

FIRESTARTERS 5

PRAYER TOOL

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

FOR THE WEEK OF June 7 - 13, 2020 - Vol 6

THEME VERSE:

*I will pour water on him that is thirsty,
and floods upon the dry ground.*

Isaiah 44:3

THE GOD OF REVIVAL:

The Hebrides Revival of 1949-1952: Waves of God's Presence (Part 2):

The Hebrides Revival of 1949 caught fire out of a prayer meeting in a barn, saturated by the impassioned prayers of Peggie and Christine Smith and sparked by deep personal conviction of sin and repentance. In the days that followed, the Smith sisters asked their minister Rev. MacKay to invite a Scottish preacher Rev. Duncan Campbell to the isle of Lewis. He initially declined because of a prior commitment. The Smith sisters felt confident that this was indeed God's plan. Rev. Campbell himself felt God compelling him to re-arrange his schedule, and the preacher arrived in the port at Lewis 10 days later.

It took a whole day of travel by train and by steamer ship for Rev. Campbell to get to Lewis. The sun had already set when the church leaders met the weary preacher at the pier, and yet they encouraged him to come with them to deliver a message to the people that evening. He arrived at 8:45PM to over 300 men and women gathered at the parish. The message went well, with a strong sense of God's presence in their midst, and by 10:45PM, Campbell dismissed the crowd with the final blessing.

However, one young man stayed behind to pray, still thirsty for more of the Lord. This young man turned his gaze to Heaven and prayed intently, "God, you cannot fail us. You promised to pour water upon the thirsty and floods upon the dry ground. You cannot fail us!" He then fell to his knees lost in prayer. Almost immediately, around 11PM, the local blacksmith burst through the church doors: "Mr. Campbell, something wonderful has happened! Oh, we were praying for God to pour water on the thirsty and floods upon dry ground, and listen... He's done it!"

Just outside the doors, about 600 people were standing around, looking for what God would do next. Over 100 of them were young people who, faced with the sudden conviction to get right with God, fled a nearby dance hall to gather at the church. Hundreds of others who had already dressed down and retired to bed in their homes awakened at the nudging of the Spirit and headed straight to the parish. They gathered to worship in song outside the church doors, and then filed into the sanctuary, by now exceeding the 800 person capacity. When it finally wrapped up by 4AM, Rev. Campbell was alerted to the presence of over 400 new people that had arrived at the local police station. Many had arrived by bus in the dead of night. God had mysteriously drawn them there with a deep hunger for the Spirit. Campbell walked to the station, saw men on the road crying out to God, and he ministered as God led Him.

The Spirit of God would release a downpour of His manifest holiness and goodness into this town, the nearby villages, and throughout the region. Over 20,000 were saved in just the first 5 weeks of the revival, and many believers re-dedicated themselves to the Lord or went on to serve in full-time ministry in the next few years. What began with two faithful ladies pressing in by prayer resulted in history-making powerful waves of revival all throughout the Scottish islands.

THE GOD WHO ANSWERS PRAYERS:

Thank God that, in the midst of a vicious plague, the unemployment numbers went down. New York reported this week no new covid-19 deaths for a single day since March 19. Praise God for more & more people praying together using the Firestarters 5 prayer tool.

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK:

FOR THE NEEDS OF OUR CITY:

- In the midst of ongoing tension and unrest nationwide, continue to pray for peaceful protests, progress towards justice, an end to the cycle of anger and violence, and for God's peace to begin bringing healing and restoration to our various communities.
- Please pray for the Hispanics in the Charlotte metro area who seem to have been affected disproportionately with positive COVID cases.
- Pray for good health for our citizens as even more people go out in public, for God to watch over them as they visit frequent businesses and church functions.

FOR OUR BUSINESSES AND ECONOMY:

- Pray for business owners and corporations who were already impacted by COVID-19 and now have to deal with recovering from extensive damage caused by civil unrest – that they will not lose hope in the face of adversity. Pray they will find strength and courage in the Lord and also His wisdom and grace in working within the community to restore relationships.
- Pray for provision for the many who remain unemployed in our city and for their families in our community. Pray that good job opportunities will open up in every business sector.

LOVING AND VALUING LIFE:

- Pray for more people in our city to come alongside and shift the culture to value the life of the unborn. Pray for more families to be open to adoption as a way for God to use them powerfully.
- Pray for wisdom as Christian organizations which value life have had to constantly adjust to ever-changing guidelines as they strive to protect the unborn.

FOR MISSIONS WORLDWIDE AND REVIVAL:

- Pray for the Turkish churches in Germany which are growing slowly: that people would wholeheartedly turn to the Lord during this difficult time.
- Pray for the churches in Spain who are stretched to their limits giving out food to needy families. Pray God will provide the funds for the churches and for their programs to feed others.
- Pray for the church in Nigeria as Christians are continually persecuted and killed. May the Christians stand strong and share the love of God to their enemies.
- Pray for an unrelenting yearning in the heart of Christians citywide and globally for a great outpouring of God's Spirit once again. May it refresh us and ignite fresh fire for the Lord. May many who are far from Christ find His grace and forgiveness and healing today.

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