



November 2-8, 2020

When you think of a week of prayer what comes to your mind? All nights or half-nights of prayer? Stopping what I am doing, clearing my schedule to just pray? Fasting? Calling on others to join me in prayer? Setting aside prolonged times of prayer on my own or with my family?

All of the above is correct and can certainly be part of a Week of Prayer. However, it is not the Structure of prayer necessarily we are looking to but rather a Season of prayer that is Urgent, Immediate and Specific! As the Psalmist in Ps. 70:1 *"Hasten, O God, to save me; come quickly. LORD, to help me..."*

I believe we are at that crucial point as a Mission, in the church today and as a nation. Like never before we are in desperate need of a divine intervention that will 'turn the tide' of this virus, turn the hearts of men and women back to Himself and to revive the church with life and power. And if we are not desperate for the Lord, then we need to pray: "Lord, make me desperate for you"!

We do not have all the answers (I realise that more than ever) and all our programs and plans can fail us. But we have ONE that has not and will not fail us! He has promised: *"If my people, who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land"*. (2 Chron. 7:14) This is not just a verse we quote for the sake of it, this is a powerful reality for all will go through with God in the place of prayer and seek His face. Will you rise to the challenge?

So may I encourage you to take this time seriously and use this God-given means of prayer to cry out for help and hope! He is able!

Thank you for joining with us as together we *"seek first the Kingdom"*.

Yours for the glory of God,

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Guidelines for the Week of Prayer

Firstly, though we want to give some guidelines to this week, we do not want this to be 'mechanical' or ridged in any way. As always, we want to be guided and led by the Spirit of God and open as He leads us during this time.

Secondly, we would encourage you (as Scripture does) to set aside a day during this week to also fast and pray. We know that for some this is not always practical or medically possible, but fasting does not only mean food. We can also fast from social media, technology etc. for a day or more. This may be helpful.

Thirdly, not only set aside times during the week to pray individually, but also pray together with your family and if possible get a small group together to pray through these areas.

May the Lord be pleased to hear and answer us as we cry out to Him!

Day 1 (Monday, November 2):

1. Pray to Almighty God for a merciful intervention to 'stem the tide' of this virus; (Isa. 63:7-9)

- a. Praise God that He is sovereign over the affairs of the world;
- b. Praise Him that there is nothing too hard for Him;
- c. Pray that by His mighty power He would be pleased to suppress this pandemic swiftly;
- d. Pray that as a nation (Government, leaders etc.) and as individuals we would humble ourselves and acknowledge that it is God we truly need.

Day 2 (Tuesday, November 3):

2. Pray for genuine humility and brokenness to come upon God's people (Ps. 51)

- a. Pray for personal revival to take place in our hearts and lives;
- b. Pray for a deep cleansing and purifying of the people of God;
- c. Pray for true brokenness among God's people and a turning again to the Lord.
- d. Pray for the unity of the church and the restoring of genuine fellowship among believers.

Day 3 (Wednesday, November 4):

3. Pray for a fresh impetus (zeal) to share the Gospel (Lk. 24:36-53)

- a. Ask for forgiveness for our lack of compassion and burden for the lost;
- b. Pray for a renewed zeal and passion to share the Gospel with neighbours, family, strangers etc.
- c. Pray for wisdom and discernment for Mission workers, pastors, preachers etc. as they 'navigate' through these challenging days and seek opportunities to minister the Gospel;
- d. Pray that the Spirit of God would bless the preaching of the Word and the faithful witness of those who speak the truth in love.

Day 4 (Thursday, November 5):

4. Pray that God would turn the hearts of men and women in repentance to Him (Acts 3:11-26)

- a. Praise God for what He has been doing in these days and those who have heard the Gospel (online or in-person);
- b. Pray that the seed sown will bear much fruit and lasting fruit;
- c. Pray for those whose hearts are hard and seem indifferent to the Gospel that the walls of opposition would come down;
- d. Pray for salvation blessing to come to many hearts and homes that the 'nets would be full'.

Day 5 (Friday, November 6):

5. Pray for those who are suffering and have experienced great loss (Ps. 42)

- a. Praise God for those who are caring for the sick, lonely etc. and for the medical teams who treat them;
- b. Pray that God would grant recovery and good health to those who suffer;
- c. Pray for those enduring increased anxiety and mental health issues as a result of the virus. Pray for a 'lifting of their heads' and restoring of their minds;
- d. Pray for those who have lost loved ones and been separated from family over many months.
- e. Pray for families and even marriages that are broken and need restoration and revival.

Day 6 (Saturday, November 7):

6. Pray for God's bountiful provision for the needs of the work (2 Cor. 9:6-15)

- a. Praise God for meeting each need over these challenging days and for those who have faithfully stood with us in the work;
- b. Pray for the ongoing needs of the Mission (Centres, homes, vehicles, allowances etc.) that God would graciously supply what is needed to continue;
- c. Pray that our Centres (BC & ON) would continue to be open and used as a beacon in a dark world and a place where people young and old will meet with the Lord;
- d. Pray that in everything we would be wise stewards of what God gives to us and used for His glory and the extension of His Kingdom.

Day 7 (Sunday, November 8):

7. Pray for a mighty, genuine move of God in Revival to sweep across our land (Ps. 85)

- a. Pray that we would firstly offer ourselves unreservedly to God as living sacrifices, wholly committed to His will;
- b. Pray that as believers and churches we would see the tremendous need for a personal and corporate awakening today;
- c. Pray that God's people would seek the Lord for a fresh outpouring of His Spirit in their hearts, homes and across our land;
- d. Pray that above all we would see the glory of God revealed, the kingdom of darkness pushed back and the cause of Christ advance.

- *Please remember, this list and guideline is not exhaustive. Be open as the Lord leads you and directs your heart in the place of prayer.*

"The estimate and place of prayer is the estimate and place of God" (E.M. Bounds)