

**LET
GOD
ARISE!**

*Revival
Prayer Guide #1
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"Revive Us Again"
Seeking Spiritual Revival in the City

From prayer that asks that I may be
Sheltered from winds that beat on Thee,
From fearing when I should aspire,
From faltering when I should climb higher,
From silken self, O Captain, free
Thy soldier who would follow Thee.

From subtle love of softening things,
From easy choices, weakening,
Not thus are spirits fortified,
Not this way went the Crucified,
From all that dims Thy Calvary,
O Lamb of God, deliver me.

Give me the Love that leads the way,
The Faith that nothing can dismay
The Hope no disappointments tire,
The Passion that will burn like fire,
Let me not sink to be a clod.
Make me Thy fuel, Flame of God.

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Deut. 4.29 - But from there you will seek the Lord your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul.

Deut. 32.46-47 - he said to them, “Take to heart all the words by which I am warning you today, that you may command them to your children, that they may be careful to do all the words of this law. [47] For it is no empty word for you, but your very life, and by this word you shall live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess.”

1 Chron. 16.11 - Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!

1 Chron. 28.9 - And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father and serve him with a whole heart and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches all hearts and understands every plan and thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will cast you off forever.

2 Chron. 20.3 - Then Jehoshaphat was afraid and set his face to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

Ps. 27.4 - One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

Deut. 30.1-6 - And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God has driven you, [2] and return to the Lord your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, [3] then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the Lord your God has scattered you. [4] If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from



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there the Lord your God will gather you, and from there he will take you. [5] And the Lord your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers. [6] And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

Dan. 9.3 - Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.

2 Chron. 7.14 - 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. 6.37-39 - Yet if they turn their heart in the land to which they have been carried captive, and repent and plead with you in the land of their captivity, saying, 'We have sinned and have acted perversely and wickedly,' [38] if they repent with all their mind and with all their heart in the land of their captivity to which they were carried captive, and pray toward their land, which you gave to their fathers, the city that you have chosen and the house that I have built for your name, [39] then hear from heaven your dwelling place their prayer and their pleas, and maintain their cause and forgive your people who have sinned against you.

Hag. 1.5 - Now, therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways.

Isa. 55.6-7 - Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; [7] let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.



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Jer. 29.12-14 - Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. [13] You will seek me and find me. When you seek me with all your heart, [14] I will be found by you, declares the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Matt. 7.7-8 - Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. [8] For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

Amos 5.6 - Seek the Lord and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel.

Zeph. 2.2-3 - before the decree takes effect —before the day passes away like chaff— before there comes upon you the burning anger of the Lord, before there comes upon you the day of the anger of the Lord. [3] Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, who do his just commands; seek righteousness; seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the anger of the Lord.

Isa. 60.1 - Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Ps. 14.2 - The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

Ps. 27.8 - You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.”



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Ps. 32.6 - Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

Ps. 95.7 - For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice, [8] do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, [9] when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. [10] For forty years I loathed that generation and said, “They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways.” [11] Therefore I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter my rest.”

Isa. 45.19 - I did not speak in secret, in a land of darkness; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, “Seek me in vain.” I the Lord speak the truth; I declare what is right.

John 12.35-36 - So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. [36] While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.” When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them.

2 Cor. 6.1-2 - Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. [2] For he says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Heb. 3.13 - But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ■



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Revive Us Again

John J. Husband and William P. Mackay

We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love
For Jesus who died and now is gone above

Hallelujah! Thine the glory!
Hallelujah! Amen!
Hallelujah! Thine the glory
Revive us again!

All glory and praise
To the Lamb that was slain
Who has borne all our sins
And has cleansed every stain

We praise Thee, O God, for Thy Spirit of light
Who has shown us our Savior, and scattered our night

Revive us again, fill each heart with Thy love
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above

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If the Scripture is clear about one fact, it is plain that our God desires to be desired for, he longs to be longed for, and responds to those who draw near to him. In a real sense, revival is about our seeking the face of God in such a way that he chooses to make his presence felt in an extraordinary way. Revival is quite simple: *revival is the manifestation of God in an extraordinary way, the divine visitation of the living God to heal, deliver,*



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cleanse, and empower. It is nothing less than the very divine presence being experienced in a new and living way in the here-and-now.

The cities of America and the world are beyond our best efforts, our concerted missionary strategies, our most resolute plans to win them. The enemies are too numerous, our flesh too weak, the spiritual climates too dark for us to pretend that the cities can be won without divine power and unction. Only with a new manifestation of the power of God, an extraordinary outpouring of his Spirit, and a fresh mobilization of the people of God under the direction of our Lord himself can we win these dark hulks of human rebellion.

Yet, we have seen how God has done incredible works in individuals, families, churches, cities, and nations when individuals have humbled themselves before the Lord, in prayer and repentance, and sought him with new levels of hunger and passion. Our desire in this year is to seek the Lord in this way. If the cities of America and the world are to hear the Word of God regarding the Lord Jesus Christ in a fresh and powerful way, we must humble ourselves before him. If thousands of laborers are to be sent to the far flung regions of the great cities of the world with new energy, direction, and passion, we will need the Lord's own unction and power. If new churches are to be planted in neighborhoods currently plagued by corruption, immorality, and addiction, God himself will have to visit us with his own glorious presence. Nothing short of God's own presence will do; no amount of effort, working, and strategy will break the power of the enemy and cause the thunderclouds of blessing to pour on our tired, diseased cities the fresh showers of blessing they need.

Throughout this year, therefore, we will look carefully and longingly at God's working of revival and renewal in both personal and corporate ways, and see what lessons and principles we can learn from them. The following list represents the next eleven months of emphasis in our *Let God Arise!*



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monthly prayer guide series. These historical instances of God's manifestation and visitation will instruct us in the nature of revival, and how we can learn from OT experience about God's displays of renewal:

- *Revival in the Heart:* Revival Under Jacob (Gen. 35.1-15)
- *Confess Our Sin Before God:* Revival Under Moses (Exod. 32-33)
- *Cry to the Lord for Victory:* Revival Under Samuel (1 Sam. 7.1-13)
- *Let God Be God:* Revival Under Elijah (1 Kings 18)
- *Dedicate Ourselves to God's Worship:* Revival Under Solomon (2 Chron. 6-7)
- *Seek the Lord:* Revival Under Asa (2 Chron. 14-16)
- *Set Our Eyes on the Lord:* Revival Under Jehoshaphat (2 Chron. 20)
- *Turn Back to the Lord:* Revival Under Hezekiah (2 Chron. 30.1-9)
- *Humble Ourselves Before God:* Revival Under Josiah (2 Chron. 34-35)
- *Renew the Work of the Lord:* Revival Under Zerubbabel (Hag. 1; Zech. 1.1-6)
- *Rejoice in the Lord:* Revival Under Nehemiah (Neh. 8)

Our desire this year will be to seek after God with all our hearts and souls, to press toward the upward prize, and to long for him with all our selves. This will demand discipline, focus, energy, and dedication, but, if we humble ourselves before him, he may come to us in such a way as to touch dozens of inner-city communities with his own divine visitation. We must be resolute and clear; we cannot allow laziness, foolishness, distraction, or exhaustion to interfere with our quest. Nor ought we to be either surprised or disturbed that not all saints will find this kind of extraordinary searching after God to be their great desire. Many people today seek their own things and not the things of Jesus Christ (Phil. 2.21).

Let us also not think that our seeking and pining after God makes us any better than those who do not feel so moved to pursue him in this way. Let us



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admit with broken hearts the truth that the prophet spoke of his people in his own day:

Isa. 64.6-8 - We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. [7] There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. [8] But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Yes, we all are the work of his hand, we all need his grace, and we all need his cleansing, whether or not we realize it, whether or not we are mindful of it.

Let us set our hearts, therefore, to plead to God in a new and determined way this year. Let us determine to hold nothing back as we seek his presence and beg him to advance his Kingdom through his people this year. Let us begin this year with a passion to grasp hold of all that we have been grasped for, and to seek his divine visitation upon the cities of America and the world. Only if our Risen and Conquering Lord comes to us and to his church can we see the kind of spread of the Gospel and harvest of souls that we so desperately desire.

Only if he comes with power can we see the changes we seek. Let him first come upon us, his people, and then upon the world. Our only hope is that he would revive us again—to love him, to turn our backs on our idols, to be cleansed from our sin, to be released to new ministry for God.

Let God arise, and (if he does) we will be revived again. ■



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Example of Seeking for God with All His Heart: David

Ps. 27.7-8 - Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! [8] You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek."

Biblical Principle of the Month

When the people of God humble themselves before the Lord in brokenness and humility, God visits his people in an extraordinary way. And, when the presence of the Lord is felt, his people are revived, his church is awakened, and his kingdom is advanced. God has promised to visit us in a new way if we are humble before him, seeking him and his face with all our hearts. Divine visitation in grace and mercy is the world's only hope against the divine visitation soon to come to judge the world for its sinfulness.

Jer. 33.3 Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

Ps. 69.32 - When the humble see it they will be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts revive.

Ps. 85.6 - Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

Isa. 57.15 - For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite."



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