

Prayer pointers for a One Day prayer event (2011)

In 2011 we will focus on revival and the church

NB: It is important to understand that the prayer pointers that we are giving here are only suggestions for prayer. You can use whatever is helpful to you. You can add other prayer pointers that will fit your own situation and the things you feel the Lord is laying on your heart.

Praying for the church and revival by praying for:

1. We need true revival. We have churches in need of the **power of the Holy Spirit**. We need revival that will bring **renewal, reformation and reconciliation**, a revival that will only come when we have churches (people in the church) being filled with the Holy Spirit. We need a baptism with the Holy Spirit and fire. (Matt.3:11)
2. Christians need to live holy lives. (1 Pet.1:16; Heb.12:14 and 29)
3. We live in a country in need of **healing and restoration**. When healing and restoration take place in the church, it will affect society. Many individuals and families suffer from abuse, trauma, different types of addiction, violence, bloodshed, HIV and Aids, etc. Many are full of hatred, resentment and unforgiveness. (Luke 4:18-19)
4. Millions in our nation are in need of **salvation**, not knowing Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. The church needs to reach out to the lost as their first priority. (Acts 4:12) Revival always leads to the salvation of the lost.
5. We need to pray for the **poor and needy**. We need to pray that God will raise up people to reach out to the poor and needy and as we pray we need to ask ourselves how we can be involved. (Luke 4:18-19) The normal outflow of revival is that people begin to take care of the poor and needy.
6. We live in a **fatherless generation**. Fatherlessness is probably the single most important issue in peoples lives that causes bitterness, hatred, resentment, unforgiveness, violence, insecurity, anger, rejection and hopelessness in the lives of people of all races in our nation. (Mal.4:6) In revival, people come into a deep personal relationship with the Father which brings healing to many people in this area.
7. We need to renounce **greed** that is rooted in false promises, injustice being done to people, lack of security, a lack of a sense of safety and being cared for, jealousy and our sinful nature. Greed leads to corruption, injustice, violence and crime on many levels. (1 Tim.6:6-10)
8. We need to pray about **anger**. Anger leads to violence, crime, rebellion, bitterness and unforgiveness. Anger has many causes: fatherlessness, injustices, rejection and humiliation. (James 4:1-4)
9. We live in a nation in need of **forgiveness**: receiving forgiveness, extending forgiveness – towards others, ourselves and God. (Matt.6:1 and 14-15) In all revivals the Spirit of the Lord sets people free from hatred and unforgiveness.
10. **Any other area of need**: You may want to add specific information about your local church or organisation, your community or national issues that you feel need to be prayed about.