

# FIRESTARTERS 5

## PRAYER TOOL

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

**FOR THE WEEK OF Sept 19th - 25th, 2021 - Vol 73**

### THEME VERSE:

*The humble shall see this, and be glad:  
and your heart shall live that seeks God.*

**Psalm 69:32**

### THE GOD OF REVIVAL:

#### The 1906 Khasi Revival

In the early years of the 20th century, God moved in many places around the world to stir up revival fires in His Church. One lesser known place that witnessed such an outpouring was in Khasi, India. Khasi is a district in the Indian state of Meghalaya, which is found in the northeastern part of India, just south of Tibet and west of Myanmar.

It was here that God first sent Welsh Presbyterian missionaries in the year 1841. By 1902, with diligent preaching and resilience under persecution, the Christian community had steadily grown to over 20,000 churches. Yet, around that time, the Church had also grown lax in her passion for Christ and the things of the Kingdom. The world was starting to woo the Church away from her first love.

In 1902, powerful spiritual forces were set in motion as two missionary women serving in the Khasi Hills listened to a message on the significance of prayer. They were so fervently stirred by this that they headed back to their churches burning with a fresh longing for the kind of prayer that would see mountains move. In 1903, one of the churches began holding Monday night prayer meetings dedicated to asking God for a mighty awakening by His Spirit. These meetings blazed hot for several years, especially as believers were inspired immensely by stories of God's work in the 1904 Welsh Revival. In 1905, truly anticipating that God would soon bring revival, the church began meeting every single evening to ardently ask God for a Holy Spirit outpouring.

It was on Sunday, March 19th, 1905, as the morning worship service concluded in the town of Pariong, that one man stood up and prayed a passionate prayer full of angst and anticipation. He beseeched the Lord to send His Spirit like He did in the Welsh Revival and to not send them away empty. Others soon joined in fervent intercession. Some cried out for mercy, while others fainted to the floor. Amidst the growing chorus of soulful weeping and unrestrained shouts of praise, the presence and power of God fell upon and saturated that place. Revival had arrived in the Khasi Hills!

Soon, those who were bathed in revival fire in Pariong that day travelled to other towns to share the news of God's visitation. Often revival would break out as young men or women started to agonize in prayer, desperately calling upon the Lord with unparalleled thirst for His presence in their town. The Church's crying out to God intensified to whole new levels as fresh revival started to ripple across the towns of the region. And in this outpouring, the children were especially touched in a mighty way, with elementary-aged kids sharing their testimonies, weeping in repentance, praying heartfelt prayers, and boldly giving out the Gospel to listeners in public places.

The revival would catalyze across that entire region of India over the next two years. Christians saw visions, heard angels, received prophecies, and experienced miracles and tangible reactions to God's very presence. People, even non-believers, heard loud sounds like a fierce hailstorm on the roof, or saw a bright shining light emanating from the top of the building, or experienced seeing what looked like flames or a rushing wind in the room. This resulted in many re-dedications or new salvations as they witnessed God-at-work.

About 8000 people are known to have directly come to Christ through this revival in India. A deep transformation also took place in most people's hearts, causing folks to confess their sins and try to make

things right again. The Church became energized once more to be steeped in the Word and to take the Good News to the lost. Because many children were powerfully saved, it raised up a whole new generation of leaders for the sake of the Kingdom. And, ultimately, it was used by God to spark many other revivals around the world, most notably the mighty nation-shaking outpourings that soon were birthed in Korea and in China. One small spark of revival fire can change the destiny of nations.

## **THE GOD WHO ANSWERS PRAYERS:**

- Praise God for His new mercies every day. We thank God for friends and family who have gone through tough medical situations recently and emerged healed and restored after many prayers from faithful friends. We also praise God during occasions in which even those who did not overcome their illness were blessed by being in the presence of their Savior immediately.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK:**

FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CITY:

- **HARD CHOICES UNDER FEDERAL VACCINE MANDATE.** City officials have started suspending county workers who refuse to submit to COVID-19 testing and vaccinations. Nearly 600 Mecklenburg County employees have been deemed non-compliant with the county's protocols and are subject to suspension. This mandate impacts health workers, non-health employees, and public schools. Pray that these employees would be able to stand by their faith and not be forced to go against their religious beliefs. May God protect and rescue them in this time.

FOR JOBS, BUSINESSES, AND THE ECONOMY:

- **JOBS IN THE PANDEMIC.** Pray for families impacted by job losses due to the mandatory vaccination decree to be enacted. Pray for businesses as they will be forced to make difficult decisions about compliance and implementation. Pray that every decision will be lifted up before the Lord for His wisdom and leading.
- **QUEEN CITY LEADERS SUMMIT.** Pray for the Queen City Leaders Summit as it changes from an indoor event to outdoors in light of the mandatory mask requirements in Charlotte. Pray for the logistics in making this late adjustment for a major event, for the speakers Casey Crawford and Stick Williams, who will share how to practically love your neighbor in the marketplace; and for the hundreds of business people and their guests, many of whom do not embrace the Gospel.

FOR OTHER MINISTRIES AND REVIVAL:

- **LOVE LIFE MINISTRY.** Please pray for more trained sidewalk counselors in the Charlotte area, to help cover every abortion center in Charlotte with a Christian presence each day. Pray that the Hebron abortion clinic that closed recently in our city will stay closed. Pray for a film production to expose Margaret Sanger's evil intent as the founder of Planned Parenthood. And please keep Love Life's entire national staff in prayer, for victory over any spiritual warfare against them.
- **REVIVAL.** Charles Hadden Spurgeon, the Prince of Preachers, said, "The main instrumental cause of a great revival must be the bold, faithful, fearless preaching of the truth, which is Jesus. When the good old truth is once more preached by men whose lips have been touched as with a live coal from off the altar, this shall be the instrument in the hand of the Spirit, for bringing about a great and thorough revival of religion in the land." Oh God, grant that the preachers of Charlotte will become bold and fearless in preaching the truth, which is Jesus, that brings revival in church members who need a fresh visitation. In these last days, may our preaching and prayers be intense for salvation while there is time and opportunity. May we see in our city Christians who will become "walking revivals": praying and seizing opportunity for bringing the unsaved to Christ in these perilous times. In the mighty and saving power of Jesus' name, Amen!.

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