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# THE COLLEGIATE DAY OF PRAYER

## 40-Day Prayer Guide





Welcome to the Collegiate Day of Prayer 40-Day Prayer Guide!

Thank you for joining us for this 40-day season of prayer for revival and awakening on the college campuses of America! We are so grateful to be on this prayer journey together and are expectant for what the Lord wants to do as we fast and pray together over the next 40 days.

—The Collegiate Day of Prayer Team

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# DAY 1

## Prayer

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### **MEDITATION**

MATTHEW 26:40–41

And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “So, you men could not keep watch with Me for one hour? Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” (NASB)

#### **REFLECTION**

Our Lord modeled a lifestyle of prayer. He stole away to the mountains to pray, He withdrew from the crowds to pray, and He arose early to pray. The Sovereign Lord of the universe bent His knees before the Father daily, hourly, ceaselessly. But this moment of prayer at Gethsemane was different. It was different from every other moment of prayer. It was more than different — it was far, far, impossibly more difficult. It is here that He is “deeply grieved to the point of death.” And in this history-defining, world-shaking, soul-agonizing night of prayer, He invites His closest disciples into perhaps the most vulnerable moment of His earthly life up to that point — “Will you pray with Me?”

But we find the disciples in a far lesser state. At the greatest prayer meeting in the history of the world, they are asleep. Asleep when Jesus needed their prayer partnership the most. Asleep when all of redemptive history hung in the balance. Asleep at the greatest hour of prayer. Before we point the finger and accuse the disciples, we must first search our own hearts. "The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." It is easy to profess, it is far more difficult to obey, particularly in the place of prayer. As Dick Eastman, a father in prayer, has said, "Satan's greatest goal is to keep us from our knees."

There are many things that are keeping us "asleep" at this hour. Brothers and sisters, it is not enough to simply not eat food or to show up at a prayer meeting. The real question is, *"Do our hearts burn within us for Him? Do the things that break God's heart break ours? Are we awake and willing to partner with Jesus in prayer?"*

## PRAY

*Pray for grace to wait upon the Lord and to grow in this discipline of prayer.*

*Pray for hunger for the secret place.*

*Pray for students to give themselves to prayer amidst their busy schedule during the semester.*



# DAY 2

## Desperation

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### **MEDITATION**

EXODUS 33:14-16

The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Then Moses said to Him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

#### **REFLECTION**

Desperation is the extreme feeling for a need, the act of despairing. We all experience desperation to one degree or another — desperation for food, water, a relationship, or the completion of an assignment. It is when we become desperate for God's presence above anything else that we can expect Him to move greatly. The Body of Christ must first be unified in a desperate pursuit of His presence, and then in His purposes, in order to see a great move of God in our day.

## **PRAY**

*Pray for more personal desperation for God.*

*Pray that the Body of Christ on college campuses would recognize that true satisfaction comes from delighting in God.*

*Pray for increased unity around the desperate pursuit of His presence amongst believers on campus, campus ministries, and local churches.*

*Pray for believers on campus to seek first that which attracts the presence of God rather than seeking effective ministry activities.*



# DAY 3

## Fasting

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### MEDITATION

MATTHEW 6:16-18

And when you fast, don't make it obvious, as the hypocrites do, for they try to look miserable and disheveled so people will admire them for their fasting. I tell you the truth, that is the only reward they will ever get. But when you fast, comb your hair and wash your face. Then no one will notice that you are fasting, except your Father, who knows what you do in private. And your Father, who sees everything, will reward you. (NLT)

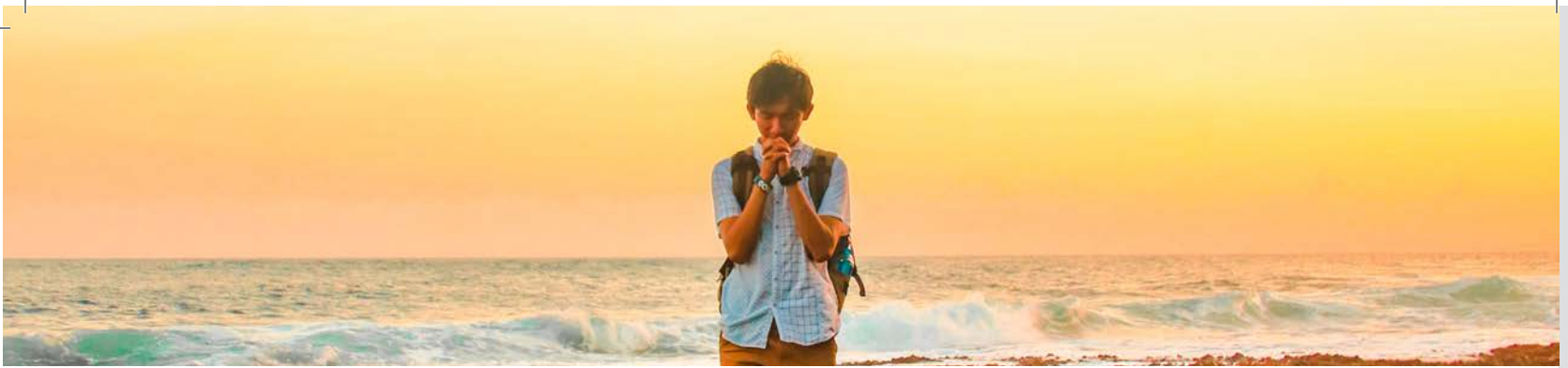
#### REFLECTION

James 4:8 says, "Come near to God and He will come near to you." One way to draw closer to God is through fasting. Biblical fasting is the practice of abstaining from all or some foods or drink for a predetermined time so you can establish a stronger faith connection with the presence of God in prayer. By temporarily abstaining from food you are affirming your own human weakness and daily need for God's grace and strength in a felt and tangible way. Fasting heightens your spiritual sensitivity to God's voice and is often an effective means of overcoming spiritual obstacles and strongholds.

#### PRAY

*Pray for Christians to be willing to readjust their priorities and schedules so they can have time to encounter the power and presence of God.*

*Pray for more Christians to become established in regular seasons of united prayer and fasting for spiritual awakening and transformation.*



# DAY 4

## Obedience

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### **MEDITATION**

MATTHEW 7:24-25

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. (NIV)

#### **REFLECTION**

In Luke 6:46, Jesus says, “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord’, and not do what I say.” Many in our nation have called Jesus their Savior, but fewer have fully surrendered to Jesus as their Lord. Oh that there would be a great returning to His heart, and an even greater returning to His Word! “Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Psalm 119:105).

If we are calling Jesus ‘Lord’, we must ask ourselves if we are doing what He tells us to do. Are we merely hearing His Word, or are we also obeying His Word? Biblical obedience means to trust, to submit, and to surrender to God’s leadership.

As A.W. Tozer said, “The final test of love is obedience — not sweet emotions, not willingness to sacrifice, not zeal, but obedience to the commands of Christ.”

The promise of God to those who obey His commands is both captivating and enduring: "If anyone loves me, he will keep My word, and my Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him" (John 14:23).

## PRAY

*Ask the Lord to draw attention to any areas in your life that you need to allow Him to adjust.*

*Pray that the Body of Christ on campus would not simply call Jesus their Savior, but that they would fully surrender to Him as their Lord.*

*Pray that God would help believers on campus to truly obey and follow His voice even when others around them are not.*

*Pray for revelation of the fear of the Lord in our lives that would overcome the fear of man.*



# DAY 5

## Repentance

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### **MEDITATION**

2 CORINTHIANS 7:10

Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. (NIV)

#### **REFLECTION**

Repentance, wholeheartedly turning back to God, allows the Body of Christ on campus to come to life again. When individual Christians listen to the Holy Spirit's loving correction in specific areas of compromise and disobedience, confess these areas in humility and brokenness, and trust God to give them a new start, then believers on campus will experience the life and nearness of God.

"Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19). We are in need of times of refreshing to come upon our college campuses and upon the Body of Christ. If only we could see the joy and the life that would spring forth, we would simply repent and refuse to agree with sin. "Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy" (Prov. 28:13).

It is in this atmosphere of open repentance and surrender that many spiritually-hardened students will become intrigued with the believing community and begin to open up to the Gospel!

## **PRAY**

*Pray that personal and corporate repentance will begin among the leaders within each ministry on campus. Pray that leaders will long for holiness to be revealed through their lives more than they long for the honor or praise of men.*

*Pray that Christians across campus will respond to the conviction of the Holy Spirit with wholehearted repentance and surrender.*

*Pray for Christians to express the love of Christ in such a way that many will experience the repentance that leads to salvation and heartfelt transformation!*

*Pray for unbelievers to repent of their sin and turn to God and find new life in Him!*



# DAY 6

## Forgiveness

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### **MEDITATION**

MATTHEW 18:21–22

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. (NIV)

#### **REFLECTION**

Forgiveness breaks the cycle of hurt, offense, and vengeance that often characterizes the world’s system. When we confess our own sins before our holy God, and remember the blood of Christ shed for us, we are free to extend His mercy to those who’ve hurt us. That makes us channels of healing to the world around us. Forgiveness opens up our future and gives us a fresh testimony of hope.

We do not forgive by our own strength alone but only by the power of Jesus who on that cross declared, “Father, forgive them, they don’t know what they do.” When we look to Him, when we draw from the strength of Christ’s forgiveness on the cross (first towards us while we were yet sinners), then His supernatural grace begins to flow through us to be able to forgive all who have sinned against us.

As 1 John 4:19 says, “We love because he first loved us.” In the same way, we can only forgive because He has first forgiven us! That forgiveness is an endless ocean of grace, strength, and mercy to forgive even the greatest of sins and even the greatest of sinners — beginning first with us and continuing to all who have sinned against us! Once we understand the depths from which we have been forgiven, there will be no forgiveness too great to extend to another.

## PRAY

*Pray that we would remember and understand the depths from which we have been forgiven and cleansed by the blood of Jesus! That our forgiveness to others would simply become an overflow of the forgiveness that we have received from Christ.*

*Pray that we, as the Body of Christ, would freely forgive one another and choose to see one another as God sees. Pray for genuine love to abound between ministries and churches.*

*Pray that no root of bitterness would hinder the growth of the Lord’s work in ministries on campus.*



# DAY 7

## Wilderness

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### **MEDITATION**

MARK 1:12-13

Immediately the Spirit impelled Jesus into the wilderness, and He was in the wilderness forty days. (NASB)

#### **REFLECTION**

The life and ministry of Jesus on the earth was spectacular. Had He a ministry newsletter, it would have read: "the blind receive sight and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them." But before Jesus "returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit" (Luke 4:14), the "Spirit impelled Him to go out into the wilderness" (Mark 1:12). Between the transitional moment of His public commissioning and His public ministry, there was a 40-day wilderness of fasting and prayer. Before God manifests His power, He first "impells" His Body into this same wilderness.

From the First and Second Great Awakenings in the 1700 and 1800's to the Jesus Movement of the 1970's, every great move of God has been preceded by great movements of prayer and fasting. God has impelled His people into this wilderness throughout church history, and they came forth in His power.

Historically, universities have been ground zero for such seasons of revival. In the words of Jonathan Edwards, "it all began with the young people."

So it is true in our day. Before there can be any Jesus movement, there must come first a Jesus fast. As the Holy Spirit impelled Jesus into the wilderness, may the Lord impel us in this season of prayer and fasting.

## PRAY

*Pray for more grace for fasting.*

*Pray for believers on campus to get a vision for extended seasons of fasting and prayer to contend for breakthrough and revival.*

*Pray for the Holy Spirit to give grace to students to grow in the discipline of fasting.*



# DAY 8

## Bread From Heaven

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### **MEDITATION**

MATTHEW 4:4

“Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.” (NASB)

#### **REFLECTION**

For 40 days, our Lord fasted and prayed in the wilderness. Jesus did not simply endure a 40-day season of misery, but He emerged victorious over the powers of Satan. He was not at His weakest after He had fasted, though He “became hungry.” He was at His strongest, triumphing over the devil, and launching from these 40 days into 3 years of ministry that would change the world. In studying the accounts of Jesus’ 40-day fast that are detailed in the Gospels, we see both the secret and the source to the success of His fast: the Word of God.

*The Word is our sustenance.* As Deuteronomy 32:47 majestically states: “[The Word] is not an idle word for you; indeed it is your life.” (NASB) When we fast, we feast on a different bread: The bread of life, the very Word of God. In one sense, we not only “eat the scroll” but nothing else entirely. In fasting, we voluntarily remove the rocks and thorns of the pleasures of this world, so

that the seed of the Word of God may find a fertile soul. In feasting on the Word, we discover the promise of Scripture is true: we live on every word that proceeds from His mouth. When we put aside the scraps of this world, we find full pleasure in the buffet of His Word, so much so that we might exclaim with the psalmist: "My soul is consumed with longing for your law at all times" (Psalm 119:20).

The Word is our sword. Ephesians 6:17 declares that the word of God is the "sword of the Spirit." In the wilderness, as the enemy tries to tempt Jesus, He responds with "it is written." In doing so, He sets a model for all of His disciples: to wage war against darkness with His eternal decrees set forth in the written Word. The Scriptures are the absolute authority, and it is the foundation for all of our prayers. When we pray the Scriptures, we pray in His name and by His authority.

Let us heed the wise words of Charles Spurgeon: *"The Sword would have no edge at all if it were not for the Spirit's presence within it and His perpetual working by it... The Holy Ghost rides in the chariot of Scripture and not in the wagon of modern thought... The Spirit of God works in by, through, and with the Word, and if we keep that Word, we may set assured that the Holy Ghost will keep us and make our testimony to be a thing of power."*

## PRAY

*Pray for spiritual hunger to increase on college campuses for the word of God.*

*Pray that the Word of God would become the source and sustenance for the Body of Christ on campus.*

*Pray that believers on campus would pray the Word of God with confidence and faith.*



# DAY 9

## My Beloved Son

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### **MEDITATION**

MATTHEW 3:17

"You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased." (NASB)

#### **REFLECTION**

Before Jesus begins his 40-day season of fasting in the wilderness, the Father declares over Jesus, *"This is My beloved Son!"*

Every test that follows must be seen in this light. Satan's strategy is to tempt Jesus to act in such a way that He will deny the Father's words through insecurity or impatience. After all, He has not healed a single person, cast out a single demon, or preached a single message. No water has been turned to wine. No storm has stilled. Neither cross nor resurrection has yet occurred. How many of us feel the need to prove ourselves? Satan tries to tempt Jesus: You are the son of God — act like it! Do something. Get this Messiah show on the road!

But a son does not need to prove anything to his father. He simply abides in love. Before any public ministry or private triumph, before Jesus does any work at all, His relationship to His Father is secure as a matter of sonship and not

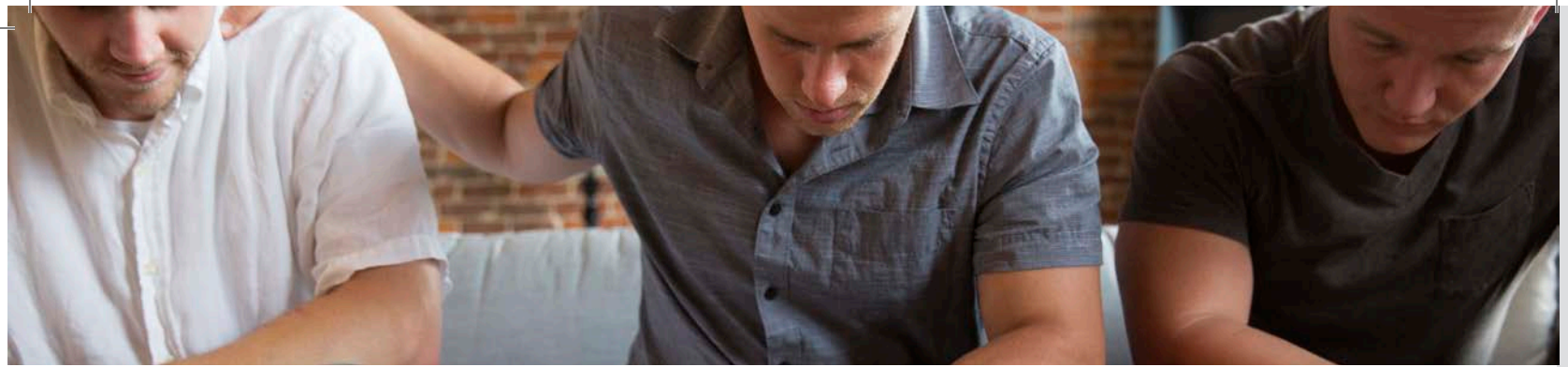
achievement. One of the great lies in Satan's arsenal is to convince us that God loves human doings more than human beings. Even when Jesus had no resume, He had the Father's love. He did not earn it — He received it. He was driven into the wilderness to confront the enemy on this very ground.

## PRAY

*Pray for believers to understand their identity as God's children and for the confidence that comes with it.*

*Pray for believers to be confident in who God made them to be and to be free from comparing themselves with others.*

*Pray for believers to be rooted and grounded in the love of the Father.*



# DAY 10

## Consecration

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### **MEDITATION**

DANIEL 1:17

As for these four youths, God gave them learning and skill in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. (ESV)

EPHESIANS 1:17

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him. (ESV)

#### **REFLECTION**

In the days of Nebuchadnezzar and Israel's exile to Babylon, four Jewish teenagers Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah are brought into Nebuchadnezzar's school of leadership to be trained in the language and literature of Babylon. Part of the training was a daily regiment of the king's choice foods. What was Nebuchadnezzar's objective in taking a handful of young leaders from a slave nation and giving them a full ride to Babylon's "Ivy League" university including room and board in the king's palace and dining hall? I believe Nebuchadnezzar desired to cultivate an appetite in these future leaders for Babylonian comforts and pleasures, to erode their efforts to preserve Jewish heritage and their zeal to be set apart according to Jewish

law, and to dull their resistance from imbibing the spirit and culture of Babylon. With their admission to the University of Babylon, these four Jewish teenagers were also given Babylonian names: Daniel, whose name means "God is my judge", is renamed Belteshazzar, meaning "Lady, protect the King." Hananiah ("Yahweh has been gracious") is renamed Shadrach ("I am fear of god"). Mishael ("Who is what God is?") is renamed Meshach ("I am despised, contemptible, humiliated"). And Azariah ("Yahweh has helped") is renamed Abednego ("Servant of Nebo"). Nebuchadnezzar wanted to redefine their very identity.

Like Nebuchadnezzar in Babylon, Satan, in the modern context of our secular, humanistic universities, desires to erode our zeal for holiness and wholeheartedness for Jesus and to dull our resistance to the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life. The same holy prescription applies for us today as it did for Daniel and his comrades in the days of Babylon: these young leaders gave themselves to a consecrated lifestyle of extended fasting and regular prayer. They voluntarily chose to forego the pleasures of the king's fine dining and embraced a prayerful lifestyle of fasting on vegetables for the 3 years they were at the University of Babylon. In learning to refuse the legitimate pleasures of food, favor, and comfort, they grew in grace and strength to refuse the illegitimate pleasures of compromise, pleasing man, and selfish ambition. By allowing the Lord to operate on the appetites of their bellies through a lifestyle of fasting and prayer, God gave them "learning and skill in all literature and wisdom" ten times better than their peers, and they became leaders with understanding from heaven that shifted history.

## PRAY

*Pray for God to raise up ones like Daniel on college campuses that would be set apart for God's purposes and would fast and pray for breakthrough on their campus.*

*Pray for God to raise up leaders on campus like Daniel who have the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of God.*



# DAY 11

## God's Word PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

### MEDITATION

#### HEBREWS 4:12

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. (NASB)

### REFLECTION

Living in God's Word and God's Word living in believers is the essential equation, coupled with the indwelling Holy Spirit, for victorious, powerful, faith-filled living. To live as a follower of Christ without immersion in God's Word is no more possible than for a fish to live out of water. When students, pastors, parents, and friends begin "rightly handling" God's Word, obeying, submitting, conforming to it, revival is only a breath away. Certainly, personal revival would come first, followed by contagious awakening flowing from God's Spirit igniting the living and active Word of God.

## **PRAY**

*Pray for believers to honor and respect God's word as infallible, inerrant, and authoritative in their lives.*

*Pray for believers to speak God's Word with confidence and faith, believing that what God promises in Hebrews 4:12 is true would be evident in the lives of those hearing.*

*Pray that all believers would put aside their debates and doubts regarding the validity of God's Word and humbly believe that the Bible is all it says it is.*

*Pray for believers to fully embrace God's Word through Bible reading, hearing, studying, memorization, meditation, and application.*



# DAY 12

## Intimacy

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### MEDITATION

MATTHEW 22:35-40

Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. (NKJV)

#### REFLECTION

Humans are created to relate – first to our Creator and then with others. God stated it clearly: "It is not good for us to be alone" (Genesis 2:18). Intimacy is God's answer to aloneness. And this provision of intimacy can be met through family, friendships, and a personal relationship with Him. These relationships are God's sacred plan for intimacy.

#### PRAY

*Pray for believers on campus to continually put God as their first priority, seeking Him above all other things in their lives.*

*Pray for churches and ministries to exemplify Christ's love by preferring one another above themselves. Pray for God's people to return to the priority of pursuing a relationship with Him and with one another.*



# DAY 13

## *Love One Another*

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### **MEDITATION**

JOHN 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. (NASB)

#### **REFLECTION**

Jonathan Edwards wrote that one of the great evidences of true revival is that the heart's affections are warmed towards God. This is the primary aim of revival, because it is the primary command of all of Scripture: "You shall love the Lord Your God with all of Your heart, mind, soul, and strength" (Luke 10:27). Jesus declares that the second greatest commandment, however, is "to love Your neighbor as You love Yourself" (Matthew 22:39). Or as He defined it later during the Last Supper: "to love one another as I have loved you."

Words fail to describe this kind of brotherly love that we are called to. Our highest ecumenical efforts, our unions and networks on our campuses, great as they are, are infantile compared to this kind of love. This kind of love does

not have unity as its goal — it has love as its goal. And this kind of love is the only path to true unity. This kind of love has love for God and His Lordship and His Word as its highest priority, and thus is the only kind of love that produces true agape love towards the brethren. This kind of love thinks nothing of self, agenda, or gain, for it “does not seek its own.” This is the kind of love that will be the fabric of the Church in the age to come.

This kind of love is born in a manger. This kind of love hid an eternal crown to bring other sons to glory. This kind of love became a man though God from all of eternity. This kind of love washed the feet of His disciples — even the one who would betray Him. This kind of love did not come to be served, but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many. It is not the world’s definition of love: the cheap, humanistic version of tolerance and selfish kindness. It is His definition of love: “for God so loved the world that He gave His only Son” (John 3:16).

## PRAY

*Pray for believers to love one another like God loves.*

*Pray for love to abound between different campus ministries on campus.*

*“Father, we ask that You would give us that love that You had for us, for one another. We confess our bitterness, comparison, criticism, and our general negligence towards one another. We confess that we cannot love one another as we ought. Lord, produce it in us in these days of fasting and praying. Do a of love abound among the brethren! Jesus, we ask that Your love would transcend racial barriers, denominational lines, and movements. For Your Name, Amen.”*



# DAY 14

## Power Of The Holy Spirit

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### **MEDITATION**

ACTS 2:4

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit...

#### **REFLECTION**

The power of the Holy Spirit is transformative. Jesus imparts gifts through the Holy Spirit to enable us to be effective witnesses. As college students are empowered through the Holy Spirit and walk in boldness, the power of God manifests on the campus impacting students for Christ.

#### **PRAY**

*Pray for a hunger to arise amongst students to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit on campus.*

*Pray that all Christians would experience the powerful, manifest presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives.*

*Pray for campus ministry leaders and students to be of one accord, seeking God's will together and allowing Him to use them in miraculous ways to draw unbelievers to Him.*

*Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on college campuses that would result in revival amongst believers and spiritual awakening of the unbelievers that would be so profound that no professor can explain it and so large that no one group can put its name on it.*



# DAY 15

## humility

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### **MEDITATION**

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4

Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. (NLT)

#### **REFLECTION**

In the Bible, humility is a quality of being courteously respectful of others. It is the opposite of aggressiveness, arrogance, boastfulness, and vanity. Rather than a "me first" mentality, humility allows us to prefer others above ourselves, and see the dignity and worth of all God's people. For the church to truly reflect Christ to the world, humility is not merely an option, it is a vital part of the Christian walk.

#### **PRAY**

*Pray for Christians to be free from self-interest and self-promotion, and to love others as they love themselves.*

*Pray for campus ministry leaders to treat each other with humility and respect, seeking to honor each other at all times.*

*Pray for churches to recognize one another's value, embracing each other as vital parts of the Body of Christ, and seeking to work together instead of being in competition.*



# DAY 16

## Perseverance

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### **MEDITATION**

LUKE 18:7-8

...So don't you think God will surely give justice to His chosen people who cry out to Him day and night? Will He keep putting them off? I tell you, He will grant justice to them quickly! But when the Son of Man returns, how many will He find on the earth who have faith?" (NLT)

#### **REFLECTION**

In the New Testament, the words "perseverance," "endurance," and "patience" are often interchangeable. All three speak of being faithful in your God-given assignments under pressure without quitting. The word patience means more than not getting annoyed by someone or waiting for a long time with a good attitude. We must faithfully persevere for years and decades without quitting in our pursuit of the deep things of God's heart even though we may not see tangible fruit or impact. It takes the power of God to give us the endurance, perseverance, and patience to keep us from quitting or drawing back.

#### **PRAY**

*Pray for believers to be persistent and unrelenting in prayer, to persevere in trusting God and to not lose hope even amidst trial and opposition.*

*Pray for God to give campus ministry leaders endurance to faithfully persevere in their pursuit of intimacy with God even in the difficult and dry seasons.*



# DAY 17

## Leadership

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### **MEDITATION**

ACTS 13:50

But the Jewish leaders incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region.

#### **REFLECTION**

As Christians live as salt and light, larger society is preserved from increasing decay. It takes sacrificial compassion to minister to a community that may not even appreciate the help they are receiving. Years ago, New York City businessmen Lewis and Arthur Tappan received constant death threats and had their house burned to the ground for their efforts to eliminate slavery, yet out of faith they persevered to do what they felt God had called them to.

#### **PRAY**

*Pray for God to raise up strong Christian leaders on college campuses who will stand for His truth in all situations and circumstances. Pray for believers on campus to be unwavering in their faith, even in the face of persecution and attack.*

*Pray that believers on campus would have courage to give leadership to address injustice as agents of God's compassion. Pray that believers on campus would be promoted to positions of influence and power for God's good purposes.*



# DAY 18

## Spiritual Warfare

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### MEDITATION

EPHESIANS 6:12

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.

#### REFLECTION

Spiritual warfare is best explained in Ephesians 6:12 which says the battle Christians face is more spiritual than physical. Self-will, exalting our will above God's will; self-righteousness, which is hypocrisy; self-realization, the exaltation of our intellect and understanding above God's Word, these are all examples of the enemy crippling us through lies. This is spiritual warfare, and it works to separate us from God's law of love.

#### PRAY

*Pray for our campuses to receive the revelation of who they are in Christ and who Christ is in them.*

*Pray for believers on campus to grow in the revelation of the authority they have in Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit that are built upon the foundation of the Father's Love.*

*Pray for Christians who are experiencing spiritual warfare and need God to bring them breakthrough.*



# DAY 19

## Unity

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### **MEDITATION**

EPHESIANS 4:3

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

#### **REFLECTION**

The depth of relationships between leaders must match the breadth of their goals. Churches and ministries must grow beyond simply accommodating one another to valuing and therefore needing one another. To see whole campuses transformed by the Gospel, the whole Body of Christ must work together towards that end. This means planning, praying and mapping things out together.

#### **PRAY**

*Pray that leaders in the Body of Christ on college campuses would humbly and mutually submit to one another.*

*Pray the unity between ministry leaders and others in the Body of Christ would result in united action and greater impact.*

*Pray for the laying down of offenses in favor of forgiveness and restoration.*



# DAY 20

## Revival

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### MEDITATION

2 CHRONICLES 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. (ESV)

#### REFLECTION

Revival happens when an attitude of humility coupled with prayer comes together. Both lead to authentic change (repentance) in the believer and place the church in a position for seasons of refreshing which come from the presence of the Lord. In order to see revival in our nation and campuses, believers must be willing to continually seek God's face together.

#### PRAY

*Pray for Christians to humble themselves and commit to praying for God to make His manifest presence known. Pray for campus ministry leaders and believers on campus to come together in prayer on a regular basis.*

*Pray for a broken heart and contrite spirit among ministries on campus. Ask God to work so profoundly among believers that they seek God with a greater sense of desperation than they've ever known. Pray for genuine change among those seeking revival on campuses. Pray for transparency that results in deep confession of sin and authentic change of heart and lifestyle.*



# DAY 21

## Unity PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

### **MEDITATION**

ROMANS 13:11

Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. (NASB)

### **REFLECTION**

Depending on your college campus, there may be 40-50 campus ministries or 4-5 (and on some campuses you might be the only one!). Regardless of the number of believers, the issues facing the believers on each campus are by and large the same. But we believe, especially through the power of fasting and prayer, that God will break-in in an unprecedented way.

The awakening of the hearts of believers is the key to any kind of revival, and without it, we are lost in our myriad of issues. It might be compromise, division, or lack of vision. But the root of it all is spiritual slumber: slumber towards His Holiness, slumber towards His love, and slumber towards His Great Commission. What we need, more than anything, is for a spiritual awakening in the believers on our campuses.

E.M. Bounds, the mighty intercessor, wrote, "God is not looking for better methods, He is looking for better men." That is, God's Church is His instrument to carry out His purposes on the earth. Our programs and our events avail nothing if we are slumbering in it. As long as the enemy can keep us slumbering, then we as a Body of Christ are crippled. Before we can see the salvation of the lost or another missions movement, we must pray for the Lord to revive His people.

## PRAY

*Pray for God to revive believers to His purposes for their campus.*

*Pray for students to realize their depravity apart from the Lord.*

*Pray for conviction of sin and the fear of the Lord on college campuses across America.*



# DAY 22

## Spiritual Hunger

PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

### MEDITATION

MATTHEW 5:6

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

### REFLECTION

It is not God's fault that we don't have revival. The lack of His presence and ministry in our lives and society is the natural consequence of our broken covenant relationship with Him. The external trouble in our communities is a reflection of our internal crisis – lack of intimacy and holiness in the body of Christ. If we want God to change the world around us, we must first ask Him to change our hearts within us.

### PRAY

*Pray for more spiritual hunger amongst believers on campus.*

*Ask Jesus to bring a revival of intimacy to the hearts of Christians and make them His aroma to the world around them!*

*Pray that Christians would not be distracted by other things competing for their heart and attention.*



# DAY 23

## United Prayer

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### **MEDITATION**

ACTS 1:14

These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. (NASB)

#### **REFLECTION**

Jonathan Edwards, the great revivalist and leader in the First Great Awakening, observed 3 key characteristics in the Church before national revival. First, there was great unity in the Church. Second, there were widespread concerts of prayer. Lastly, there was an increase of holiness in the Body.

All across America, students are uniting together to believe for another Jesus Movement. And not just believing, but laying hold by faith through fasting and prayer. Surely, God is not yet done with the universities of America!

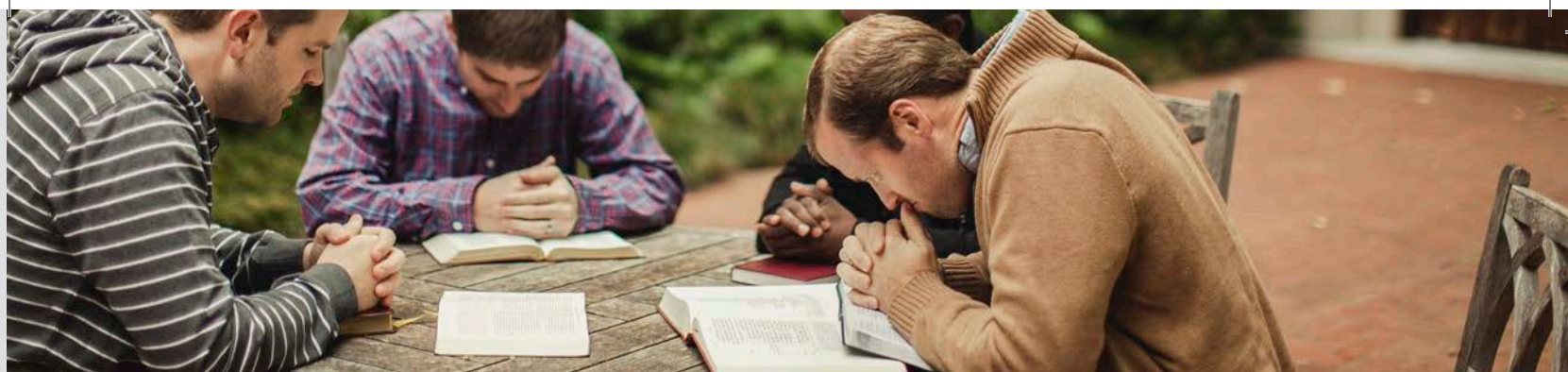
Great moves of God are always preceded by great movements of fasting and prayer. In Acts 1:14, we see the first and primary ministry of the church was this ministry of prayer. Prayer was not just their first ministry, for a season, it

was their only ministry. It was in this setting that Pentecost comes forth and thousands of souls begin to be saved!

## PRAY

*Pray for God to give students a burden and vision to devote themselves to prayer for their campus.*

*Pray for God to unite believers on campuses together as they gather to pray.*



# DAY 24

## Revival Of Holiness

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### **MEDITATION**

ISAIAH 59:19

So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west and His glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him. (NKJV)

#### **REFLECTION**

A key characteristic that precedes revival is when there was an increase of holiness in the Body. This is true in every revival: a great fear of the Lord, an avalanche of the conviction of sin that cuts the hearts, and repentance towards faith in Christ (Acts 2:37-40).

We might think of the 1700's, the days of Jonathan Edwards, as a tightly religious, puritanic society. This could not be further from the truth. In fact, the debauchery and drunkenness of society in those times were at its peak, and the secular humanistic ideas of the *Enlightenment* mocked and persecuted authentic Christians. Thomas Paine, the famous author of *Common Sense*, declared that Christianity would be eradicated from the Americas within 30 years.

It was in this context that the magnanimous preachers of the Great Awakening emerged. They rode out of the closets of prayer and the study of the Word, thundering against false ideologies, exposing sin, and calling all men to the saving knowledge of Christ. These were not men bound by the fear of man; they were heralds from heaven, hounding lost men and wayward Christians, until they repented of their sins and believed in Christ.

Within a decade, the entire atmosphere of the eastern seaboard had changed. Bars and brothels were closed, worship filled the cities streets, and society was transformed. Jonathan Edwards remarked that, especially among the young people, “radical holiness was the standard of the day.” When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.

At the darkest hour, God raises up consecrated ones who will be a holy banner of light against the kingdom of evil— ones like Noah, Elijah, Daniel, and John the Baptist. They are not given to holiness out of legalism, but out of abandoned love to the God who loved them first. These are the ones who “know their God and do great exploits” (Dan. 11:32).

There has never been a revival apart from a revival of holiness.

## PRAY

*Pray for a revival of holiness on college campuses.*

*Pray for college students to lay hold of leading a holy, consecrated lifestyle.*

*Pray for believers on campuses to be able to resist the temptation that comes their way.*



# DAY 25

## Baptized With Fire

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### **MEDITATION**

LUKE 24:49

And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. (KJV)

#### **REFLECTION**

On the eve of our Lord's ascension and the greatest outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Jesus commands His disciples to do one thing: wait for power to come from on high to be witnesses of Him in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:4,8).

Before Pentecost and three thousand souls being saved in a single day, Scripture tells us that the believers were of "one accord in prayer and supplication" while tarrying for 10 days in the upper room (Acts 1:14). By devoting themselves to prayer in humility before the Lord, they received the promise of the Father for power to be witnesses.

God sets His church on fire to set the world on fire. If we are to see revival in our generation, we too must come together, realize our great need for God,

and cry out to Him for the power of His Spirit. Paul Washer wisely preached, “Men and women who are used of God, if I had only a few words to describe them: they are the passionately weak and the violently desperate.”

## PRAY

*Pray for believers on campus to realize their absolute dependence on Him.*

*Pray for believers to devote themselves to prayer for another Pentecost on their campus.*



# DAY 26

## Revival In Nineveh PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

### MEDITATION

JONAH 3:4-10

Then Jonah began to go through the city one day's walk; and he cried out and said, "Yet forty days and Nineveh will be overthrown." Then the people of Nineveh believed in God; and they called a fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least of them. When the word reached the king of Nineveh, he arose from his throne, laid aside his robe from him, covered himself with sackcloth and sat on the ashes. He issued a proclamation and it said, "In Nineveh... let men call on God earnestly that each may turn from his wicked way and from the violence which is in his hands. Who knows, God may turn and relent and withdraw His burning anger so that we will not perish." When God saw their deeds, that they turned from their wicked way, then God relented concerning the calamity which He had declared He would bring upon them. And He did not do it. (NASB)

### REFLECTION

Throughout the Old Testament, we see cycles of revival in the nation of Israel. The people fall away from God, are judged by God, cry out to God, are delivered by God, and return to God. We see it in the Judges, in Deborah, in Elijah and Elisha, in Josiah, in Hezekiah — key men and women who defied the status quo of their day, who challenged the rebellion of their generation, and called an entire nation back to God. They led the response to God's

word, humbling themselves before the Lord, and cried out for the restoration of their land.

Historians believe that Nineveh was of the most wicked nations of the earth, with gruesome violence and immorality that rivaled Sodom and Gomorrah. Nineveh was so exceedingly wicked that God's own prophet Jonah later laments that God would even save such a nation.

Nineveh gives us hope for all the nations of the earth. One of the darkest, hopeless pagan nations experienced one of the greatest, wholesale revivals written in the entire Bible. This little narrative gives us insight into the eternal heart of God: "Should I not have compassion on Nineveh, the great city in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know the difference between their right and left hand...?" (Jonah 4:11)

Let us say boldly what Jonah declared reluctantly: "I knew that You are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, and one who relents concerning calamity" (Jonah 4:2).

## PRAY

*Pray that God would turn America back to Himself the way it happened in Nineveh.*

*Pray for God to raise up willing and bold messengers on college campuses.*

*Pray for students to experience a great turning like those that lived in Nineveh.*



# DAY 27

## Welsh Revival PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

### **MEDITATION**

ACTS 2:2

"And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting." (NKJV)

### **REFLECTION**

In the early 1900s in Wales, there was a powerful revival led by a young man named Evan Roberts, who had been praying for 13 years. Wesley Duewel records, "In all parts of Wales, the scenes were similar. Churches of all denominations were drawn together by the Spirit of God and almost forgot their denominational distinction. Prayer meetings were so crowded that church buildings could not hold them. Some prayer meetings were characterized by unbroken prayer and singing. Roberts contended for 13 years until His prayers kissed the sovereign hand of God birthing the suddenly."

When the 'suddenly' happened, Wales experienced an overwhelming sense of the presence of God. Not only in churches and prayer meetings, but on the streets, on the trains, in homes, and in taverns, people were gripped by the Spirit. Rich and poor, old and young – all were moved by God. The Lord used

a young Evan Roberts who had caught a vision of what could happen if he gave himself to fervent, unrelenting prayer for a nation.

130,000 souls were saved in six months in 1904 in Wales. Could it happen again?

## PRAY

*Pray that God would raise up young ones like Evan Roberts who would fervently pray until they see breakthrough on their campus.*

*Pray for God to bring the spiritual breakthrough that would shift the atmosphere on campuses and turn many hearts to God.*



# DAY 28

## Hebrides Revival

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### **MEDITATION**

PSALMS 24:3-4

Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart. Who has not lifted his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully. (NKJV)

MATTHEW 5:8

"Blessed are the pure in heart. For they shall see God." (NKJV)

#### **REFLECTION**

Off the west coast of Scotland is a small group of islands called Hebrides. During the years of 1949-1952, there was a widespread revival that swept through these islands. God came in such a powerful way, sinners would cry aloud in the streets calling upon Him to save them from their sins. Most people in this revival were saved outside of the church as they felt the pull of God on their hearts. Local pubs were shut down and never reopened, crime ceased, jails empty, and virtually every person on the Hebrides Islands was saved during the 3-year revival.

The night that this revival started, there were some young people praying in a barn. They began to experience God's presence and felt upon their hearts that

a revival was eminent. During this prayer meeting a young man rose and read part of Psalms 24:3-4: "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord." Turning to his fellow peers, he said, "Brethren, it seems to me just so much humbug to be waiting and praying as we are, if we ourselves are not rightly related to God." Then lifting his hands up to God he cried out loud, "Oh God, are my hands clean? Is my heart pure?"

If we desire to see Him move in our lives in a greater measure, we must walk in holiness. Let us ask ourselves this same question, "Oh God, are my hands clean? Is my heart pure?"

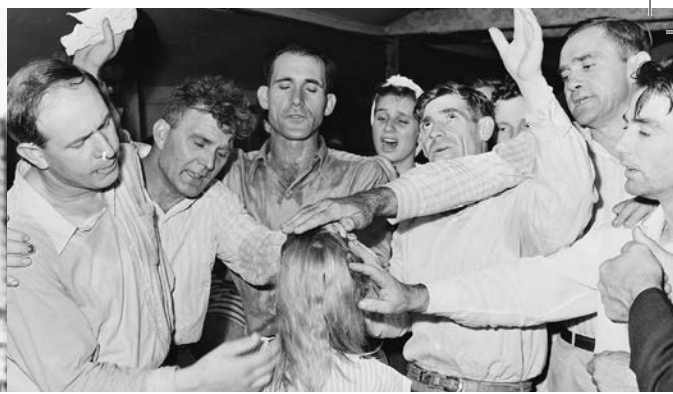
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## PRAY

*Pray for clean hands and for God to prepare our hearts for a move of God. Let us be pure and spotless before our holy God.*

*Pray for holiness to increase amongst college students, starting with the believers on campus.*

*Pray for the culture to shift towards one that is righteous and fears God.*



# DAY 29

## Azusa Street Revival

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### **MEDITATION**

ACTS 2:1

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

#### **REFLECTION**

Preceding the great day of Pentecost, the Bible records a very important detail: "They were all together in one place." No great move of God has occurred without His people together in one accord.

What made the 1906 Azusa Street Revival so special? Three key factors at Azusa mirrored the reality of the formation of the early church in Acts 2. First, there was a multi-ethnic gathering of unity in Christ (Acts 2:1-11). Second, the ministry of the Holy Spirit was powerfully demonstrated (Acts 2:2-4). Finally, there was a clear presentation of the Gospel leading many to salvation (Acts 2:37-41).

This outpouring of the Holy Spirit descended on the poor districts of Los Angeles during an incredibly dangerous, volatile, and prejudiced period of American history, yet God used an African-American leader named William Seymour to launch this modern Acts 2 movement. Black, White, Asian, and Hispanic came together in the bond of love, unity, and prayer.

Sadly, by 1916, the original Azusa Street Revival had officially ended. Segregation once again fractured the fragile unity of the Church, dividing God's children along the very same color lines previously and gloriously erased by the Holy Spirit. Even so, the flames of Azusa led to various renewal movements that spread like wildfire across the U.S. and abroad. Over the past century, these movements have seen more salvations than the previous 19 centuries combined! If the Kingdom has expanded mightily in spite of our division, how much more could it achieve in unity?

**PRAY**

*Pray for another outpouring of the Holy Spirit like the Azusa Street Revival.*

*Pray for the "color lines to be washed away in the Blood" as at Azusa Street.*



# DAY 30

## Moravian Revival

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### **MEDITATION**

MATTHEW 19:20-21

The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept; what am I still lacking?" Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." (NASB)

#### **REFLECTION**

The Moravian Revival and the Missions Movement that followed was perhaps one of the greatest thrusts of Kingdom activity in all of history. A small community of refugees, led by a man named Count Zinzendorf, sustained a 100-year prayer meeting, a fervent community of worship and love, and launched the greatest missions movement since the early Church.

In the chaos and fracture of the 30-Year War in Europe, where Protestant, Catholic, and politicians fought in one of the worst persecutions in Europe, a small community of the Moravians fled to the lands of a man named Count Zinzendorf. Born into wealth and influence, Zinzendorf felt called to pastor and lead this group, ultimately forsaking his titles at the courts and expending most of his finances for this cause. For this reason, many have referred to him as the rich young ruler who said yes.

On August 13, 1727, the Holy Spirit descended upon this entire community. Services were extended. Such nearness of God was present that people “hardly [knew] whether they belonged to earth or had already gone to Heaven.” This is what is now referred to as the Moravian Pentecost.

From this womb, the Moravians gave themselves to continuous prayer (at least two by two every hour, at any given part of the day) for the next 100 years. For the next century, the Moravian missions movement became the largest thrust of the Gospel since the early Church; only to be surpassed by the Student Volunteer Missions Movement. When called the Father of Modern Missions, the great William Carey protested and pointed to Count Zinzendorf.

Johann Dober and David Nitschmann were two young Moravians who heard of a slave colony in the West Indies, wherein which the owner of the island refused to let any Christian missionaries in. Provoked in their hearts, the two brothers were willing to go so far, as even to sell themselves into slavery if necessary, that they might preach the Gospel to these slaves. As their families and friends were watching them depart from the shore, they declared: “*May the Lamb that was slain receive the reward of His suffering.*” It became the rallying cry of the Moravian Missions Movement.

## PRAY

*Pray for the Lord to send another Pentecost like He did amongst the Moravians.*

*Pray for believers on campus to be gripped by the worth of Jesus just like the Moravians.*



# DAY 31

## Prayer From Every Campus

PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

### **MEDITATION**

MALACHI 1:11

For from the rising of the sun even to its setting, My name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense is going to be offered to My name, and a grain offering that is pure; for My name will be great among the nations," says the Lord of hosts. (NASB)

### **REFLECTION**

Thousands of years ago, the prophet Malachi prophesied that there would be incense (worship and prayer) arising in every place and that the name of the Lord would be great among the nations. Malachi's prophecy was without qualification: no city was too small, no people were too hidden, and certainly, no campus was to be forgotten.

What if there was incense being offered to His name from every college campus in America? A.T. Pierson, a spiritual father in the faith, said: *"There has never been a revival in any country that has not begun in united prayer, and no revival has ever continued beyond the duration of those prayer meetings."* Every great move of God has been preceded by great movements of prayer.

To see another Jesus Movement on the college campuses of our nation and another Student Volunteer Missions Movement in our generation, we need unrelenting prayer for every campus and on every campus. What if there could be more than just a 40-day season of prayer, but ongoing prayer until the breakthrough of revival? Until laborers are sent to every tribe and tongue from our campuses? Until Jesus returns? Not just to these ends, but simply because Jesus is worthy! Until His Name is made great among the nations of the earth!

## PRAY

*Pray that believers on campuses across America would take on the responsibility to pray until the Lord would move.*

*Pray that the Gospel would be preached to every campus and that incense would arise from every college campus in America.*



# DAY 32

## Incarnational Ministry

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### **MEDITATION**

COLOSSIANS 2:9

For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. (NLT)

#### **REFLECTION**

When Jesus entered the world to open up the way for mankind to be reconciled to God, He did it by becoming flesh and revealing God's nature – His grace and truth – in a way that could be seen and experienced. When churches and ministries do this in their communities – embodying the nature of God by living lives full of grace and truth, both corporately and individually – barriers come down and relationships develop that serve as bridges for the Gospel.

#### **PRAY**

*Pray that Christians would influence those around them through their actions, authentically following Jesus in all aspects of their lives. Pray that Christians would have more opportunities to demonstrate the love of Christ and share the gospel with the people they encounter daily. Pray that Christians, churches, and campus ministries will see those far from God, marginalized, and hurting as people for whom Christ died and be able to show them compassion and grace. Pray that Christians will have wisdom to know how to speak relevant truth with love to our world.*



# DAY 33

## Salvation

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### **MEDITATION**

2 PETER 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. (NKJV)

#### **REFLECTION**

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is clear evidence that the cross really worked, that we really can be forgiven; what we did in the past can be wiped clean and that we can really have a personal relationship with God. Because Jesus was dead, buried and rose again, this life is not the final word. There is confidence that life continues beyond the grave.

#### **PRAY**

*Pray prayers of thankfulness to God for His patience and longsuffering towards us. Pray for Christians to continue fervently praying for the salvation of their unbelieving friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers.*

*Pray that students would come to recognize their limitations and their absolute need for God. Pray that students across the country will come in contact with the life-changing, societal changing power of the Holy Spirit.*



# DAY 34

## Evangelism

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### **MEDITATION**

ROMANS 10:13-14

For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

#### **REFLECTION**

For a follower of Jesus, evangelism is not an option because evangelism is the natural outflow of someone who has truly experienced Jesus. Evangelism is simple: sharing the best thing in your life, namely that Jesus can heal, forgive, and give life. God’s Spirit is poured out when college students come together to share Jesus.

#### **PRAY**

*Pray for open eyes to see those needing Jesus’ love. Pray that believers on college campuses would unite around the mission entrusted to them. Pray for believers on college campuses to experience God’s power and boldness to witness through the Holy Spirit.*

*Pray for students to be unashamed of Jesus and to share His message everywhere.*



# DAY 35

## Service

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### **MEDITATION**

MARK 10:45

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.

#### **REFLECTION**

There may be no greater way to live out Christ's commandment to "love one another as I have loved you" than by acts of service. When faithful people serve students, university staff, and each other, they represent Christ in a powerfully unique way. In a secular culture that often puts 'me first', acts of service can and should be a distinctive for followers of Jesus.

#### **PRAY**

*Pray for believers on campus to have an increased compassion for caring for those in need and passion to serve the campus to which they have been called.*

*Pray for campus ministries to look for new ways to serve those who are vulnerable and in need of help. Pray that hearts and attitudes toward Christ would be changed as others view the acts of service done by followers of Jesus.*



# DAY 36

## Discipleship

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### MEDITATION

MATTHEW 28:18–20

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

#### REFLECTION

Jesus chose carefully His final words to His disciples. Known as the Great Commission, these words are “standing orders” from our King. When students and campus workers make disciples, baptize them, and teach them to obey Jesus’ commands, the gospel grows exponentially as movements are catalyzed from the campus ... to the nations.

#### PRAY

*Pray for Christians to be intentional about making disciples, sharing the Gospel whenever possible, and winning souls for Jesus.*

*Pray for students to hear Jesus’ call to become disciples and disciple makers. Pray for campus ministries and churches to focus on teaching people to obey Jesus’ commands.*



# DAY 37

## Missions

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### **MEDITATION**

ISAIAH 6:8

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

#### **REFLECTION**

God is asking a question. Whom shall I send? Who will go on our behalf? The God who creates, sustains, and calls forth out of nothing has a task that must be completed – seeing every tribe, tongue, and nation come to worship Him. He could use any method to accomplish this task, yet He has chosen to invite His followers to join in His mission. The question posed to Isaiah is the same asked today. Being available to missions means being available to God; saying “yes” to Him no matter where that leads.

#### **PRAY**

*Pray for more students to answer the call to missions, both locally and internationally. Pray for students to ask God how He wants to use their major and passions in conjunction with missions. Pray that Christians would be available to God to follow Him even if it means giving up their plans. Pray for God to show people if there are things they prioritize (school or career) over what God is asking them to do.*



# DAY 38

## Great Commission

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### **MEDITATION**

MATTHEW 24:14

This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come. (NASB)

#### **REFLECTION**

In Scripture, our Lord not only gives us a great commandment (Matthew 22:36-40) but also a great commission (Matthew 28:16-20). These two things cannot be separated. A love for God is a love for missions — for His Name to be glorified in every place (Mal. 1:11), the salvation of the lost, and ultimately the return of our King.

The Apostle Paul aspired to pioneer and preach to those that had never heard the Gospel. It is truly astonishing that the man who spends the entirety of Romans 8 speaking of the freedom, victory, and unbreakable love of Christ offers his soul on the altar for the lost in the very next chapter. Paul's great love for God (and God's love for Paul) is what drives him to expend everything for His purposes. The apostles devoted their lives for His Kingdom, expectant for His triumphant return.

Revivals have always involved the youth. Hudson Taylor, the great missionary who pioneered China Inland Mission, was 21 years old when he left for China. Evan Roberts was 26 when he was used mightily in the Welsh Revival.

In 1886, 251 college students attended a conference held by D.L. Moody in Mount Hermon, Massachusetts. 100 students dedicated their lives to be foreign missionaries (who became known as the Mount Hermon 100), and this was the pioneering moment of the Student Volunteer Movement. Spanning into the mid-1900s, this missions movement would send around 20,000 missionaries, believing for “the evangelization of the world in their generation”.

Although this task remains unfinished, the mantle and responsibility has been passed to our generation. Let it be our great duty and honor to declare the supremacy of Christ to those who have never heard His name.

## PRAY

*Pray for another Student Volunteer Missions Movement in our generation. Pray that believers would count the cost and follow the Lamb wherever He may lead.*

*Pray for students to live for the age to come and not just this present age.*



# DAY 39

## Missions Movement

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### **MEDITATION**

PSALM 110:3

"Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power; in holy array, from the womb of the dawn, Your youth are to You as the dew." (NASB)

#### **REFLECTION**

Huddled together beneath a haystack to keep dry in the sudden spring rain shower, Samuel Mills and four young men's hearts raced as they discussed the great task before them: the evangelization of the "heathen world." Sheer belief and whispered prayers sparked the greatest surge in foreign missions the world has ever seen. The refrain: "We can do this, if we will."

Out of this famed "Haystack Prayer Meeting" more than 100 years ago, God raised up the Student Volunteer Movement out of the Western church. Over 20,000 college students and young professionals abandoned their pursuit of the "American Dream" and, ignited by the Holy Spirit, proclaimed the gospel in foreign lands. Trading in promises of lucrative careers, powerful influence, and comfortable lives, these men and women were not motivated by earthly pleasures and human accolades, but wanted instead to wholeheartedly commit themselves to the fame of Jesus.

Throughout history, Western college campuses have been seedbeds for prayer, revival, and missionary activity. From John Wesley's Holy Club at Oxford University to the Student Volunteer Movement, to the Jesus Movement, college students have been a powerful force for spiritual renewal in America and the nations of the earth. History will continue to be made on our college campuses as students respond wholeheartedly to the gospel.

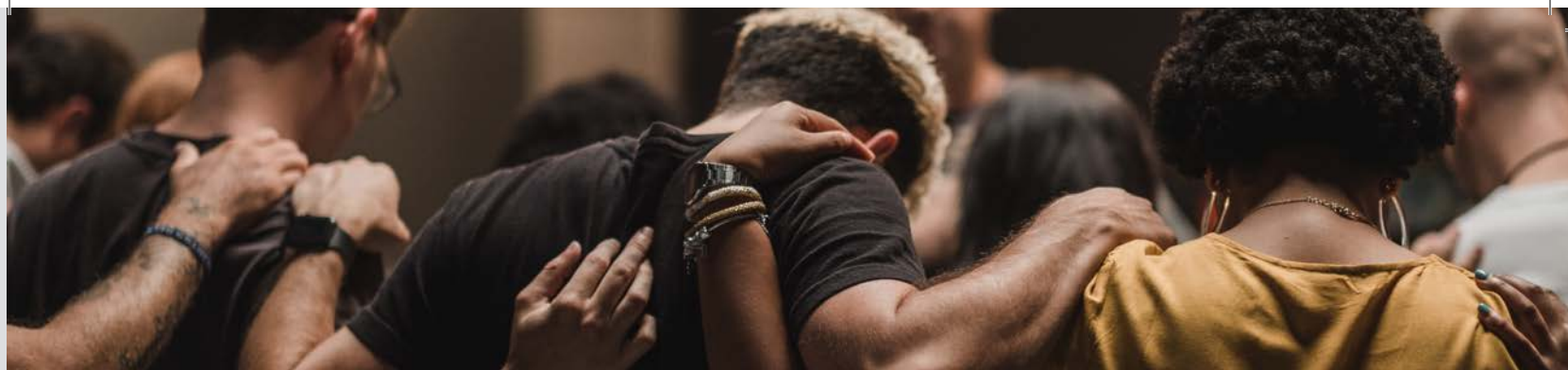
Despite the rich history of God's activity on college campuses, the youth of our nation are in spiritual crisis. Several studies reveal church engagement among college and high school students is dramatically decreasing, as students espouse moralistic, therapeutic deism rather than biblical faith. But we know that God still has a plan and purpose for the youth of America and the West. Behind the waning church attendance and alarming statistics are flesh-and-blood people with passion and destiny. Young adults may be dissatisfied with religious rhetoric and programs, but they are also growing more and more disillusioned with the "American Dream." They long for greater purpose and influence to impact their generation and change the world. The ground is fertile for change.

In college campuses and local congregations, there are glimmers of hope as young men and women are convicted in the place of prayer and emboldened to volunteer themselves (Psalm 110:3) to help finish the great task before us. We believe this is just the beginning. May the Lamb who was slain receive the reward of His suffering in our generation.

## PRAY

*Pray for college students to be motivated by the worth of Jesus to give their lives for His glory. Pray for missionaries to be sent from the campuses of America to the nations of the earth.*

*Pray that God would touch the student groups that seem the 'hardest' and 'darkest' on campus.*



# DAY 40

## Power of Collegiate Prayer

### PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

#### **MEDITATION**

LUKE 4:18-19

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

#### **REFLECTION**

Several spiritual movements in history can be traced back to students praying on their campus. John Wesley, Charles Wesley, and George Whitefield are incredible examples. These three Oxford University students, dubbed as The Holy Club, gave themselves to radical prayer, worship, and fasting that served as a catalyst to shifting the expression of Christianity around the world.

From their small prayer meeting, they were sent out like arrows offering incredible contributions to the world. John Wesley founded the evangelical movement known as Methodism; Charles Wesley wrote over 6,000 Christian hymns; and George Whitefield helped lead the First Great Awakening in America along with Johnathan Edwards and Gilbert Tennent.

As a revival of faith was underway through Wesley and his friends, so was the altering of society. The First Great Awakening helped spark American Independence and a new nation; and Wesley Movement helped paved the way for William Wilberforce's abolitionist efforts that abolished slavery in England and gave hope to its ending in America.

All across the world, a network of encouragement among fellow revivalist and reformers was growing as they all were partnering with heaven to defeat the giants of their day and rewrite history. They knew they were anointed and appointed for such a time!

In Luke 4, after Jesus' 40-day fast, he goes to the synagogue and declares out of Isaiah 61:

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

What a powerful moment as Jesus is coming out of his 40-day fast in the wilderness to declare with confidence and boldness what was prophesied of Him in the Jewish scriptures. Similar, we all have our place written in the Father's redemptive storyline in shaping history, and it can only be found in the place of friendship and oneness with God.

We were created for such a time as this. Let's shift the tide of history and see America turned back to God. The Spirit of the Lord God is upon us.

## PRAY

*Pray for an open heaven as believers across America gather to pray for revival and awakening on college campuses in America. Pray for open hearts to the Gospel that many would turn from sin and surrender to the Lordship of Jesus. Pray for open hands for students to surrender to God's purposes for their lives and in their generation.*

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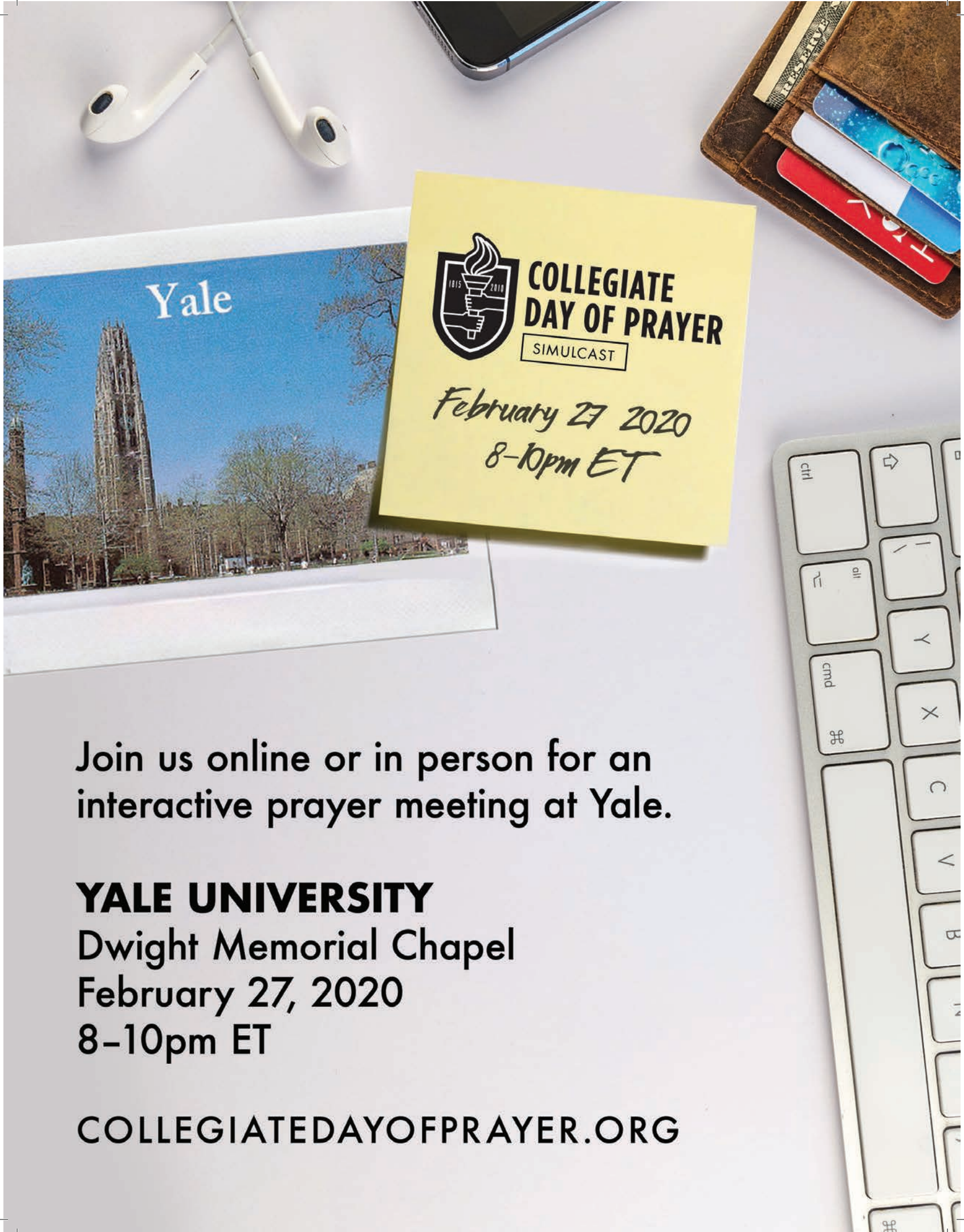
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