

FIRESTARTERS 5

PRAYER TOOL

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

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THEME VERSE:

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions,
and thanksgivings be made for all people.*

1 Timothy 2:1

THE GOD OF REVIVAL:

The 1995 Brownsville Revival (Part 1)

Pensacola is the westernmost city in the north section of the state of Florida known as the Florida Panhandle. Adjacent to this city, the small community of Brownsville grew and flourished. What isn't commonly known is that from 1979 onwards, several prophecies had arisen that foretold of a Holy Spirit outpouring being released upon the area of Pensacola. They would speak of a fire starting in Pensacola that would set the whole nation ablaze. In addition, extensive prayer began emerging in Brownsville as early as August 1992. The Brownsville Assembly of God, under Pastor John Kilpatrick's leadership, began to set aside Sunday evenings for focused prayer, centered on various themes but always with a heart for revival. As people sensed the presence of God during these prayer meetings, more and more believers attended.

On Father's Day, June 18, 1995, Pastor Kilpatrick invited a guest evangelist Steve Hill to speak at the Sunday evening gathering. Steve Hill was no stranger to revival. He had been significantly touched by the same revival fire that had come out of the Toronto Blessing. It turns out Steve would be given the extra opportunity to preach at the church's morning service that day in 1995. As Steve closed up his first sermon, he invited people to come forward to the altar for prayer. Unexpectedly, 1000 people surged to the front. Even Pastor Kilpatrick was markedly overwhelmed by the acute sense of God's manifest presence in that place.

The moving of the Holy Spirit was unmistakably strong as revival began to break out in their midst. Throughout the room, men and women from every walk of life would weep over their sins and fall to their knees in repentance. Some folks would see supernatural visions, while others would cast off restraint and dance joyfully over their salvation. As the Gospel was preached, many would trust in the Lord or re-commit themselves to follow Him. The service, which normally ended by noon on Sundays, lasted to 4PM. And when the evening service started, it lasted almost 6 hours in total. Those in attendance realized that their prayers had been finally answered as God set in motion that day one of the largest local church-centered revivals to arise in America's history.

THE GOD WHO ANSWERS PRAYERS:

- Praise God for how Charlotte is allocating 2.1 million dollars for reparations in order to address the evils of past wrongdoings against the African-American community. Praise God for the positive steps being taken to bring healing to our city and help those who are most hurting.

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK:

FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CITY:

- **PRAYING AGAINST CRIME.** Pray against the evil spiritual influences instigating violent crime in our city. Pray against the criminal groups involved with human trafficking.
- **OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE.** Pray for clarity about which sub-populations are in greatest need these days and how the Body of Christ can serve them. Continue to pray that churches citywide will be able reach out to their neighbors and start new outreaches to serve the various communities around them. Pray for the grace and favor to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to manifest His power through our relationships.

FOR THE ECONOMY AND BUSINESSES:

- **RESTARTING BUSINESSES.** Pray for small businesses trying to restart and return to pre-pandemic levels as they struggle with filling open positions and with increasing prices for materials and supplies. Lord, we pray that they would put their trust in you and that they would not give up hope, but persevere through this difficult time and that their faith would be strengthened. Pray that their employees will find a good match for their skills in their jobs and be able to meet all the needs of their families.
- **SOCIAL IMPACT.** Pray that Christian business leaders would take a leadership role with government, the church and non-profits to address social issues in the Charlotte area in a way that models Christian unity and servant leadership. May their Christian witness uplift people in our community. Pray that they would have a Kingdom focus so that revival would come through the marketplace.

FOR LOCAL MINISTRIES AND REVIVAL:

- **LOVE LIFE CHARLOTTE.** Pray for Love Life's ministry to help solve the orphan crisis. May more families take the step to foster those in the orphan system. Older kids and sibling groups are the most vulnerable and in need of loving families to show Christ's love to them.
- **OUTWARD FOCUS.** Pray that the church will have and maintain within her heart an outward focus, remembering the Great Commandment and Great Commission and keeping their eyes on the mission field as they follow the Lord. Inward focus leads to death, outward focus leads to life and the glory of God.
- **REVIVAL.** John 4:23 says, "An hour is coming and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth..." Pray for people to be filled with passion to love and serve God above all else. Pray that the Father would gather a generation of full-hearted worshipers in our city and region who will point to our wonderful Father God and invite the lost to be welcomed into His family once again.

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