

# a.w. Tozer Audio Prayers - Part 3

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of revival and the power of the Holy Spirit in the Church, highlighting the need for obedience and faith to experience true transformation and effectiveness.*

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**Scripture:** Acts 1:8

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## Description

This sermon is a heartfelt prayer for the revival and empowerment of the Church, a plea for the Holy Spirit's guidance and presence, and a call to deepen faith and commitment to God. It emphasizes the need for repentance, belief in the power of the Holy Ghost, and a desire for a fresh wave of God's grace and power. The speaker expresses a longing for a renewed passion for God's work and a transformation in the lives of believers.

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## Transcript

Father, we place our blessing upon these words and upon the little commentary that we've made on them, trying to apply them to our practical living. We pray that Thou would give consent of heart and willingness to obey and cheerful faith to do as we're told by the Spirit in the Scriptures. And bless us during the day and for the afternoon and for the evening.

May this day be a big day, a great day. Not a dramatic day, necessarily, that the newspapers will talk about, but a day deep in the Kingdom of the Spirit. We give thee praise.

Amen. Lord, O Lord, we love thy Church, we love thy Kingdom. O Lord, before we stand, give us the apple of thine eye and graven land.

For her our tears shall flow, and for her our prayers shall rise. And for her we promise to labor and work. But, O Lord, my poor Church is only a ragged beggar woman when she could be a Queen, when she could be a Princess and lean upon the arms of her Beloved.

O Lord Jesus, we pray for thy Church. We pray for thy people who believe thy word or claim to believe it. We cannot pray now, at the moment, for the liberal, for the cultist, for the false preacher.

We cannot. But we pray for those who believe the Bible. We pray for those who claim they are even just.

And yet we'll wear rags where they should rest. O God, we pray to revive thy Church in the midst of the years. Revive this Church, O Lord.

Revive the Alliance, revive every denomination that stands for the truth. O Lord, save us from fear and save us from intimidation. We have grieved thy Holy Spirit by neglecting him.

We have preached thy Holy Spirit. We have listened to the brandishments of many who ought to know better. And they have made us afraid to believe in the power of the Holy Ghost.

We grieve for this and we apologize to thee for it. We pray thee, O God of grace, out of infinite grace, send to this Church a sweet wave of power to be, a sweet wave of ability to be holy and good and faithful and temperate and joyful and right. Send, we pray thee, such a wave.

We thank thee for the blessed Spirit, Father, of its sending to the earth to be our advocate, our indweller, to show us the Lord Jesus, to lead us as the shepherd leads his sheep, and to be in us a mentor and teacher, telling the things of Christ to us. We would have to do this if he didn't exist, and we're sorry. We apologize and we repent for our neglect of the Spirit and our mistreatment of the Spirit.

O Father, wash us clean and make us whiter than the blood of the Lamb, and pour more oil on our heads. For the poor world needs them badly, and we have not to help them. They starve and we have not to give them.

Forgive us, Lord. Behold, bring thy breath upon us and say, Receive thee the Holy Ghost. Say that we pray thee, O God, from magicians, and men with pencils and rules and squares and levels, always driving us away from the fountain.

Lord, we would put them behind us and under our feet, and rise on our dead selves to better things. Help us, we pray, with these meetings together. May the total result be the one after the other of us.

Thou be filled with a new power and a new grace and a new ability to be and be, that we might show forth the excellency of him who called us out of darkness and who is in marvelous light. O our Lord Jesus, we've entered into what men call Holy Week, and we're going to be thinking this week about thy suffering and thy death. The next Lord's Day, we're going to celebrate thy death, O blessed Lord Jesus.

We thank thee of all that has passed. And while we may commemorate it now, it doesn't repeat. It's not repeated.

Thou art not going to die Friday, nor rise Sunday, nor send the Holy Ghost with today's letter. All that's history is done. And we're the beneficiaries of it all if we only have God believe it.

Help us to believe it, O Lord, and forgive us for doubting it. We are the recipients of all that has crossed thee and all that thou hast brought by death and suffering and tears and groans and sweat and by resurrection and by ascension to the Father's right hand. We are the heirs of ages.

Upon us the ages are new, O Lord, richer than angels. Thou didst do this not for angels but for men. We are thy church, Lord.

We are a people set aside here that have met in this corner, in this building, which thou hast graciously provided for us. Here we are, Lord. We're waiting, Lord.

We're expecting, Lord. We need help, Lord. O Lord, we pray thee, put thy arms about us and squeeze us together so tight that there be no pockets between us, no non-conducting elements that drown or hinder the power from flowing.

Let it be this week, let it be on over Easter, let it be for the days ahead. We beseech thee, O Lord. Let one after another of us, we pray, O Lord, find a secret place and there await with our open Bible until our vessels are clean and empty.

We are waiting and believing, and we believe that when we are together thou wilt give power and working forward, Lord Jesus, to that moment when we shall be a sudden nearness of the Savior, instantaneously bestowed, lovingly bestowed upon a thirsty people. We pray thee from the chief tavern of the world of Turkey, raise back Calvary, back to Pentecost, back to all that they need from thee, make now perpetual, O blessed Lord. O God, for thy work, there in French Quebec, where everything is stacked against the people, against the true people of God.

Bless our young brother, we pray. May thine oil be upon his head in such measure that everybody there, even though they hate him for his Protestantism, may love him for the fragrance of his life and slowly turn and see that the fragrance of a holy life comes from the same doctrines that they hate, and thus give up their opposition and turn to thee. With mercy we pray thee, attend the ministry of this young man and all of those who labor there.

We ask this in Christ's name. O, look on us by love, by undying affection, a love that a few hours later would die also. That love hasn't lost any of its content, no weaker, no smaller.

It is God is big, and as eternal as God is eternal. O, Lord Jesus, we are thy sheep, and the world is big, and the devil is going about like a roaring lion. The temptations are strong, and the flesh is weak, and maybe some of us are cooling off inside our hearts.

Please, Lord, before it's too late, help us to get enough of it quick, before it's too late. Please, Lord, don't let this harmony backslide us. People that have lost their conscience can no longer grieve because they no longer sorrow that they don't feel sorrow.

O, we plead, look at us again today in our hearts. We're no better than Peter, but maybe, Lord, some who like Peter have sneaked out of discipleship, or at least inwardly they have. Look on us, Lord, and break our hearts.

Look on us and make us weep. Give the grace of tears this morning. O, Jesus, a few tears.

If we knew that we could have this morning \$10,000 offering plates for the Church and permissions, we'd be glad. But if we knew instead we were to have 10,000 tears of grief and repentance and penitence and faith and hope and joy, we'd lay the \$10,000 away and take the tears that we might weep because we can't weep. O, help us this morning.

So let's pray, and let's be brought together. Now we're going to close. And when you go to the hymns and sing tonight, don't sing junk.

I know don't think you do. But sing only that which warms your heart and makes Jesus Christ glorious. And then slip away home, and don't waste your time and sally jokes and making quips and lose everything you've got today in the house of God.

Let us stand. Have dealings with God, won't you, friends? Have dealings with God before you close your eyes and plunder this night. Father, we pray.

First, we want to thank thee that we have life on this. We want to thank thee that in thy infinite mercy thou hast not let us go like cattle to the slaughter, not knowing where we're going because we're fat and sleek, imagining that we're all right when actually we've been fattened to the slaughter. We thank thee, Lord, that we've got light on this.

Now help us to walk in. Bless us, everyone. Take away all false hope and all unscriptural expectations and pull us back to the word of the Lord.

Oh, Father, out as we go down the steps and on to this sidewalk tonight, to mark the forehead of them that cry and cry, pray, God, have mercy upon our America. Have mercy, we pray, upon our nation. With dozens of God, at least a dozen God, have mercy, Father, and help us to turn from idleness to serenity and to wait for thy Son from heaven.

Dismiss us now. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

I want to talk about a doctrine in the Bible. God and Father of our Lord Jesus, we thank thee this hour. Thou has not let, Thou has not allowed us to wander into the serpent-infested valley and left us there.

But thou has deluded us and wooed us and even there has placed the door. Wherever we are, there's a way out and a way in from that spot. Thou has so arranged it in thy grace.

Thou has sent thy Son Jesus to die, to rise, to live, to feed, to be for us, advocate above as Savior by the throne of love. While he's there and we are here, the door is within touch. We bless thee.

We will not despair. We will not give up. We will not surrender to the tens of the enemy.

We will dare to believe that with every temptation thou wilt make a way thou wilt turn our tin into silver and our silver into gold. Thou wilt give us the garments of praise for the garments of heaviness. Bless thou the word spoken this morning.

We ask it of Jesus Christ. Dear Lord Jesus, we're unworthy to be members of thy church. But we are not going to be tricked by the devil into letting our unworthiness make us morbidly unbelieving, even though we're not worthy to thee.

We're accepted in thee, and thou hast made us members of thy body, and we accept it. We leave the matter of our worth with thee. And if angels or archangels question our right to be there, we look to thee as a sheep looks to a shepherd and say, answer for me, Lord, answer for me.

I admit I'm not worthy, but answer for me, dear Lord. And thou wilt answer for us. For thou didst come from high heaven to low earth, from the immortal and eternal liberty of the Godhead to the confines of the virgin womb, that we might be redeemed.

Now this die on the cross of shame and suffering drives that we might be justified and forgiven, and be reunited again with the Father from which we fell in the fall. Lord, all this is true, and we leave it with thee. Now wilt thou bless and help us to see how wonderful it is to be a member of however small a group that believes in thee? We leave the great, top-heavy Christendom to find its own way.

We shall pray, O God, for all the Church, all who call themselves Christians. We shall be tolerant and kind and charitable and loving and friendly to them all. But we will only go with those that love thy name, that trust the precious work of Christ on the cross, and that are ready to leave all and follow him.

We pray, O God, for every Christian in Toronto. We pray for all the ministers of the truth, and we thank thee there are many who preach the truth. Bless them all for it.

Grant that over these weeks that lie before us we may see a constant rising tide that shall eventuate and flow, that shall be like the river that flows out from the throne of God. In all this we ask in Christ's name. Amen.

All right, let's stand and pray. Now, our Father in heaven, we pray for these thy servants and children who have requested prayer. Lord, Satan is such an evil enemy, and the world is ever worried about us, and the flesh is so persistent.

I would love thee and somebody to have thee in such a time. Sometimes the flesh conquers, and sometimes the world gets the better of us. We want it to be reversed.

We want it to be the other way around. We want to always have thee win. We want to see thee victorious always, as thou art victorious today, God's servant.

O God, we pray for these who have requested it. We pray that thou will take them through, bring them to an experience in their lives where they can truly and possibly know nothing between them and thee, no friends, no family, no education, no ambition, no money, no property. Nothing is between them and thee.

Thy face beams down upon them as clearly as sun on a bright day with no cloud between. Leave, we pray in this. Now we pray for the days that are before us.

We pray that God will bless us, O Lord, and let there be a positive glory left to this city as a result of these meetings. We beseech thee, Holy Ghost, in power and might, from the throne above, from the heart of Jesus the Lord, come and bless this city. These friends, in the day and in the evening, and do what thou hast planned to do, Sovereign Lord, do what in thy mind to do for these people, for the churches of this city, for the people who will be here, whether there be many or few.

Do something, Lord, we pray thee. Work it out. Do it over all, God, we pray thee, as clearly as raising a dead man or healing a sick man, as in older days.

For now, let's do these mythical miracles. Do thou what may be within the hearts and lives of people, miracles as sharp and clear as those miracles were. And when the meetings are over, those who have the positive power breaks within their hearts.

O God, our Lord and Saviour, King Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Lord, we witness thy mercy today. We pray thee, Lord Jesus, our Lord and Saviour, our Lord and Saviour, for all that is out of this world is too empty. We pray thee, that we may take control of all that is physical and human, and in a single morning, touch the earth, eat, learn how to live, to be crucified with Christ, and let each spirit live the mightiest, glorious, affirmative, optimistic life in this earth, that God will keep us in, in the truth, in joy and joyfulness, flowing around the balcony of the flowers in the springtime.

Let this gathering be a success, and prepare for the next to be just as I said. May God give us hearts to obey, as well as ears to hear. Amen.

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