

# 100 Days of Prayer

## PREPARING THE WAY FOR THE LORD

**WEEK 3 (Feb 8 - 15)**

### **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: Mark 1:4-8 (NIV)**

4 And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. 6 John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. 8 I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

#### **REFLECTION: *Repentance***

John the Baptist had a simple message: Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven has come near..." The idea of repentance is integral to preparing the way for the Lord. There is no getting around it: If you want to experience God's Kingdom, if you want to position yourself to best encounter His presence, if you want to see revival, you begin with repentance. Period.

It's relatively simple. But incredibly hard. To repent means essentially to change my mind. Not in a trivial way, but in a significant way that redirects the major course of my thinking and pondering. It's like choosing to reshape the flow of the mighty Mississippi river to U-turn and flow the other way. It requires a deep humility to admit something is still wrong in my world, in my life, in... me. That I still lack something. That I undeniably and desperately still need God.

We cannot take the Holy Spirit for granted. We can't just rest on our spiritual laurels. True repentance will snap us out of our stupor, help us see the insidious idols in our lives, cause us to hit the brakes, and even - at great cost - to turn this car around. It will lead us to painstakingly recalibrate the GPS and head back home to the Father.

John the Baptist called the people to repent. Many responded. They saw their own darkness with new eyes and confessed their sins. They owned their mistakes and took steps of faith to be baptized, symbolizing the forgiveness they were seeking. They knew that this preparation was absolutely worth it because the One who was coming was far greater, far more powerful, far more worthy than even John himself.

Repentance can be costly. But it is worth it because the One we turn to will baptize us with His fire. Will transform us. Will make us new.

Today, are you in a place of humility and repentance? Are you willing to make yourself ready in this way? Will you U-turn from your idols and turn to Him fully?

## PRAYER POINTS:

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

1. Praise God for His mercy when we can see our sins so that extraction can happen and healing can begin.
2. Pray that God would reveal to you the personal sins that are keeping you stagnant in your spiritual growth.
3. Pray for supernatural strength to overcome any personal weaknesses that are hindering revival in your city.
4. Pray for a profound humility to envelop the whole Church and our hearts as we seek for more of God. Pray this for our local churches and for the Korean ones.
5. Pray for a brightly-burning fear of the Lord that snatches our breaths away in light of His beauty and power.

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