

PRAYER SERVICE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22th, 7PM

Join us on our <u>Facebook Page</u> at **7:00pm** 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.

• <u>INTRO</u>

Tonight, we're going to spend time once again interceding for deliverance from all the complex aspects of this crisis, as well as interceding for God to accelerate us towards *awakening* through these present challenges. We'll be drawing from a wonderful prayer guide provided by the New Room Network. If you're interested in taking part in a national 24/7 Prayer movement from this past Easter through Pentecost, involving thousands around the country, go to <u>newroomnetwork.com</u>. There you can sign up for weekly prayer shifts any time around the clock; you even have the opportunity to pray with several others in a Zoom video call during daytime shifts. You can also find the prayer guide which we are drawing from tonight to give you helpful ideas on specific ways to pray for this crisis and for the awakening we long for. Let's begin.

• <u>SING</u>

"Be Thou My Vision" (Eleanor Henrietta Hull, Mary Elizabeth Byrn, 1912) Click here – <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Optrm7IF16s</u>

VERSE 1

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart Naught be all else to me Save that Thou art Thou my best thought By day or by night Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

VERSE 2

Be Thou my wisdom Be Thou my true Word I ever with Thee And Thou with me Lord Thou my great Father I Thy true son Thou in me dwelling And I with Thee one

VERSE 3

Be Thou my shield And my sword for the fight Be Thou my dignity Be Thou my might Thou my soul's shelter And Thou my high tow'r Raise Thou me heav'nward O pow'r of my pow'r

VERSE 4

Riches I heed not Nor man's empty praise Thou mine inheritance Now and always Thou and Thou only Be first in my heart High King of heaven My treasure Thou art (*Turn page for Verse 5*)

VERSE 5

High King of heaven, when victory's won May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun Heart of my own heart, whatever befall Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

<u>SCRIPTURE</u>

Read this Scripture aloud together as a declaration of faith and a meditation on God's good plans for us:

Psalm 40 (NIV)

¹ I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.

² He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

³He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him.

⁴ Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

⁵ Many, LORD my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

⁶ Sacrifice and offering you did not desire—but my ears you have opened—burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.

⁷ Then I said, "Here I am, I have come—it is written about me in the scroll.

⁸ I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart."

⁹ I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, LORD, as you know.

¹⁰ I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help. I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness from the great assembly.

¹¹ Do not withhold your mercy from me, LORD; may your love and faithfulness always protect me.

¹² For troubles without number surround me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see. They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails within me.

¹³ Be pleased to save me, LORD; come quickly, LORD, to help me.

¹⁴ May all who want to take my life be put to shame and confusion; may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace.

¹⁵ May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!" be appalled at their own shame.

¹⁶ But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, "The LORD is great!"

¹⁷ But as for me, I am poor and needy; may the Lord think of me. You are my help and my deliverer; you are my God, do not delay.

• PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE

Let us pray for deliverance from the present coronavirus crisis. Use the following prayer prompts as you feel led and invite the Holy Spirit to guide your prayers:

- For protection from the spread of coronavirus
- Healing for those suffering or sick with Coronavirus
- Great skill and protection for health care workers and their families
- Insight for scientists and researchers
- Wisdom for governmental leaders
- Patience for school teachers
- Endurance for community leaders
- Provision for the poor and vulnerable
- Protection for our the elderly and those in senior care facilities
- Safety for those in prison

- For God to stop the spread from developing and more vulnerable nations
- For food to get to those who are hungry
- For God's presence for the lonely and isolated
- For anyone we know by name who are sick or hospitalized
- For peace and mercy for those in current outbreak areas (name those places)
- For comfort and counsel for those grieving from sudden loss of loved ones
- For God to have mercy upon us in this time and crush this disease.

<u>SCRIPTURE</u>

We're now going to shift our focus to praying for Awakening—that our churches would experience renewal in faith and devotion to Christ, that our communities experience revival in the salvation of Christ, and that everyone everywhere would experience awakening to the reality of Christ. Let's read aloud and meditate upon these Scriptures, then sing a song to usher our hearts into this intercessory prayer.

Isaiah 62:6-7

I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest, and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth.

Ephesians 5:14

Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

2 Chronicles 7:14

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 I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Colossians 4:2

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

John 15:7-8

If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

• <u>SING</u>

"Awakening" Click here – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pS2YpqkYyzI

VERSE 1

In our hearts Lord in this nation awakening Holy Spirit we desire awakening

CHORUS

For You and You alone awake my soul Awake my soul and sing For the world You love Your will be done Let Your will be done in me

VERSE 2

In Your presence in Your power awakening For this moment in this hour awakening

BRIDGE

Like the rising sun that shines From the darkness comes a light I hear Your voice and this is my awakening

BRIDGE 2

Like the rising sun that shines Awake my soul awake my soul and sing From the darkness comes a light Awake my soul awake my soul and sing Like the rising sun that shines Awake my soul awake my soul and sing Only You can raise a life Awake my soul awake my soul and sing

ENDING

In our hearts Lord In the nations awakening

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• PRAYER FOR AWAKENING

Let us pray now for a Great Awakening across our land. Use the following prayer prompts to intercede across the following categories, personalizing and localizing as you feel led. Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your prayers:

Pray for Awakening in Hearts

- For God to awaken us from slumber
- For God to raise the level of holy discontent within us that we might long for more of God
- For God to manifest the fruit of the Spirit in us and the gifts of the Spirit through us
- For God to awaken us to our belovedness in the midst of our brokenness • For God to give us a longing for prayer like never before

Pray for Awakening in Homes

- For God's presence to fill our homes
- For the strengthening of marriages in Christ
- For the hearts of fathers and mothers to be turned to their children
- For all family members to experience saving grace and for all to be taught the Christian faith in their homes that they would grow in wisdom, stature and the favor of God and people
- Pray for any personal needs in your family

Pray for Awakening in Churches

- For a joyful unified recognition of Jesus Christ as Lord
- For a hungering and thirsting after the Word of God and the Spirit of God in our local churches
- For a deepened appetite for prayer to arise and be mobilized in our churches
- For our churches to become agencies of all manner of healing in our communities
- For banded discipleship to take root that brings deep wholeness to people

Pray for Awakening in Towns & Cities

• For local churches to move toward one another in unity for the sake awakening in the larger community in which they are located

• For God to bring awakening to Jesus Christ through his Spirit upon our city, town, and region (name where you live)

(Prayers for towns & cities continued)

• For many to come to faith in Jesus Christ

• For the Kingdom of God to break in on towns and cities with all manner of transformation in every sector of society

• For the delivering work of the Holy Spirit to set people free from all manner of addiction, bondage and strongholds of sin

<u>SCRIPTURE</u>

Ephesians 6:10-18

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

• CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Take time to pray for specific prayer requests that are on our Trinity prayer list (focus on any that you are drawn to at this time and any others not in this list):

Abbey Culver, Jean Hummel, Sue & Terry Gearhart, Dick & Emma Jean Jordan, Sis Beyer, Phil Hanse, Gloria Kieffer, Valerie, Mark & Abby Thomas, Peggy Gerst, Roger Heintzelman, Sue Musselman & Family on the passing of her mother–Mary Corey, LAMbs (Limited Access Members) – Betty Barnhart, Christine Bialecki, Miriam Cropf, Lucille Fasold, Randy Swartz, Darlene Swope, Jason Vognetz; Other Requests – Chrissy Braun & Family, Adam, Tom & Sandy Gross, Dennis Russell, Stanley, Amelia, Sue Orr, Baylon Draus, Lori Hancock, Eric Bisong, Sharon & Jason Kizis, Dean & Jean Rishel, Carolyn Yarger, Donald Grubb, Theo Fodness, Faye, Kerry Enright, Mike Diehl, Lana Clark, Baby Rowen

BLESSING

Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.