



# Prayergram®

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## Firm up, Stand up, Crank up, Light up

America is in a moral and spiritual quandary, and we need more than a 'National Day of Prayer,' we need a 'National Day of Repentance.' We've broken the heart of God who never breaks our heart. As the prophet Jeremiah said: "For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." (Jeremiah 2:13) Unless God intervenes, we will soon find ourselves groping in darkness. We are in the midst of a war, a spiritual war, one that needs spiritual solution and strategy. We are not going to win this war by using conventional weapons such as 'religious programs, technology and techniques.' Our weapons are spiritual, not carnal; and they are mighty through the pulling down of the strong holds of Satan and all his legions.

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with a vengeance? May God help us that we do! Dear praying saints, blood-washed people of God, let's give ourselves to prayer. It's now or never, time to enlist ourselves in God's praying army. Either we pray with passion for an ego-slashing revival or forever we hang our "harps on the willows" in utter helplessness and shame. The lost souls are eagerly waiting for our next move. This is the hour we have been waiting for, and so on with our agony and soul-travail. God's praying people are inextinguishable and they are changing the spiritual landscape of the world.

If you are a man or woman of prayer, you are one of the most dangerous people on the planet. The world no longer rules your heart. You are no longer seduced by the world; you live as a pilgrim, unattached to the cares of this world; you are not afraid to risk your life for the cause of Christ; you even dare to believe you may be given the precious privilege of martyrdom to spread His name on the earth. The Father's passion becomes your passion; you find your satisfaction and worth in Him; you believe He is with you until the end of the world. You are sold out to God, and you live for the Lamb. Satan fears you, and the angels applaud you.

Beloved, I plead with you to pray for the world before it is too late! If Christians cease to pray, Christians cease to be victorious. Let us cry out to God in the name of our ascended Lord that He would send demonstrations of His power today to expose the "false gods" of

this world and reveal the “real God” of heaven. Arise, brothers and sisters, arise! Not only our nation but the whole world is fast ripening for judgment. It could, however, soon be ready for revival if we would seek the face of God in true humility. When national revival is needed,

God’s praying people step up to the plate. We’re in mortal combat with Satan, our adversary, and prayer is the divine sword that slays the enemy. When situations are at their worst, we’ll find intercessors at their best. Let’s arm ourselves with the most potent weapon ever—prayer. So potent, it blasts away unbelief and spiritual laziness.

May I ask you: Are you satisfied with your prayer life? Are you enjoying God’s inimitable presence daily? Are you happy with the progress you are making in your spiritual journey? Do you ever feel like “holding your heart in your hand,” fearing that almost the next moment something awful is going to break out—both in you and in the world? *We need God in an hour such as this!* Problematic as these trying years may seem, God will lead us into the light of His glory.

Prayerless Christians are powerless Christians. But on the other hand, the praying people, of course, will remain as a powerful force in the world. Prayer is about spiritual hunger and to pray with passion and faith, we have to believe in the ultimate victory of God over sin and death. And once we are led into the glory of His presence, it’s breathtaking, exhilarating, and life-affirming. Prayer is addictive. Those who pray with passion for souls just don’t create a spiritually conducive environment; they are given the opportunity to hoist the world into a spiritual consciousness.

The prayer that cements our daily walk with God is lost in carnal activities. God does not force His favors on us; He longs for us to ask, and then He is right there with all the resources of Heaven at His command. We need to search for men and women with strong faith and undying hope in the resurrected Lord, those sensitive Christians who steadfastly refuse to go along with the regular run of the mill crowd. We can no longer be the timid little sheep who blindly

accept the fondest notion of those who reject our Lord. So if we are the kind of Christians who like to stand up for righteousness, and long for the restoration of the pristine honor and glory of God—then we would be eager to engineer a spiritual revolution through prayer.

George Muller once said: *“Be assured, if you walk with Him and look to Him and expect help from Him, He will never fail you.”* Let’s stay off the Internet and get down on our knees until we hear from heaven. The healing power of prayer is immeasurable. So keep on praying, incessantly. When God speaks what’s on His mind, it’s important that we listen. When the world is in chaos and out of control, let the praying saints stand at total peace and tranquility, ready to plead with our Rock, the blessed Lord Jesus, Who is more than sufficient. Prayer transcends race, nationality, age, gender and denomination. Child of God, don’t panic but pray. One blessed thing about prayer, of course, is that it has no need of human manipulations—it holds its unique power and greatness within itself. For me, prayer isn’t just a religious ritual. It’s transcendent worship. Let’s worship our Lord through prayer!

As Christian soldiers, we don’t shift into neutral when trials come, but stand tall and face every trial in the power of the risen Lord. When the world is burning, we don’t sit on our laurels admiring our beautiful facilities, but rather we use the weapon of the ‘power of prayer’ and get the ball rolling. Beloved, the enemy is upon us. The storm is gathering and is about to break loose. Nothing but the prayers of God’s humble remnant in the power of the Holy Spirit can stem the tide.

We, the people of God do not crumble at the presence of evil. Evil does not have the final say so in our lives. It belongs to our sovereign God Who reigns supreme! Let’s intercede NOW fervently! Remember, the Lord waits for us at His throne! Now is the time to act judiciously and concisely.

*Dear friends, let’s check out the turf before we surf. Prayer is powerful, wouldn’t you say?*

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“Whenever there is little praying in the pulpit or in the pew, spiritual bankruptcy is imminent and inevitable. As we come to know Him better we shall spend more time in His presence and find that presence a constant and ever-increasing delight.”

—E. M. Bounds

“He who runs from God in the morning will scarcely find Him the rest of the day.”

—John Bunyan

“Prayer secret, fervent, believing prayer—lies at the root of all personal godliness.”

—William Carey



“There is no greater hindrance to revival than a comfortable pastor settled

and satisfied, who does not want his flock disturbed or the status quo upset.”

—Vance Havner



## Christian History

### Looking Back with Wisdom

The prayer chamber is a mirror reflecting our spiritual condition. Is this why the prayer chamber is so unpopular? Do we fear self-exposure, exposure of ourselves to ourselves? Are we afraid of discovering spiritual deformity within us? The prayer chamber is as a balance where we find out whether or not we are losing weight in the spiritual life.

True prayer requires sincerity. It requires purity. In heaven there will be no praying. All the praying must be done here, for heaven will not be a place to make up a pitiable backlog of unfinished praying.

—Leonard Ravenhill



## Culture Watch

by  
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### Living Godly in a not-so Godly World



Let's not surrender our godly values but be true to them!  
If we displease God, does it matter whom we please?

In this self-obsessed, therapy-saturated, success-oriented culture, if we attempt to live a godly life, with biblical values, the so-called enlightened people of the world are quick to caricature us as impossible fuddy duddies. Harnack, the historian and theologian defined Christianity as “a very simple but sublime thing: To live in time and for eternity under the eyes of God and by His help.” Dean Inge, the famous British historian once said, “Religion is caught, not taught.” Christians must earn the reputation of being godly in a not-so godly world.

“Something is everlastingly lost when godliness is pushed aside. When we walk with God in daily consecration, the blessings will be absolutely astonishing. The serene beauty of a holy life is the most powerful influence in the world next to the power of God,” wrote Blaise Pascal, the French philosopher. As soon as we cease to live godly, we cease to exist as serious Christians. Godly Christians do not attempt to steal a ‘spoonful of happiness’ from television shows—religious or otherwise. When we are in love with the world, we manufacture a plausible gospel that is conducive to our liking. Every misconception, every fatal thinking, every error in doctrine emanate from not having a right conception of God. The person who has a right conception of God is actually a person who lives a life of contentment and peace; while others get tangled up in the web of confusion and chaos.

Today in many instances, we do not influence; we simply reflect the world; no wonder the world tries to neutralize our faith. Why do we pursue goals which we never bother to examine critically or spiritually? Let’s ask poignant questions by puncturing pretentious facade and conventional wisdom. Instead of

dismissing godly values as outmoded—take a good look at them, cherish them, practice them, and the Lord will see to it that you’ll be blessed. Let’s keep in mind that we have a charge to keep and a God to glorify!

## Philippine Islands Conference National Pastors/Christian Workers Conference on 'Prayer and Holiness'

With Matthew Skariah

August 2-9 • Bible Baptist Church

Tagbilaran City, Bohol, Philippine • Host Pastor: Richard Famador

As a ministry of intercessory prayer, we are committed to 'world evangelization,' and our purpose is not to build for time but for eternity. When God moves, it always begins with intercession. In these last days, the Lord is opening new doors for us to share His life-changing gospel with a hurting world. He is moving in various parts of the world in ways beyond our comprehension. I am excited to see a deep hunger and thirst for 'biblical holiness and prayer' among many believers the world over. This is truly an answer to prayer and I am excited to be a part of such a movement that is taking place in an hour such as this. Biblical Holiness is no longer "hushed" and "shunned" by professing Christians, but they are talking about it and living it.

As the Lord permits, I am traveling to the Philippine on August 1st for a "national conference on prayer and holiness" for pastors and Christian workers. It is an exciting opportunity to share the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ.

May the Lord of heaven give us His passion to reach the unreached people of the world. I have no doubt that God's redemptive plan for the people of the world will triumph through the love and sacrifice of His people especially his "trusted intercessors" who break through the dark domain of Satan's blinding hold



### Intercession and Evangelism Connection

on precious souls. May the "soul-winning" spirit of the early Christians revive, awaken and rekindle our love for those who will perish in their sin without having heard the Glorious Gospel of Christ, our Savior.

Believing prayers of God's faithful intercessors have proven to be a powerful atom in the battle for the souls of men and women that Christ died for. The sign of a true intercessor is that he/she exhibits an undeniable trust and confidence in his/her Lord and Master which nothing can shake or alter. Let's intercede for souls now!

Please allow me to close this article with the soul-searching words of Oswald J. Smith, missionary statesman of the world: "Any church that is not seriously involved in helping fulfill the Great Commission has forfeited its biblical right to exist." Need I say more?

We thank you in Jesus's name for your prayerful support for the various outreaches of the World Prayer Band Ministries. Be faithful in your walk with God. Grow and mature and be fruitful where God has placed you in His service. Be exceptional in doing little things for the glory of God! Thank you and may God bless you richly.

Yours for precious souls in the Phillipine,  
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