

100 Days of Prayer

PREPARING THE WAY FOR THE LORD

DAY 99 (May 3rd)

A Weekly Guide for 100 days of Praying to Prepare the Way for the Lord

Starting on January 25th, 2023 (Day 1), Culminating on May 4th, 2023 (Day 100)

KEY VERSES FOR THE WEEK: Luke 7:18-23 (NIV)

18 John's disciples told him about all these things. Calling two of them, 19 he sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"

20 When the men came to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?'"

21 At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. 22 So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. 23 Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

REFLECTION: *Waiting Expectantly / Persevering Faithfully*

John the Baptist was in a tough spot. For months now, instead of normally traversing the open roads of the desert wilderness, he had languished in a small dark prison cell. Instead of boldly and loudly proclaiming the coming of the Messiah to vast crowds, this prophet had only the company of a few other desolate prisoners and his jailers. Instead of seeing with his own eyes the raw power of God on display, he had to make due listening to the whispered rumors of what this Jesus was up to.

John knew how to wait. He had waited his whole life for Jesus to appear. He had prepared for such a long time. He had stayed faithful. But now, the wait must have been killing him. No one would blame him if a few doubts started creeping in. He was certainly a prisoner. Unfairly jailed and locked away. Where was Jesus to set him free? Wasn't He supposed to be the One? Could John have gotten it wrong?

So, John got word out to his own disciples to pay Jesus a visit. And once there, they were supposed to ask Jesus point blank, “Tell it to me straight: Are you or aren’t you the One?” John was never one to mince words. And you could imagine that even this servant of God sensed his patience wearing thin.

Jesus answered in a very Jesus-like way. He first healed the sick, cured the diseased, and kicked out a bunch of evil spirits from those afflicted. Then He turned to John’s disciples saying, “Tell John what you’ve witnessed today: the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead arise, and GOOD NEWS is proclaimed to the poor.” Jesus knew that John would hear this message and remember all the past words of the Prophet Isaiah. And John’s heart would be stirred, doubts turn to ash, and fire re-ignited again. The Messiah was here!

Have you been waiting for something from God for a long time? I know folks who have prayed weekly for revival for over 3 decades. They’ve waited long. Guarded the flames of expectancy. They have persevered faithfully. And now, there are rumors of pure surging flames on the rise. In God’s perfect timing, He has heard His people’s prayers. He’s lovingly gathered them up. He will bring it all to pass.

A good servant, a good soldier, a good son or daughter KNOWS how to wait. And now is not the time to give in to doubt or weariness. It may feel like it’s been a long and dark night. But the dawn is coming. Don’t fall asleep now. Light is breaking soon.

PRAYER POINTS:

Use these suggested prayer items as a starting point for where the Holy Spirit will lead you...

1. Praise God that He is the Promise Keeper, the One who hears prayers and moves to release His blessings and power upon His people as they wait and call upon Him.
2. Pray that the Spirit will move upon many believers’ hearts in our city and draw them to unify humbly in prayer, joyfully welcoming our Korean guests. Pray for a powerful anointing upon all the Korean teams in Charlotte and elsewhere. Pray for members of the Charlotte planning team: Norman, Steve, Brenda, and Walton. For good health, divine protection, and His power.
3. Press in during this season of fasting and intense prayer from April 26th - May 10th. Pray with expectancy during this Final Stretch for a mighty move of His Spirit.
4. Pray for God’s heart to be on display through every visiting Korean intercessor. Pray for the Charlotte team leader Pastor Hee Su Kim. And pray for these final cities: Albuquerque, New Mexico. Brooklyn, NY. Buffalo, NY. Cincinnati, Ohio. Cleveland, Ohio. Lima, Ohio. Indiana, Pennsylvania. Charleston, South Carolina. Cleveland, TN. Memphis, TN. Dallas, TX. Houston, TX. Newport News, Virginia. Bellingham, Washington. Delbarton, W. Virginia.

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