



PRAYER VIGIL WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST, 6:30PM

Join us on our [Facebook Page](#) at 6:30pm for a Live Video. If you do not have Facebook, you can use this guide to pray with us on your own wherever you are and a recording of the service will be shared later.

• **SCRIPTURE**

Tonight, we're focusing on the biblical imagery of "the River of Life" and "Living Waters" to guide our prayer as we seek the restoration of our hearts and our community, the awakening of our souls and our society.

Lord, illuminate your Word to us. Speak to your people; we are listening:

Ezekiel 47:1-3, 6-12 (Ezekiel's Vision of the River of Life)

¹ The man brought me back to the entrance to the temple, and I saw water coming out from under the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was coming down from under the south side of the temple, south of the altar. ² He then brought me out through the north gate and led me around the outside to the outer gate facing east, and the water was trickling from the south side....

⁶ He asked me, "Son of man, do you see this?" Then he led me back to the bank of the river. ⁷ When I arrived there, I saw a great number of trees on each side of the river. ⁸ He said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, where it enters the Dead Sea. When it empties into the sea, the salty water there becomes fresh. ⁹ Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live. ¹⁰ Fishermen will stand along the shore; from En Gedi to En Eglaim there will be places for spreading nets. The fish will be of many kinds—like the fish of the Mediterranean Sea. ¹¹ But the swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they will be left for salt. ¹² Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing."

• **PRAYER – INTERCESSION FOR RESTORATION IN OUR COMMUNITY**

We may be growing weary and burdened from the ongoing isolation, disruption, fear, and grief of the present global situation. This evening, we bring our hearts to that River of Life—the gracious presence of God—to be renewed and restored. We pray for the Living Waters of the Holy Spirit to flow through the Church, into the world—for healing, for salvation, and for transformation, to the glory of God.

Lord, we pray now for our community—for Danville, Riverside, and the surrounding region. As we imagine the beauty and wonder of Ezekiel's vision of your River of Life, we pray that your life-giving presence would flow through our community, bringing life and healing to everything you touch. Transform the wastelands into flourishing valleys.

We call to mind the challenges and tragedies, locally and globally, that have come to our attention through various means: we pray for your restoration in our region, our nation, and our world. Let the River flow, mighty God, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

Pray in your own way, with whatever requests come to your heart and mind, for our region, our nation, and our world. In confident faith, bring your intercessions to the throne of God.

- **WORSHIP**

If you can't follow along on Facebook live, here is the video link to this song. If you can't listen to a recording of the song, simply read the lyrics, or use these alternatives: think of a praise song / hymn you know by heart or read a psalm of praise—Psalms 16, 23, 100, 145 are great options.

“Did you feel the Mountains Tremble”

Click Here – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=etzvKpDJnNc>

VERSE 1

Did you feel the mountains tremble
Did you hear the oceans roar
When the people rose to sing of
Jesus Christ the risen One

VERSE 2

Did you feel the people tremble
Did you hear the singers roar
When the lost began to sing of
Jesus Christ the saving One

PRE-CHORUS

And we can see that God You're moving
A mighty river through the nations
And young and old will turn to Jesus
Fling wide you heavenly gates Prepare
the way of the risen Lord

CHORUS

Open up the doors and let the music
play
Let the streets resound with singing
Songs that bring Your hope
Songs that bring Your joy
Dancers who dance upon injustice

VERSE 3

Do you feel the darkness tremble
When all the saints join in one song
And all the streams flow as one river
To wash away our brokenness

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- **SCRIPTURE**

Revelation 2:1-2, 17

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations...

The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

• **PRAYER – PETITION FOR RESTORATION IN OUR HEARTS**

One thing I have asked of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to behold the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple. (Psalm 27:4)

Pray for your own life: the condition of your heart, soul, mind, and body. Bring yourself to the life-giving streams of God’s holy presence, God’s eternal love. Bring your specific needs and requests. Surrender your burdens. And having laid down all your troubles, simply behold His goodness and beauty.

Calm me, O Lord, as you stilled the storm. Still me, O Lord, keep me from harm. Let all the tumult within me cease. Enfold me, Lord, in your peace. The peace of God be over me to shelter me, under me to uphold me, about me to protect me, behind me to direct me, ever with me to save me. Let the river of God envelop me. The peace of all peace be mine this night, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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• **WORSHIP**

“All who are Thirsty” Click Here – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pw6rYDYozZY>

VERSE

All who are thirsty, all who are weak
Come to the fountain, dip your heart in
the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed
away
In the waves of His mercy as deep cries
out to deep

CHORUS 1

Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come

• **SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 46:4

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

John 4:13-14

Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

John 7:37-39a

...Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive...

INTERLUDE

As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep we sing

CHORUS 2

Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come

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• **PRAYER – INTERCESSION FOR AWAKENING & LISTENING FOR DIRECTION**

Lord, in this troubled time, many souls are burdened in profound ways. Yet, many are also open, thirsty, and reaching out in unique ways. Work through the challenges of this moment to prepare the way of salvation for those who have yet to be found by your grace in Jesus Christ. Reach out through your people, through your presence, through your infinitely creative means, to turn many lives to Jesus Christ. Let the chaos of this moment prepare the way for a fresh outpouring of the living waters of your Holy Spirit, for a renewal in your church, for an awakening throughout the earth.

Pray for renewal, revival, awakening to come to the Church and the world through this time.

Listen for what God might be saying to you and leading you to do for His mission in this time. Are there specific people, places, or actions He is bringing to mind?

• **WORSHIP**

“Do it Again” Click Here – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0B_InQITxU

VERSE 1

Walking around these walls
I thought by now they'd fall
But you have never failed me yet
Waiting for change to come
Knowing the battle's won
For you have never failed me yet

Your word will come to pass
My heart will sing your praise again
Jesus you're still enough
Keep me within your love
My heart will sing your praise again

CHORUS

Your promise still stands
Great is your faithfulness
Faithfulness
I'm still in your hands
This is my confidence
You've never failed me yet

BRIDGE

I've seen you move
You move the mountains
And I believe
I'll see you do it again
You made a way
Where there was no way
And I believe
I'll see you do it again

VERSE 2

I know the night won't last...

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• **BLESSING**

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever He may send you. May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm. May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you. May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (Celtic Daily Prayer, © 2002 The Northumbria Community Trust Ltd., HarperCollins)