

Prayer Guide



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**Seeking God for Revival of the Church and Spiritual
Awakening of the Unsaved.**



A Message from Pastor Lyn . . .

From the New York Times I read that on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, as a woman was being raped while on a train near Philadelphia, riders watched, failed to intervene and did not call 911, the authorities said.

A man whom officials identified as Fiston Ngoy sat down next to a woman at about 10 p.m. on a train that was traveling westbound on the Market-Frankford Line toward the 69th Street Transportation Center and began to sexually assault the woman. The assault lasted about eight minutes and no passengers in the train car intervened in any way.

Timothy Bernhardt, the superintendent of the Upper Darby Township Police Department, said on Sunday. "Anybody that was on that train has to look in the mirror and ask why they didn't intervene or why they didn't do something"

He added that investigators had received reports of some passengers recording the attack on their phones but the police has not confirmed that report.

Eventually, a transportation authority employee got on the train, saw what was going on and called 911. Then, a police officer ran onto the train and caught the man in the act and took him into custody.

When I read this story my heart cried out for the brokenness and pain that this woman suffered at the hands of this man and then I could not wrap my mind around the fact that people stood or sat around and did nothing and basically watched this man assault her.

Maybe you, like me, find it absolutely appalling that no one intervened to save or help this woman. As the Police Superintendent pointed out, "they did nothing."

"They did nothing."

In reading this story, God spoke to my heart, that this is a picture of His people, of His Church. While all around us, in the church, outside the church, people are broken.

There are broken lives of sin and people far from God. Broken lives through mental struggle, addictions, abuse, and sickness. There are broken families, and a broken society. Many cry out in the pain of hopelessness, bitterness, and confusion and God's people do nothing. As the enemy assaults one after another, we do nothing leaving a trail of broken lives and a disintegrating nation.

There are many voices from all sectors of our society that has begun to sound the alarm. The trajectory of America on many levels is unsustainable economically, socially, politically, and morally.

This unsustainable course can't be fixed by rearranging government programs or implementing new policies. It isn't ultimately about your political party or about all the arguments that you hear on CNN, FOX, etc.

No, the answer is spiritual. The answer is to call out for God's mercy, for the hope and transformation that only He can bring to a prodigal nation.

I believe that the greatest threat to America is not the democrats or the republicans, socialism or the leftist progressives but I declare that the greatest threat that America may face is God Himself as He withdraws His mercy and exercises His righteous judgement.

Consider these words from God to the nations:

If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it. (Jeremiah 18:7-10 NIV)

- The principle here is undeniable – God not only blesses people and nations, He judges them as well.

As Dr. Erwin Lutzer of Moody Bible Church puts it, "The God of the Bible will not endlessly tolerate idolatry and benign neglect. He graciously endures rejection and insults, but at some point, He might choose to bring a nation to its knees with severe discipline."

It has been almost 2 years since the pandemic outbreak. I remember how the President and Governors across our nation declared States of Emergency.

I believe that America is in a state of spiritual emergency. It's not just because of how the world is acting, but how the church is behaving. Where does judgement begin, after all, if not in the house of God (1 Peter 4:17)?

How we as God's people respond to our current trajectory will determine our ultimate outcome.

We can "do nothing" or "do something".

I am calling for those who will join me here at New Hope to cry out for revival.

Richard Owen Roberts says that "Revival is an extraordinary work of the Spirit of God in the hearts of God's people, producing extraordinary results."

Revival is a sovereign manifestation of a merciful God. We cannot manipulate revival, but we can and must prepare for God's extraordinary movement. In fact, God has made certain astounding promises for those who do:

“If my people...will humble themselves and pray...then I will hear from heaven. 2 Chron. 7:14
NKJV

“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you”. James 4:8

So, how do we not do nothing? How do we do this in light of the spiritual emergency that surrounds us? How do we turn, pray, and unite together and help others do the same.

START PERSONALLY

When Jesus was calling out His first disciples and leaders, He gave us the order in which we are to fulfill even today:

*“He appointed twelve, so that they would **be with Him** and that He could send them out to preach, and to have authority to cast out demons. (Mark 3:14-15)*

Our first calling is to be with Jesus – to walk in intimacy with Him, hearing Him, learning from Him, drawing from the vast eternal resource of His life in us.

Revival returns God to His rightful place, and this must first occur in our own lives if we are to see others experience Jesus too.

All of us would probably say we want to see revival and spiritual awakening happen in America but what we must understand national awakenings begin with personal reviving.

It starts with me. It starts with you.

That is why I have invited you to join me in a **7 Day Personal Revival Journey**.

There is no substitute for time with God. We put this off, crowded by the busyness of life, and miss the very pathway that would bring revival to our souls.

Just a few ways that we can do this:

- **Daily Time:** let nothing steal daily time in God’s presence.
- **Extended Time:** Take some time to get away from everything just to spend time with Him.
- **Fasting:** Life is loud. Our mind runs constantly, our emotions drive us, our will is aggressively waging a battle for control.
Fasting humbles the soul (Psa. 35:13) it quiets our mind, will, emotions, and the competing voices around us so that we may give our attention to the Lord God and to seeking Him (Dan. 9:3). Fasting is often tied with revival in the scriptures.

So, all journeys, no matter their destination, have one thing in common: there is always a beginning point. If we truly want to experience revival, I believe this is our beginning point.

Before a nation, community, or church will experience movements of God's Spirit in revival, **individual hearts** must first experience personal revival.

Revival spreads through unlikely people and unheard of prayer warriors. It begins when someone gives their heart fully to the Lord in humility and obedience...when someone falls in love with Jesus all over again.

From this position, we will witness God at work in restoring broken lives, healing distressed families, freeing addicted captives and breaking through the most hardened of hearts.

With all our hearts, let us seek God for revival in New Hope Church and in our community. Remember revival is the restoration of God's glory among His people and for spiritual awakening among the lost which is the rapid expansion of His kingdom.

God has done it before. And like the Psalmist, let us cry out, *Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?* (Psa. 85:6 ESV)

Does God want to use you to set the stage for such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit?

Could it be that God wants to use your life, your obedience, and your prayers?

ARE YOU WILLING?

I am excited about the days ahead.

Pastor Lyn

DAY 1

Begin With Humility

START TODAY WITH PRAYER:

“Father, as we begin this journey together, I acknowledge just how much I need You. Help me to remember that Your Holy Spirit is my guide along this journey. Give me a humble heart that is quick to respond to everything You communicate to me. Please speak to me from Your Word.

READ GOD’S WORD

James 4:6-10

Revelation 3:14-21

Revival never comes to proud hearts, or to those who refuse God’s help. Admitting our need to Him and our desperate hopelessness apart from Him is part of what the Bible calls having a broken spirit (Psa. 51:17). The attitude of brokenness before the Lord is absolutely a prerequisite for His work to begin. You must forsake self sufficiency and renew your absolute surrender to and reliance upon God.

RESPOND TO WHAT GOD HAS SAID

WARNING: This section of the 7 Day Guide is not easy. Nor is it something you want to rush through. It will require you to be honest with yourself and God. There will most likely be hard action steps you will need to take if you are serious about following Jesus. The Holy Spirit will be your guide along this path.

The best way to tackle this part of the 7 Day Journey each day is to spend a few quiet moments focusing on God’s presence with you. Ask Him to help you see your heart the way He does. He’ll get you through this!!

EVIDENCES OF PRIDE I HAVE SEEN IN MY LIFE WITHIN THE PAST FEW MONTHS:

- I neglect regular prayer, assuming I can get along fine without it.
- I tend to value my own opinions more than the input of others
- I find it difficult or uncomfortable to admit my spiritual needs to others
- I can’t remember the last time I wept over my sins
- I seek out recognition and gratitude for things I’m doing “for God”.
- I intentionally run myself down before others so that I can appear humble or holy.
- I frequently complain about what others should be doing differently.
- I don’t have a deep sense of spiritual poverty – I think I am doing fine.
- I rarely serve people; most of the time I feel I should be served.
- I have not fully surrendered every area of my life to Christ’s Lordship.

I am Willing to Embrace the humility required for revival by:

Submitting to Christ as Lord

- Yes
- No

Seeking opportunities to be taught by God's Word and my spiritual leaders.

- Yes
- No

Freely confessing to God the sins and needs in my life.

- Yes
- No

Honestly admitting to my spouse, friends, or pastor the sins and needs in my life.

- Yes
- No

Building into my life specific time for prayer.

- Yes
- No

Listening to advice and even criticism without getting defensive.

- Yes
- No

Looking for opportunities to joyfully serve others, starting with my family.

- Yes
- No

END TODAY'S TIME WITH PRAYER

Father, I humbly admit my need of You. Keep me from walking in pride today. Help me to turn to You throughout the day for Your grace and help. Remind me often that I am what I am only by Your grace!

DAY 2

Get Honest About Your sin

START TODAY'S JOURNEY WITH PRAYER

"Father, I need Your help to take a hard look at the sin in my life. Open my eyes to see it as You see it. Cause my heart to break over sin the way Yours does. Help me to not keep my sin hidden from You. Please speak to me from Your Word."

READ GOD'S WORD

Isaiah 59:1-2

Psalms 51:1-17

Isaiah 53:4-6

1 John 1:8-9

Open your heart to the probing of the Holy Spirit; let Him reveal what aspects of your life to change and what sins need to be confessed. *Confession* means agreeing with God about our sinful ways. If He has told us in His Word that something is sinful, then it is. Renounce all of your sins; hold none of them back. Let God's cleansing power forgive, restore, and transform you.

RESPOND TO WHAT GOD HAS SAID

Just like yesterday, this exercise may be difficult, and the temptation will be to rush through. The purpose of this exercise is not to heap up guilt and shame, but to help you recognize the obstacles that keep you from the life Jesus died to give to you. Remember that God already knows what is in your heart and longs for you to walk in freedom from sin.

Place a check next to any areas of sin that have been a part of your life in the past three months.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pride | <input type="checkbox"/> Hypocrisy | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of witness for Christ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lust | <input type="checkbox"/> Dishonoring parents | <input type="checkbox"/> Neglect of God's Word |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anger | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayerlessness | <input type="checkbox"/> Wastefulness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gossip | <input type="checkbox"/> Unkindness | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of generosity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Envy | <input type="checkbox"/> Complaining | <input type="checkbox"/> Using God's name carelessly |

Impurity Over-indulgence Gluttony
 Selfishness Laziness Lying
 Greed Unforgiveness Other

Confession:

1 John 1:9 – “if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

FAITH is the key! You must believe with all your heart what God has said, what God has promised – that if we confess, then He is faithful to forgive and cleanse. Don't allow Satan to continue to heap guilt upon your soul. There is no condemnation for those who are Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1). He has atoned for you sin with His own blood. Tomorrow we will focus on repentance – turning away from our sinful ways and trusting in God's power to equip us for righteous living.

END TODAY'S JOURNEY WITH PRAYER

“Father, I agree with You about my sin. I realize that these things have hindered my relationship with You. Thank You for the forgiveness I have through Jesus Christ. Please cleanse me from these sins, and give me the power of Your Spirit to walk in obedience and holiness with You.”

DAY 3

Turn From Your Past Ways

START TODAY'S JOURNEY WITH PRAYER

“Father, please give me the grace to fully let go of my sins and leave them behind! I believe not only that Jesus died to pay the debt for these sins, but that He rose again so that my new life in Him by faith can be free from the power of sin. Please speak to me from Your Word.”

READ GOD'S WORD

Ezekiel 18:30-32

Psalm 139:23-24

Acts 26:20

Repentance is a profound change of mind that leads to a change in action. It is the recognition that God's ways are better than sin — that He can run our lives better than we can. It is a glad willingness to turn from the idols we've been pursuing in order to follow Him.

Repentance is not limited to the unsaved. In the book of Revelation, five of the seven churches were commanded to repent of one thing or another! As Christians, we are called to live lives of repentance.

As you seek God more and more through His Spirit, through His Word, and in fellowship with other believers, His ways become more and more valuable to you. Living a life of repentance also involves full surrender to Jesus Christ as the Lord of your thoughts, decisions, behaviors, and priorities. Repentance requires that you make a clean break with sin and pursue loving God with your entire being.

RESPOND TO WHAT GOD HAS SAID

Are you ready to pursue Jesus with all your heart, repenting of every sin you know to be in your life?

Yes No

Based on what God has been revealing to you over the past few days, what sinful or doubtful habits do you need to lay down so you can follow Jesus fully?

Write them here:

The purpose of examining your ways honestly and bringing sin out into the open is so God’s power can change you. This is where FAITH comes into play again. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit (John 14:16-17). In faith, you BELIEVE that the Spirit of Christ lives in you (Romans 8:10, Galatians 2:20), communicates with you (John 16:14), and empowers you to live righteously (Galatians 5:22-23).

Walking in the Spirit means believing these truths and adjusting your life to reflect this reality. This happens through renewing our minds (Romans 12:2).

We renew our minds by filling them with God’s Word and walking in the Spirit by faith.

Consider committing one of the passages below to memory to help you overcome sin daily. When you are tempted, call out these verses as a weapon against sin.

- Psalm 119:11 ~ “I have stored up Your Word in my heart, that I might not sin against You.”
- 1 Corinthians 10:13 ~ “No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.”
- Romans 6:6 ~ “We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.”
- 2 Corinthians 7:1 ~ “Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.”

END TODAY’S JOURNEY WITH PRAYER

“Father, flood my heart and mind with a fresh love for You! Help me to see Your beauty so fully that the things of this world are uninteresting to me. Continually renew my mind through Your Word, with fresh understanding, so that I will not be conformed to this world but will be increasingly transformed by You.”

DAY 4

EMBRACE AND EXTEND FORGIVENESS

START TODAY'S JOURNEY WITH PRAYER

"Father, thank You that I can know the joy and freedom of being forgiven! Please be gracious to reveal to me those I need to forgive. Help me to love them like You have loved me. Please speak to me now from Your Word."

READ GOD'S WORD

Acts 24:16

Matthew 6:14-15

Ephesians 4:30-32

As we fully deal with our sin, God assures us that, because of Christ's work on the cross, He hears our prayers and fully forgives, placing our sins out of reach behind His back (Isaiah 38:17) and hurling them into the depths of the sea (Micah 7:19). We can rejoice that He will never remember them against us again (Isaiah 43:25) and that fellowship with Him has been restored (1 John 1:5-7).

But revival involves more than dealing with our sin before God; we must also deal with our sin against others. It is now time to clear your own conscience by seeking forgiveness from everyone you have offended, and making restitution wherever possible.

Then, as difficult as it may be, you must extend complete forgiveness to anyone who has wronged you. As Jesus has freely forgiven us, He commands that we forgive others. When we do, we will find great freedom.

RESPOND TO WHAT GOD HAS SAID

(Check the boxes as they apply to you.)

Have I so dealt with my sin that I have a clear conscience before God?

Yes No

Has all wrongdoing from my past been properly confessed to those involved?

Yes No

Have I gone to others that I have wronged, seeking their forgiveness?

Yes No

Write the names of the people, businesses, or groups from whom you need to seek forgiveness; then pray about how to confess and make restitution for the sin you committed against them (Luke 17:1-10).

I have forgiven in the same way Christ forgives me. This is evidenced by the following:

- I have given up thoughts of revenge and I am trusting the situation to God.
- I am free from anger and hate in my heart.
- I am asking God to flood my heart with love through the power of the Holy Spirit within me (Romans 5:5; Galatians 5:22).
- I choose not to bring up the offenses any more.
- I am willing to pray for God's best in the life of the person who hurt me.
- I would rejoice if that person were to be especially blessed by God.

END TODAY'S JOURNEY WITH PRAYER

"Father, thank You for the unbelievable gift of forgiveness for my sins. And thank You for the grace that makes it possible for me to forgive others, just as You have forgiven me. Empower me to show the world a beautiful picture of Your forgiveness. And help me keep 'the roof off and the walls down'—nothing between You and me, and nothing between me and anyone else."

DAY 5

Align Your Life With God's Word

START TODAY'S JOURNEY WITH PRAYER

"Father, there are so many voices that compete for my attention. I can easily get distracted from time alone with You in Your Word. Thank You for this moment alone with You right now. Please speak to me from Your Word."

READ GOD'S WORD

Psalm 1

RESPOND TO WHAT GOD HAS SAID

According to Psalm 1, what must you do in order for your life to prosper?

How often should you meditate (set your mind) on God's Word?

Contrast the righteous and the wicked in this passage.

The Righteous:

The Wicked:

List two things you can do to increase your intake of God's Word.

1 - _____

2 - _____

LET THE WORD OF CHRIST DWELL IN YOU RICHLY (COLOSSIANS 3:16).

This means that you immerse yourself in the Scriptures. It means that you spend time learning what God is like so you can recognize His character and know His voice when He speaks to you. It means that you meditate on the commands of Christ so that His ways become yours. It means that you heed the warnings the Bible issues. It means that you submit to God as your King, and love Him as your Father.

Remember, this can only be done as the Holy Spirit lives in you and empowers you to live in Christ. Continue to rest in Him as He lives through you.

END TODAY'S JOURNEY WITH PRAYER

“Father, help me read Your Word every day, not for more knowledge, but to hear from You. Show me the incredible value of a lifelong devotion to listening to You through Your Word, and give me the grace to apply and follow the truth You are showing me each day.”

DAY 6

PRAY FERVENTLY AND CONTINUALLY FOR REVIVAL

START TODAY'S JOURNEY WITH PRAYER

"Father, I believe that You want the kind of relationship with me where we can talk openly and listen deeply to each other. Help me to understand that growing in prayer is a lifelong journey. Please give me the grace I need to grow in this area of my walk with You. Please speak to me now from Your Word."

READ GOD'S WORD

Psalm 85:6

Isaiah 64:1-3

2 Chronicles 7:14

Joel 2:12-17

If God sending revival to our nation was dependent on your prayers alone, would it ever happen? Most of us know that we should pray more, but we either don't know how or can't seem to find the time.

As we read in the passages above, desperate prayer includes pleading with God, repenting, fasting, grieving, and often doing so with others. Does this describe the atmosphere of our church prayer gatherings?

Prayer is a lifetime pursuit, not something a person ever "finishes." Because we love God, we should always look for ways to grow deeper in prayer.

RESPOND TO WHAT GOD HAS SAID

On a scale from 1-5, rate your own prayer life in the following categories:

Taking consistent time to talk with God every day

1 2 3 4 5

Praising God for His character and glory

1 2 3 4 5

Thanking God for His blessings in my life

1 2 3 4 5

Calling out to God for personal revival

1 2 3 4 5

Praying for my family and my church

1 2 3 4 5

Confessing my sins and praying for help to overcome them

1 2 3 4 5

Praying for the souls of my lost friends and family

1 2 3 4 5

Asking God for spiritual awakening in my community and nation

1 2 3 4 5

Making space in my life to pray with others, beyond mealtime prayers

1 2 3 4 5

Praying for the needs of others

1 2 3 4 5

Setting aside occasional times for concentrated prayer or fasting

1 2 3 4 5

“Father, I want to grow in the area of prayer, and the next step I plan to take, with Your help, is:_____

END TODAY’S JOURNEY WITH PRAYER

“Father, make me a person of unceasing prayer. Help me to keep a running conversation with You about everything all day long. Teach me to pray, and teach me how to pray! And give me a burden for revival and spiritual awakening in my home, my church, my city, and our nation.”

DAY 7

SHARE CHRIST BOLDLY

START TODAY'S JOURNEY WITH PRAYER

“Father, there are so many people who need to know Your reviving power! Please give me boldness to share with them the hope that is found in You. Help me to obediently follow wherever You lead me. Please speak to me now from Your Word.”

READ GOD'S WORD

Ephesians 6:18-20

Acts 1:8

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Matthew 10:19-20

The reason God wants to bring fresh revival to your heart is not only for you. He wants your life to be full of Him so that you can be His ambassador to others. Everyone is called to share. Paul asked for people to pray that he would open his mouth and that God would give him the words to say. You can trust the Holy Spirit to give you the words to speak to the people in your circle of influence who desperately need to hear.

RESPOND TO WHAT GOD HAS SAID

What is the overall theme of the scripture passages above? How is God calling you to respond?

Ask God to place on your heart the names of at least five Christians you know who need to experience a personal revival with God. Write their names here:

Write the names of five people you know who don't have a relationship with Jesus:

Would you commit to pray daily for these ten people, and then talk to them as God prompts?

Yes No

This is not as hard as you might think. Simply go to them and say, "God is doing something really special in my life, and it's changing me. Could I share with you what is happening?" Then just tell them about the fresh work of revival that's occurring. Point them to Jesus as the One Who alone can do this work. You might end by saying, "Would you like to see a fresh working of God in your life? If so, let's pray for that right now!" You could also point them to this seven-day, Personal Revival Journey; invite them to go through it and then get together with you again to discuss and pray together.

Remember, the gospel is the "power of God for salvation to everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16).

God wants to work in them more than you might realize. He just needs your willingness to share!

END TODAY'S JOURNEY WITH PRAYER

"Father, give me boldness to share the gospel with those around me. Help me open my mouth when You prompt me, and then give me the words to say, just as You promised. Please use my life to influence the lives of others so that they can know You!"

A closing thought from Pastor Lyn . . .

It is my prayer that these 7 Days have stirred your hearts in a mighty way. Here is a prayer that Charles H. Spurgeon prayed for revival long ago. May it inspire and encourage us to pray without ceasing and to cultivate a lifestyle of prayer, as he did.

Charles H. Spurgeon – For revival

Be pleased to visit Your Church with the Holy Spirit.

Renew the day of Pentecost in our midst, and in the midst of all gatherings of your people, may there come the downfall of the holy fire, the uprising of the heavenly wind.

May matters that are now slow and dead become quick and full of life, and may the Lord Jesus Christ be exalted in the midst of His Church which is His fullness – “the fullness of Him that filleth all in all.”

May multitudes be converted; may they come flocking to Christ with holy eagerness to find Him a refuge as the doves fly to their dovecotes.

Amen.

Thank you for joining me in this prayer journey to seek God for revival and spiritual awakening. I believe that as long as there is a bended knee, there is hope!

In 2022, we will designate 7 different weeks for 7 days of prayer for revival for His church and spiritual awakening for the lost.

If we long for a church where God is pleased to dwell and fill with His presence, we must learn the value and habit of prayer without ceasing. It must become a foundational, driving priority of our church.

Will you pray with me that it will?

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