

100 Days of Prayer

PREPARING THE WAY FOR THE LORD

WEEK 7 (Mar 8 - Mar 14)

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 3:15-18 (NIV)

15 The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. 16 John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." 18 And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

REFLECTION: *Telling Good News*

When most people think about John the Baptist, they think about his calling people to repent of their sins. They think about his rough clothes and crazy diet in the desert. They think of how he liked to baptize folks in the Jordan River. But sometimes we forget that John also prepared the way by telling others about the good news.

What was this good news? It was that God was making good on His promise of a coming Messiah. This person would be incredibly powerful and rescue His people from their oppressors. Immersing us in the Holy Spirit, the Anointed One would be worthy of the long wait. He'd be worthy of it all.

Such good news is still relevant today. In the midst of distressing and distracting headlines in the world, it's still good news - the BEST news - that God resolutely

loves this world. For He hasn't forgotten us. We can be sure that He can powerfully touch us today and set a new fire aflame in our hearts.

As we hear stories of revival popping up and beginning to spread, how will we respond? There's nothing wrong with some caution, as we reckon with what we're hearing and what is really taking place. It's probably wise to peer into the details to make sure that God Himself is definitely on the move.

But, if it all turns out to be true, then what next? One very appropriate response is to then make sure we let folks know how God is reviving His Church. People need to hear that God has heard the cries of His people and is pouring out fresh wind and fresh fire. They need hope. They need His comfort. Revival is a gift to a weary and troubled world that needs to see God again.

Finally, we respond best to revival by boldly getting outside the church doors and telling those far from God about the ultimate good news of the Gospel. These are days when the nation and the media outlets are abuzz with chatter about the events at Asbury and the impact of such movies as "The Jesus Revolution." These are divinely-given opportunities to talk about the Savior and point the way back to Him.

What are ways this week you can deliberately pass along all this good news?

PRAYER POINTS:

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

1. Praise God that He so loved this world that Jesus laid down His life 2000 years ago to pay for our sins and bring us redemption. Praise Him that is alive and moving powerfully in fresh ways.
2. Pray that more and more of the Church will look into what God is doing these days and be able to celebrate all the undeniable ways His hand is at work, in Charlotte and across the nation.
3. Pray that we'd experience God's goodness intimately so that we taste fresh joy and peace and hope. Pray this will bubble up in our hearts and give us a keen excitement for sharing Jesus.
4. Pray for an increase in the number of individuals and churches engaged anew to tell the lost about the Gospel. Pray that they also build anticipation of even greater revival fires to come.
5. Pray that the Holy Spirit would powerfully dismantle any attacks of Satan against the Korean intercessors or any leaders here in the States. Pray for God's angels to surround us with divine protection and give us the strength we need to face any difficulty. Pray that God would grant us good health and clarity in all we plan and do for His Kingdom.

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