Yes, the result of their fervent prayers was a massive move of God that impacted the course of history!

But the power of prayer doesn’t end with the book of Acts. Surely, even in the past few decades we have seen the power of fervent prayer that results in revival—yes, revival on our college campuses!

For example, 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

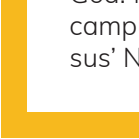


beginning, swept across campuses and touched the lives of thousands of young people. Around this same time, the “Jesus Movement” made front page news in national media. So impactful was this movement that today many Christian leaders trace their own revival experience back to the Asbury Revival — and to that small group of students who prayed!

So...can God do the same today with our prayers as He did centuries and decades ago with these prayers?

The answer is a resounding yes.

PRAY

- “Oh God, we come into your presence desperately crying out to you, “Lord, do it again!” You are God of the impossible, and we trust You to bring revival to our college campuses!
 - “Teach us to pray fervently, passionately, and perseveringly, as others have in the past. Teach us to pray like You, for the things that are on Your heart. Teach us to pray with faith, knowing that You can do all things.
 - “We ask that You set campuses afire with Your presence. Draw students ever closer to You and stir their hearts to surrender their lives to You. Fill these campuses with Your presence and a desire for You, God. May Your presence bring healing, freedom, and power to these campuses and spark a revival like we have never seen before. In Jesus’ Name we pray, Amen.”
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DAY 15

Will You Watch
& Pray?
Nathan Cole
Chi Alpha

“Therefore, we are ambassadors of Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.” 2 Corinthians 5:20 (ESV)


Awakening is not a new and novel idea. Throughout history there have been Spirit-led seasons of prodigious kingdom expansion, which can only be explained in retrospect by sovereign moves of God. These movements were not orchestrated by feeble attempts of men to stir up religious fervor or grow any single organization; instead, they superseded the scope of any one group in influence and expansion, to fulfill an urgent need in the heart of God for rapid kingdom growth.

From the days of Jonah, hesitantly ushering in a city-wide awakening in Nineveh, to the birth of the first century church in Acts - there are distinct historical moments in which heaven and earth collide for a cataclysmic coming of the kingdom of God, to fulfill heaven's agenda for a generation.

Salvation is personal. Revival is family. Awakening is generational. From the 18th century onward, students have often been at the center of historic awakenings. In the early 1700's, twenty-something Ludwig Von Zinzendorf started a 24-hour prayer vigil that spanned an entire century and led to the pioneering of an unprecedented missions movement.

Samuel Mills and the Haystack Five famously gathered on a rainy afternoon in August 1806 to pray for the unreached, which led to a nationwide student awakening and the spawning of the first six missions agencies from North America.

Toward the end of the 19th century, C.T. Studd and six other Cambridge students gave up their prominence and position to thrust their lives into foreign missionary service and mobilization of their peers. By the turn of the 20th century, their recruitment efforts and inspiring sacrifices had multiplied into an unthinkable eight hundred missionaries, which represented one third of the protestant missionary force at that time! History shows this was only the beginning of another student



awakening which culminated in over 100,000 students committing themselves to the evangelization of the world, through what became known as the Student Volunteer Movement. Over the course of four decades, 20,000 of these students went overseas, while the remaining 80,000 staying behind to generously support this student awakening.

For more inspiring history, check out this speech* given in 1898 entitled, "Spiritual Awakening in a University." The text reads as if it was written for today.

It is time for America to experience another great student awakening. In fact, God has promised through multiple credible sources that we are in the nascent stages of another student awakening. It's time for us to not only talk about awakenings, but to contend for them.

In Matthew 26 during one of the most critical hours in history, Jesus calls his closest friends with him in the garden of Gethsemane to watch and pray, and yet they are found sleeping three times. We must be aware of this critical hour we are living in!

There is no doubt that Jesus is also calling us near, asking if we will watch and pray. Our spirit is willing, but our flesh is also weak. Will you watch and pray? Will you contend for another student awakening in our generation?

PRAY

- Pray for the Awakening
- Pray for college students
- Pray for college professors



[*collegiatedayofprayer.org/blog/2014/01/spiritual-awakening-university]

DAY 16

Speaking Life Into the
Valley of Dry Bones
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Leadership Network

“Son of man, can these bones live?” I replied, “Lord GOD, only You know.” Ezekiel 37:3 (HCSB)

As we survey the spiritual landscape of college campuses across our nation, we begin to see a similar vision that Ezekiel the prophet saw in his day: a valley full of dry bones.

- Among students who begin their college life as Christians, 75% are falling away from their faith.
- On most university campuses across the nation, the percentage of Christians is less than 5% of the student population.
- The consequences of this reality are widespread and felt in many churches across America, as the 18 to 30 age group is almost completely missing from the Church today.

Behind each statistic is a real person whose life has been dramatically altered, whose destiny has fallen in the valley of death, and whose soul could be forever lost – because of the spiritual reality on college campuses. They are not just a number – they are someone’s brother, sister, friend, son or daughter – and the heavenly Father notices they are missing. He longs for them to return home; His heart is broken daily over them.

How many have fallen from simplicity of faith and trust in God during their college years? How many have turned away to other pursuits, ambitions and worldly pleasures? How many have been led astray by the deceitfulness and futility of man’s reasoning? How many have fallen away from their First Love, and feel too ashamed to come back?

“Son of man, can these bones live?” What is your response, when you look over this valley? When you look at your friend, your brother or sister, your son or daughter who has fallen away? Many in the Church have given up hope, believing this young generation is too far-gone or too hard to reach. What was the hope that God gave Ezekiel in this valley? “Prophesy concerning these bones and say to them: Dry bones, hear

the word of the LORD! ...I will put tendons on you, make flesh grow on you, and cover you with skin. I will put breath in you so that you come to life. Then you will know that I am Yahweh.”

So I prophesied as I had been commanded...and they came to life and stood on their feet, a vast army.” Ezekiel 37:4-10 (HCSB)

PRAY

- “Though others may see a valley of dry bones, we believe an army will arise from this young generation. Father, we call forth Your resurrection power over our colleges and universities! We declare nothing is too hard for You, for You are the God of the impossible, who even brings life back from the dead.” (Heb. 11:19,35)
- “We declare over every fallen destiny on our campuses, that they will be raised back to life. We command the bones to reassemble, flesh to be placed on fallen destinies, and the breath of Life to enter into these slain, that they may live!”
- “We pray for prodigals who have turned away or who are running from their callings –we believe You are able to draw each one back, raising them from death to life!”
- Take a moment to DECLARE the names of those who have fallen away from their faith in God, and call them to be raised back to life spiritually.

DAY 17

Prayers That Bear Long-Lasting Fruit

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“The Shepherd does not ask of you faith in your faith, but only faith in Him.” - Adapted from a Church Journal poem published in The Shadow of the Rock, 1866

I almost quit college. If I had, I would have closed the doors to countless opportunities to be used for the Kingdom. In college, I almost gave up on life. But I didn't.

Why? I never knew until last year when I heard of the Collegiate Day of Prayer for the first time. Then it made sense to me. I discovered what had kept me alive, rooted to my studies, and what had brought me to the God I briefly rejected when I walked onto campus.

Nearly half a century ago, people I never met were praying for me at that pivotal time. And not for me only; they prayed for my then future husband as well. I marveled at the thought.

Tears of gratitude flowed at the feet of our Lord. How could I ever say thank you, I wondered. Surely in eternity, I knew I would. Then, I found myself with the unexpected opportunity to share my thank you here. How many peoples' lives would have been drastically different without the support of these faithful strangers who prayed us and so many others into the kingdom?

In my own salvation story, I can recount the time I stood amongst thousands of other college students who boldly committed to follow Jesus during a week-long Christian college rally, while I remained rooted—yes, rooted—to my seat. If not for those faithfully praying for college students, that may have been the end of my salvation story.

But it wasn't.

Through faithful prayers of those like you, I put my faith in Jesus, and together with my now husband began serving in ministry fresh out of college.

Upon graduating, God first called us to teach in a newly-opened

Christian school. From there, we married, served in the bus ministry, Sunday School, Junior Church, college and career class, and choir—basically everything we could fit in our schedule. My husband became bus minister, assistant pastor, and later, the senior pastor where we have been for the past 21 years.

And again, this all began with prayer—prayers of faithful believers who interceded on behalf of me, my husband, and many others so many years ago. Yes, those prayers still bear fruit today—and those who prayed all those years ago may not even know the extent of their impact.

Perhaps discouragement threatens to keep you from having the faith to believe your prayers will bear much fruit in such conditions. But God never asked us to have faith in our faith. He tells us to have faith in Him.

Although you may never see the harvest personally before eternity, and although there may be roadblocks requiring the God of the impossible, I pray you connect with His faith to sustain your prayers. May He enable you to believe Him to impact thousands and bring revival to many hearts and many campuses.

PRAY

- Pray for our God of the impossible to draw Christian students into deeper relationship with Him and lost students into a saving relationship with Him.
- Pray for more stories like this one—where college students continue walking in their faith after graduating and dedicate their lives to serving our God who is able.
- Pray for God to raise up more intercessors for the college campus—intercessors who will persevere in prayer and have faith in Him, for He is able.
- Pray for God to encourage such intercessors, knowing that their prayers are being heard and impacting eternity in more ways than they realize.

DAY 18

Healing for Gen Z
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“A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more” Matthew 2:18 (NIV)

Rachel wept along the road to Bethlehem, giving birth to the “son of her sorrow.” She cried while her offspring meandered in captivity toward Babylon. She shed tears when King Herod murdered innocent boys.

Today—Rachel weeps as college students fall away from faith in God. She cries amid a raging pandemic that steals away their livelihood and loved ones. She sheds tears over a generation disillusioned by a world where conflicts escalate beyond reason.

As I have been reaching out to college students, I’ve come to realize how disconnected our generations are. TikTok and Snapchat are foreign to us. Though Facebook is outdated to them, social media is all-consuming. GenZ has shifted from e-commerce to social commerce while social media is their primary means of entertainment and connection to others.

Yet, they are fiercely relational and desire nothing more than to be in the physical presence of one another. College students want to share their lives organically and even want to share their faith that way. But they are deeply skeptical about the church, concepts of judgment and condemnation, and traditional evangelistic approaches. Coupled with the pandemic, being connected 24/7 has left them fragmented, hurting, and full of self-doubt.

Now more than ever, they need healing—personally and collectively. When college students are weeping, God alone will meet them in their grief. In the desolation of isolation, Jesus heals their brokenness. Though He escaped in Bethlehem while other boys died, He died at Golgotha so that they might live. Just as He healed every disease and affliction, Jesus desires to heal their brokenness.

How will they experience the healing touch of Jesus? James instructs us to pray, to call the elders, and to anoint the sick with oil in the name

of the Lord. The prayer of faith is vital to the act of healing, yet the power of healing comes from Jesus alone. "He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities...by his wounds, we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5)

PRAY

So, let us pray for the Next Generation:

- Pray healing for the broken-hearted.
- Pray connection to the Savior and King.
- Pray fellowship for the faithful remnant.
- Pray love from the church abundantly.

The one who died at Golgotha is the one who can save.

DAY 19

Praying for Persistence
Heather Persing
Cru

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name.” Matthew 6:9 (NKJV)

I'd like to invite you to pray with persistence for our campuses and campus ministries using the beginning of the Lord's Prayer.

To align our hearts beforehand, we're going to look at a few excerpts from *Fireseeds of Spiritual Awakening* by Dan Hayes.

“Whenever God is ready to do something new with His people, He always sets them to praying.” – J. Edwin Orr

“Prayer has always been the precursor to revival. If we commit ourselves to prayer, there is no limit to what we can see God do. Genesis 32:26 gives us Jacob's instructive prayer to God: “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” This is the kind of fervency and persistence that needs to characterize our prayers. Jacob was saying, “You can't make it rough enough for me to stop. I am holding on until You fulfill Your promises.”

This is what Jesus was teaching about prayer when He encouraged His followers, “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you” (Luke 11:9, NIV). Knocking—by definition—is persistent repetition.

This is extremely difficult for us to do. We are addicted to the short term, and with every advance in technology and convenience, and every new button added to our 'remotes', that habit intensifies. We pray a while. When no obvious answers are forthcoming, we become distracted or discouraged and quit. But lasting revival is the fruit of persistent prayer: weeks, months, sometimes years of petitioning God for a spiritual brushfire to break forth on our campuses, converting the lost, quickening believers, and drawing the focus of the entire campus to Jesus Christ.” [1]

So how can we develop persistence in our prayers for college campuses and campus ministries?

The Lord's Prayer is a good place to start. Even just the opening words

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name” (Matthew 6:9, NKJV) offer great inspiration for our prayers.

For example, since the word “hallowed” means kept holy and treated with reverence, we can pray that the Lord would be revered in the lives of Christian students, Christian faculty members, and campus ministry staff. We can pray that they would indeed honor and bring glory to God’s sacred Name as they witness and minister on our campuses.

As you pray for college campuses and their ministries, you can choose a specific school, such as your alma mater, or you can pray generally for all campuses. Whatever the case, Scripture such as The Lord’s Prayer in Matthew 6 and Luke 11, can surely inspire us to persevere in persistent and passionate prayer for campus revival.

PRAY

- Spend some time acknowledging who God is and praying that Christians on our campuses (students, faculty, and campus ministers) would be submitted to His authority in every area and bring glory to His Holy Name in all they say, pray, and do.
- Pray that they would be quick to confess where they are not revering the Lord as faithful ministers and disciples of Christ.
- Pray for the Lord to be revered on the college campus and throughout the world.
- Pray that presidents and administrators who are leading these colleges would walk in wisdom, integrity, grace, and truth [Proverbs 2:1-11].
- Ask that God would give students who don’t know Christ a hunger for truth and curiosity about the Bible, followed by an understanding and love for it.
- Pray for professors that don’t know Jesus to have a profound encounter with God’s word. Lift up Christian faculty to have courage and opportunity to reach out to their colleagues and the students they influence each day.
- Spend time praying earnestly that God would send many laborers into the harvest so that He may be known.
- Pray The Lord’s Prayer over our campuses...

“May Your kingdom come Lord, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:10)

DAY 20

Moving Toward God

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“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:21 (NIV)

When we hear the words of Jesus in Matthew 6 our minds tend to jump to topics like money, tithing, or living a generous life. But if that’s all that we see, we miss an incredible truth. Tucked away in this verse is a foundational spiritual principle for every believer.

For years I misread this verse, flipping around Jesus’ words without even realizing it. I thought that Jesus was saying where our heart is, there our treasure will be also. What we love becomes what we spend our time, attention, and resources on. And that version seems to make sense, doesn’t it?

We tend to see our hearts as fixed points in our universe with everything else revolving around it. It took me years to realize that Jesus was saying something very different. In fact, Jesus is saying that the exact opposite is true: you learn to love what you invest in.

Why does this matter? It matters because Jesus says that the single greatest commandment is to love God with everything you have (Matt. 22:37-39). Think about that for a moment. Our greatest response to the God of all creation starts with an emotion, not an action.

But God knows that our hearts are fickle and our passion for Him rises and falls with the tides of life. We get busy, stressed, and overwhelmed. Our schedules fill up and the demands of the day draw our attention and ultimately our hearts. The drift is often subtle and unnoticed, but the effect is real. We find ourselves disconnected from God and spiritually cold.

We all face the danger of becoming spiritually disconnected, but it can be especially challenging for our college students. Rarely in life do so many new demands, relationships, and experiences collide as they do in college. Classrooms and dorms across this country are filled with young believers who are deciding in this moment how to invest their heart. Some of them are passionately following after Jesus, but many

are distracted, disconnected, and moving away from God.

So what is the solution? Too often we get stuck and discouraged when we open God's word or begin to pray looking for that dramatic breakthrough moment. The truth is that the spiritual journey relies more on small steps than on leaps and bounds. And while it may not be instantaneous, the words of Jesus remind us that as we begin to invest our time, our thoughts, and our attention on Him, our hearts and our passion will follow. There is a pathway back.

God's heart is to reconnect with each and every one of His children. He is looking to raise up a generation that will seek His face. Let's pray for our sons, our daughters, and our friends, that they would have the grace and the courage to take steps towards Him today.

PRAY

- Pray for those who are disconnected and drifting from God. Pray that they would have a divine encounter this week that would remind them of God's love.
- Pray that they would have the courage to take small steps towards God.
- Pray that God would surround them with others who will encourage them on their journey.
- Pray for a generation that will seek His face.

DAY 21

Fully Surrendered Hearts

Ross Queener
Cru

***“For the eyes of the Lord roam throughout the earth, so that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.”
2 Chronicles 16:9a (NASB)***

When you stand at the top of the Empire State Building and look out at the surrounding city, you see buildings, parks and landmarks (natural and man-made). It can all seem cold and hard and impersonal. But as you look around, what you’re really seeing is life; you’re seeing people and the things that people make to live. The buildings aren’t really the city, they’re evidence of the city. The people are the city. And in the five boroughs of New York there are 8.5 million of them. Living, breathing, hoping, striving, failing, suffering, succeeding, creating, hating, loving people.

Among this population, a significant number of these people are followers of Jesus, and a significant number of these people are college students. It is estimated that over 1.8 million people in the city are Christians, and about 600,000 are college students. Without a doubt, there are tens of thousands of believers on the campuses in NYC.

In this one place, what would the campus environment be like if every one of those Christian college students was living as they’re called to live among their peers? What would change on campus? Would Christian parents fear for the faith of their college-bound children? Would churches wonder if their graduating high school seniors will follow Christ in college? Would we see thousands of people coming to faith in Christ on the campuses of NYC? What would it be like if this happened where you live?

The Lord calls all of us to be His ambassadors where we are right now, and so in the lives of college students, He’s calling them to represent Him on their campuses. But to do that, Christian college students need to fully surrender their hearts to Him. As they do so, He will strongly support them; He will encourage their faith through His Holy Spirit and use them to build His kingdom on their campuses and in their communities.

PRAY

- Please pray for the Christian college students that you know. Pray that their hearts would be fully surrendered to the Lord. What are some obstacles to this? (Pray into this)
- Pray that the Lord would increase their faith, so that they live the lives they were created for. What challenges do they face in pursuing this? (Pray into this)
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would empower them to be His witnesses among their peers. What would it look like for this generation to be a faithful witness to their fellow students? (Pray into this)

DAY 22

Returning to the Lord
Nicole Stevens
Cru

“For thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: ‘In returning and rest you shall be saved; In quietness and confidence shall be your strength.’ But you would not...” Isaiah 30:15 (NKJV)

Distractions come in all shapes and sizes. In his book, *The Deeply Formed Life*, Rich Villodas comments on distractions that can disrupt our time with the Lord. In quoting Thomas Keating, Villodas says: “if your mind gets distracted ten thousand times in twenty minutes of prayer, it’s ten thousand opportunities to return to God.”

Isn’t it beautiful to think that our amazing God, rather than shaking his head at us and our easily- wandering minds, welcomes us to return to Him time and time again?

But what about the bigger seasons of distraction we may go through? Sure, it’s one thing to get distracted for a few moments during our quiet times with the Lord. But what about longer seasons of distraction? Seasons of busyness where our family and career responsibilities distract us from wholeheartedly seeking our King? Or seasons of trials that keep our focus horizontal rather than heavenward? Does God invite us to return to Him even in those longer seasons of distraction and—dare we say departing—from the Lord?

The answer is a thrilling and humbling yes.

In Isaiah 30:15, we read how the Israelites—God’s own people who knew of His outstretched arm that parted the Red Sea and His loving compassion that continually pursued them—were distracted by the seemingly impressive armies and strength of the Egyptians.

And yet, as we see in this passage, God mercifully invited them to return to Him. To rest in Him. To trust in Him. And the magnificent result? They would be saved.

Fast forward a few thousand years to our college students today. Even those raised in Christian homes—the ones who attended the youth retreats and church picnics, the ones who can quote John 3:16 and maybe even recite the books of the Bible in order. What about them?

A whole set of distractions and temptations awaits them on the college campus. They might not be searching for safety from the Egyptians, but they are searching for something or several things—all of which become distractions.

They are distracted by the search for success, approval, and significance. The desire to do well academically and socially, to gain approval from everyone from their professors to their peers. Their desire to “fit in” which usually doesn’t include sporting a cross around their necks. Is there any hope for them returning to the Lord? The answer, again, is yes.

Because that’s just how good our God is!

I know first-hand. I was one of those college students who got distracted in my walk with Jesus, absorbed in my full social calendar and 4.0 GPA. I put God on the back burner, but He never stopped pursuing me. And how good it felt when I finally returned to Him. Oh how welcoming His arms, how loving His embrace, how sweet His whisper: “I love you!”

Let us pray for our students to return to God—to cast their hearts and minds away from those worldly distractions, find rest and grace in His arms, and be saved. For as Villodas powerfully states: “[Distractions] don’t have to have the final say.”

But God does.

PRAY

- Pray for our college students who were raised knowing the gospel—that rather than falling into temptation and getting distracted while at college, they would pursue their Savior and find rest, salvation, and all they need in Him.
- Pray for those college students who are distracted right now—pray they would return to the Lord, taste and see that He is good, and follow His plans for their life.
- Pray that Christian students would come alongside those struggling/distracted in their faith and show them how to rest in the Father’s loving arms.

DAY 23

Ancient Wisdom for
Today

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“Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king’s service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility— young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king’s palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians. The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king’s table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king’s service.” Daniel 1:3-5 (NIV)

When Daniel, and his friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were accepted to Babylon University, the most prestigious institution of higher learning in the world at the time, they had to say yes. Not because the opportunity was so great, but because their people had just been conquered by the Babylonians and King Nebuchadnezzar forcefully sent the best and the brightest young people to his courts. Their trip to Babylon U. wasn’t met with great celebration but with sorrow. They needed wisdom for their higher learning and in the midst of their struggles, they found strength in God.

In the first chapter of Daniel in the Bible, we see these new students commit to excel in their academic training, while also maintaining their clear devotion to God. It wasn’t easy. They were in the midst of a promiscuous and indulgent campus culture that was hostile to their faith. These young men fought to maintain a personal practice of integrity before God. And at first, it seemed like things were going well. (Daniel 1:8-17), but then in Daniel 2, they faced the highest stakes pop quiz in human history. The King demanded to know the interpretation of his dream - without telling any of them what he dreamt! If none of the scholars succeeded, they’d all be executed!

Daniel gathered his friends and they prayed to God for a revelation. Just as the king was preparing to kill all of his scholars, God interpreted the dream to Daniel and the entire university was saved.

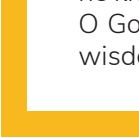
Fortunately, today’s college students desiring to follow Christ haven’t had to endure such a difficult and dangerous test, but the campus today



is full of the spiritual challenges that Daniel and his friends faced. The temptation to compromise godly standards in the face of peer pressure is enormous, but so are the opportunities to be a light! That is why we need to pray for wisdom which is the skill for living, and reverence to God which is the beginning of wisdom (Proverbs 1:7).

Daniel and his friends' wisdom would influence even the King to bow down to the Lord (Daniel 2:47). God continues to offer college students the wisdom needed, not just to survive on campus, but thrive. We can learn a lot from Daniel about how our wise choices can impact the entire campus.

PRAY

- Pray for college students to set themselves apart to God and to be committed to maintaining spiritual integrity in the face of temptation.
 - Pray for believers on campus to walk in true friendship, encouragement and accountability with others – as Daniel and his three friends did.
 - Declare Daniel 2:20-23 on behalf of believing students across our nation: “Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him. To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, for you have given me wisdom and might.”
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DAY 24

God's Heart for His
Family
Burt Salisbury
Calvary Chapel Living Water

"...so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes." Ephesians 4:14 (ESV)

What is God's heart for His family's relationship to college campus revival, especially those students and campuses that seem disconnected from God?

These are unique times that we live in, are they not? Up seems down, and down seems up, and nowhere is that more evident than on the college campuses where we send our young adults. We send them there to become well-rounded in knowledge or perhaps learn a trade, and they end up in an overwhelming situation where new—and sometimes dangerous—ideas are presented and forced upon them. Ideas in and of themselves aren't dangerous; ideas that separate us from the God who loves us certainly are.


Surely, God's heart is that his children would draw closer and closer to Him, not constantly be turned aside by every wave of popular opinion that comes around.

As Paul writes in Ephesians 4:14 "so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes."

As our young people are pulled in every direction, we need to be in prayer on their behalf. Our prayer should be two-fold.

We need to be in prayer for our young believers in college to not be distracted and discouraged but keep their eyes focused upon our Savior who gave everything for them.

We also need to be in prayer for the young people who do not yet know Jesus as their Savior. We need to pray that they would not be moved in the opposite direction, away from God, but they would come to the loving Lord and Redeemer who desires to save them and be with them. We pray that they would hear and respond to the gospel, for the Gospel indeed changes the world.

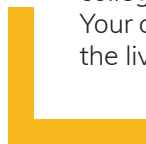


God doesn't change things through politics. He doesn't change things through arguments and debates. God changes the world by changing the individual heart toward Him—one saving grace at a time. God can revive our colleges and move in a mighty way in the lives of our young people, and He will move as the family of Christ seeks Him.

So, let us show the love of Christ every day, every moment, and with every step we take on our college campuses, that the heart of the Gospel may be made evident, young people would come to know Christ, and through that the world may be turned right side up as the Creator initially intended.

PRAY

- “Father, we glorify Your name. There is none like You. We seek Your divine intervention in the lives of our young people and on our college campuses. There is a great need, Lord, for You to move in a miraculous way in these places, and we long for a revival to come in the lives of our college students and staff. Please let Your Holy Spirit move and bring Your children home. We look forward to seeing Your divine will unfold in the lives of Your people. In Christ' precious Name. Amen.”



DAY 25

Desperate for Heaven
to Come
Chris Ngai
LoveUnited

“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 start 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 moved 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 college students and revival on our campuses?

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

PRAY

- 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 our college campuses—maybe even a specific campus near you. Pray that God would use Christian students to bring others on their campus into His Kingdom, and that God would even show you how to share His good news and love with a college student you know or may meet in the future.
- Pray that God would set apart a holy people, passionately in love with Jesus marked for revival and awakening on our nation's campuses. Pray that God would raise up a generation that seeks His face, with "clean hands and a pure heart" (Psalm 24:4) who will never settle for anything less than the full outpouring of God's Spirit!

DAY 26

Jesus's Protest Culture

David Bradshaw
Awaken the Dawn

“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)

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 and are groping in blindness in a search for reality.

But we don't just see the bleakness of this generation. Through all the darkness, can you visualize what God wants to do across the universities of America? Can you see a great spiritual awakening sweeping the campuses of America and the nations, including the ones in your very community? 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. As an intercessor entering God's throne room, your prayer 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 Eli actually thought she was drunk, because she was praying so passionately for God to give her a 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, Samuel. What was your last passionate prayer like this?

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

Are you ready to be an intercessor who believes in prayer day and night until revival comes?

PRAY

- “Father, I bring to You the campuses of my nation and all nations beyond. I ask You for justice to come and for this generation to be awakened to see You as You truly are— Savior of the world. Send a great move of the Holy Spirit in this generation. Open the eyes of our college students and draw them ever closer to You. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

[1] [Excerpt from *Confronting the Powers* by Walker Wink]

DAY 27

Arising from Every
Campus
Collegiate Day of Prayer 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 not just a 30-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

- Pray that on every campus across America, worship and prayer would begin to arise day and night.

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- Pray for laborers to be sent forth into every nation, until His name is made great among the nations!

DAY 28

Lamb's Awakening
Movement
Dr. Jason Hubbard
International Prayer Connect

***“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)***

How would you like to see a “Just Jesus” generation encounter and worship Jesus as the victorious Lamb of God?!

Doesn't that sound utterly and beautifully amazing?

The Lamb is in the center of the throne in Heaven. What if we prayed that He would also be the center of the throne of this generation? What if we prayed for this generation to give the Son the worship He is due for the sacrifice He made for each of us? What if we prayed for our college students to behold our Savior's glory and be transformed in His image (2 Cor 3:18)? What if we prayed for this generation to be so gripped with passion for the Lamb, that they'd be left in awe of His glory and seek to give Him glory in all they do?

Yes, we declare and decree that it's time for the Lamb to become the center of the throne on the earth in this generation!

It's our desire to see the youth of this generation fully awakened to the Lamb's victory and the glory of God! Let's ask the Father to release a massive Lamb's awakening movement on every campus across America. Let's pray to see the Spirit of God use the Word of God to re-awaken this generation back to God's Son as the Lamb of Glory!

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

Lord, pierce our hearts as we behold Your glory and transform this generation into Your image!

PRAY

- “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. 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

The Great Commission
Collegiate Day of Prayer 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)***

Our history shows that revivals often involve the youth of a generation. Hudson Taylor, the great missionary who pioneered China Inland Mission, was twenty-one years old when he left for China. Evan Roberts was twenty-six 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, and one hundred of them (who later became known as the Mount Hermon 100) dedicated their lives to be foreign missionaries. This was the pioneering moment for the Student Volunteer Movement, which spanned into the mid-1900s and would send around 20,000 missionaries to the ends of the earth, believing for “the evangelization of the world in their generation.”

Although this task remains unfinished, the mantle and responsibility has been passed on—to this generation and the youth on our college campuses.

Do you believe God can still use the youth of our generation to continue to fulfill His Great Commission?

Yes!

Although much time has passed since the days of Hudson Taylor and the era of the Student Volunteer Movement, one thing—one Person—remains the same. Our God is still the God who is able. He is still the God who calls His people to go to the ends of the earth to share His good news. He is still the God who calls His people to pray.

May we set our hearts to pray for another revival like that of generations past. May we set our hearts to pray for God to stir the hearts of our youth, to be fully surrendered to our King, devoted to the Great Commission, and declare the supremacy of Christ to those who have never heard His name.

Yes, God can surely do it again!

PRAY

- Pray for another Student Volunteer Missions Movement in this generation.
- Pray that believers on our college campuses would count the cost and follow the Lamb wherever He may lead them to.
- Pray for students to have an eternal perspective and live for the age to come and not just this present age.

DAY 30

Missions Movement
David Kim
Contend Global

“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. They 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. Surely, history will continue to be made on our college campuses as students respond wholeheartedly to the gospel.

Sadly, despite the rich history of God’s activity on college campuses, the youth of our nation are in a 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 God.

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 this generation!

PRAY

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

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