

FIRESTARTERS 5

PRAYER TOOL

Igniting Prayer for Revival in our City • 5 Minutes to Read • 5 Minutes in Prayer

FOR THE WEEK OF May 3-9, 2020 - Vol 1

THEME VERSE:

For My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.

Isaiah 56:7

THE GOD OF REVIVAL:

The Moravian Revival of 1727.

No one would have expected anything great from the Christian refugee community that took up residence at the home of Count Zinzendorf in Saxony in 1722. Forced to flee their homeland in Moravia, they settled in the village of Herrnhut. Made up of Lutherans, Reformed, Baptists, and the Moravian Church of the Brethren, they were marked by terrible disunity in the early days. In May 12, 1727, they entered into a covenant to focus on their areas of agreement in Christ. And they started to pray together... Later that year, a tangible outpouring of the Holy Spirit swept through their community. There was great hunger for God's Word, total surrender to the Spirit's leading, and hardly a day passed without seeing a mighty work of God in their midst. Although their congregation never exceeded 300, they would carry on an around-the-clock prayer meeting that lasted over 100 years. They would send out more missionaries throughout the globe in the next 25 years than the whole Evangelical church had sent out in the previous 2 centuries. No one would have expected any of this. No one except God, who saw their hearts and heard their prayers, and responded by bringing a powerful revival to stir the sleeping Church.

THE GOD WHO ANSWERS PRAYERS:

Praise God for reminding us He is still in control in the midst of a pandemic and economic uncertainty! Thank God that, even though the church cannot meet in buildings, there are ways we can still pray with one another and care for those with needs.

Praise God for the Church of Charlotte responding well to COVID-19 with unity of service and collaboration breaking out across all regions.

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK:

FOR THE CHURCH:

- Most, if not all, churches today are going online for their worship, prayer, and Bible studies. Pray that during these unsettling and unprecedented times that the church will, most of all, renew its love for Jesus (Revelation 2:1-7).

- There are now over 200,000 people unemployed in our city, most of them as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Pray that the coronavirus quarantine would prompt the church to creatively foster closer relationships with their neighbors to share the love of Jesus.

FOR THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY:

- Pray for continued stamina during this lengthy COVID-19 ordeal, with many medical professionals and workers experiencing reassignments or furloughed hours in non-essential service lines

FOR CITY HEALTH:

- Besides praying for the healing of COVID-19 patients, please also pray for the mental health of everyone, which is the potentially larger and longer-lasting fallout from the subsequent economic downturn.

FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CITY:

- Pray for God's guidance and wisdom upon our leaders, for discerning the timing and scope of re-opening our churches. Pray also for unity throughout the church in this decision.
- Currently, our state has a low death rate (45 deaths/mil) with 9600 active cases as of 4/29. We humbly pray for continued protection over our city and His presence always.

FOR THE CITY ECONOMY AND BUSINESSES:

- Please Pray that Christian business owners will be mindful of what it means to be ambassadors for Jesus in the marketplace. May God give them wisdom and patience through this difficult time, and may His grace be evident in all their dealings. Pray for a gracious witness that will be contagious and lead others to our Savior.
- Pray for all business owners who have had to shut down or cut back. Pray for their employees' safety and for honest and compassionate dealings between employers & employees. (Col.4:1)
- Pray for God's supernatural provision for the unemployed. Pray for an end to the virus' spread and negative impact on society. Pray for a prompt reopening of businesses and a re-dedication to the Lord.

FOR REVIVAL:

- Pray for God to deeply touch the heart of the church in this time. Pray for healing of old wounds and a renewed awareness of and turning to the Lord. Pray that God in His mercy would grant the fire of His Spirit to refine us and revive this city once again.

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