

Prayer for a Desperate Hour

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We must not be silent in a moment such as this, but instead, we must pray and trust in God, even when we feel weak and insignificant.

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Description

This sermon emphasizes the power of prayer in desperate times, calling for a revival of prayer and seeking God's intervention in the nation. Drawing from Ezekiel 22:28-30, the message highlights the need for individuals to stand in the gap and intercede for the land, addressing the moral decay and oppression prevalent in society. The sermon urges believers to embrace their calling like Esther, Peter, and John, recognizing that God can use ordinary individuals to bring about extraordinary change through prayer and faith.

Transcript

If you'll go to Ezekiel chapter 22 please, Ezekiel 22. I want to talk to you about prayer for a desperate hour. Now Father I thank you for the anointing of your Holy Spirit.

I thank you for your strength and your power. I thank you God that this battle is not ours, it's yours. You have invited us, you've called us to approach your throne for the betterment of all in this nation.

Give us grace and strength Lord. Help us, help me this morning, help us to embrace your word, help us to see things the way that you do, and help me to convey it clearly. And Father I thank you for this in Jesus name.

Ezekiel 22 verses 28 to 30. And her prophets have dobed them with untempered mortar, seeing vanity and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord God when the Lord has not spoken. The people of the land have used oppression and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy.

Yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully. And I sought for a man among them that should make up the hedge and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none. Now it was a season that Ezekiel is speaking about where those who are supposed to be representing God have been bringing forth the word that has no power to sustain the people.

It's like a wall that's put together, but there's a deficiency in the cement whereupon all the bricks are being placed that will cause it to crumble under the wind or the elements or the struggles, the things that are going to happen in that season. And they're seeing things that are vain and they're speaking things that are not true. They're saying this is what the Lord is saying when the Lord himself has not spoken.

Because of it, according to Proverbs chapter 29 verse 18, where there is no vision, the people perish. Now the word vision means a revelation of God, the character of God, the person of God. Where there is no clear revelation of God, the people themselves cast off moral restraint.

That's really what it means. They cast off all restraint and they begin to go in any direction that seems right to the natural mind. And because the word of God was not coming clearly from the pulpits of that time, the people began to use oppression, exercise robbery, vex the poor, and oppress the stranger wrongfully.

They cast off godly restraint and moral boundaries. And this is exactly what is happening in our nation. We are living at the time when I think the two of these things, I've worked hand-in-hand.

Very light, and the scripture calls it a treacherous message, has been preached purporting to represent Jesus Christ in our generation. And because it hasn't been true, because it has not brought people to the place where they should be in God, there's been a casting off of moral restraint. Now we are facing all kinds of things in our day that were almost unthinkable years ago.

We've redefined the family now. And I was told recently in Brazil there's a law now being considered where three people can get married. And the people that spoke to me about it said there appears to be a chance it could become, a chance it could become law.

But you see once you've cast off your moral compass, once you've thrown away any kind of writing that says this is the way things ought to be done, then there are no restraints anymore. There's nothing stopping this complete moral landslide that the Apostle Paul says will characterize the last days of this world as we know it. Now in verse 30, it's here we see the heart of God searching.

This is God speaking through Ezekiel. He said, I sought for a man among them that should make up the hedge and stand in the gap before me for the land that I should not destroy it, but I found none. Now there was a destruction coming because of the behavior of the people.

There was there was a breakdown. There was a point where God just simply lifts his hand. He says I can't walk with this anymore.

There's the hardness has gotten so deep in the society and folks God help us literally the day that the Lord lifts his hand and restraint is gone. Because once he lifts his hand there's no more restraint and we will plummet into depths of depravity that are almost unspeakable and unthinkable. And God says I look for somebody.

Now he could do it sovereignly, but for his reasons he has tied the working of his hand into working with people, with individuals. He wants somebody to walk with him, to talk with him, to move his heart, to change his mind. I sought for somebody that I should not destroy the land, but I found none.

Now I don't I don't think it's it's because there weren't people of prayer. I don't think it's because there weren't people of faith. There were people there obviously studying the Scriptures, obviously given to fasting and prayer like we are today.

But what was the characteristic? What what was it in the people that God couldn't find anybody? What kind of a man, what kind of a woman, what kind of a person is God looking for in this generation? Now to find the answer you and I have to go back and see some examples of people that God has used to change the course of history in the past. Now you don't have to turn there let me just talk to you about it. In 1st Samuel chapter 1, Israel again was in a season of serious spiritual declension.

The ministry of Eli and his two sons characterized a ministry that had become immoral and lazy and greedy. The nation was itself on the brink of captivity. So we ask ourselves who could make a difference? Now I can imagine as in our day or every day everybody's more or less standing back waiting for another Elijah, waiting for another John the Baptist and that has happened throughout the course of history and thank God for that.

But that's not the only way God comes. That's not the only way the Lord moves and changes a nation. And I'm sure there were people there, there had to be people discerning knowing that Eli is just completely backslidden.

His sons are immoral. They have, they have, they're so greedy that through them people have begun to despise the offering of God in his house towards his work. The ark is about to be captivated by the enemies of God.

That means the presence of God seemingly is going into captivity. There are people there who are obviously aware of that. So how is God going to remedy the situation? What, what is he going to use to make a difference? Now suddenly, suddenly into the temple one day comes the answer.

A lady enters into the temple with a little child that God has given her in prayer. Just a little boy. The scripture says he was weaned.

I don't really know that's got to be somewhere between a year and a half and maybe four years. But this is a little boy that God gave to this woman in prayer. And what it speaks about to me, number one, God's answers are seldom noticed by the carnal and proud, by the movers and shakers, by the strategists and thinkers.

They seldom see how God works and they forget that God's ways are not our ways and his thoughts are not our thoughts. We forget that God works in ways where he takes those things that are nothing and makes something out of it. He takes a little boy's bag lunch and feeds 5,000 men plus women and children with it.

We forget how God works. We, you know, we, we sit on the hilltop looking for a caravan of bread coming in, in camels or trucks or whatever the vehicles are of the moment. And we missed the little boy with his lunch.

So today you come into the house of the Lord and it's only a little time since you've been saved. And you're only a little distance from your old ways of living. And you only have a little victory from where you think your life needs to go.

But I want to challenge you and tell you today that it's your life and your prayer that can change the course of the nation. Just a little boy, insignificant. How many times do we have to see it through history until it finally gets into our hearts? The God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble.

He works through people who will not touch the glory. When he begins to do what only God can do, all they have is a song like Mary had, like Elizabeth had, like Hannah had, and like so many others, like Deborah had. It's just a song about how magnificent God is and how he came in my weakness and how he filled me in my emptiness and how took me in my nothingness and multiplied his life within me and through me.

And God came and did the miraculous that he alone might receive the glory. Paul says, consider your calling, brethren. Not many mighty, not many noble, not many of royal birth, not many that the world would look at and said, oh surely this is the one that God is going to use.

No, but God has chosen the weak and the foolish and the nothings and the nobodies. And it's through these that he makes a difference, that no flesh can glory in his presence. No flesh can glory.

He alone is God. He alone deserves the glory. God took this little answer to prayer called Samuel and through Samuel he brought renewal one more time to the nation.

Kings were anointed. There was a clear revelation through Samuel of who God was one more time in the nation of Israel. And this is our prayer.

God Almighty, I'm coming to you this morning with my little life and my little salvation and my little bit of victory and my little bit of hope for the future. But oh God, the little bit that you've given me, I've learned through the scriptures that you are well able to multiply that. And you can take that, oh God, and you can start to move in the heavenlies in a way that confounds those who walk according to their natural thinking.

So I'm not going to be held back from praying the prayers that you want me to pray. I'm not going to let anything of the devil, anything of the frailty of my own heart, stop me from believing that God wants to answer my prayer. I'm going to bring my little bit that God's given me to the throne and I'm going to open my mouth and I'm going to give it to God and God's going to hear me and God's going to answer my prayer.

You look at the book of Esther, again in Israel it's a season where a law of death has been passed in the nation which would affect many people. Think of our time where abortion on demand now. Oh folks, there's a fine, there's a very fine line between where we are now and getting rid of the elderly who are bleeding our medical systems.

Once you've crossed the line and we crossed it a long time ago, folks, what makes you think that we as a people have the moral resolve to draw a line and go no further? Oh no, we've seen through history what man can do to man and if we've learned anything through history we know that there has to be a value placed on human life. We have to value every life that is given of God and there's a season in the book of Esther where this law of death has been passed in the nation and it would affect many people and God's remedy to counter this law and rewrite the law of life was an orphan girl. A girl herself who had to be adopted by a family member after her parents passed away.

She could lay no claim to wisdom, to any might or to any nobility. She had simply been placed there by God for such a time as this. You have been placed in this generation just as Esther was placed in the court of the king.

You have been born at this time. You're not a fluke of nature. No matter how you were conceived or how you were brought into the world, you have to understand that God is all knowledgeable.

God is all-powerful. He saw you the moment you were conceived in your mother's womb and allowed you to be born and to be born now, to be born for this time and this season in which we're living and he allowed you to be born for a purpose. You're not just here occupying time and space hoping to get through until one day you get to heaven when you die.

No, there's a reason why you're here now. Now listen to her confession. She's got no lineage.

She's got no people technically she can speak to the king about. She has nothing to boast. She has no army.

She's got no political connections. She has no large reserve but a word comes to her to go into the king and ask the king to change the law of death and rewrite it into a law of life. She's the type of the person who says by her own confession in Esther 4:11 she said, but you don't understand I haven't been with the king.

I haven't been intimate with the king for over a month now, 30 days she said and it's the type of a person sitting here this morning says but you don't know who you're talking to you see I don't have much of a prayer life. I haven't been talking to the king for a while now. I do love him and I do honor him and acknowledge him but I don't really pray very much and are you really are you really telling me that God wants me to pray or come in and place my petition before him and if I do why would God want to hear me and the reason is simple he chose you for this moment.

It's his choice it's not yours it's his choice he placed you here for this moment and if you don't get that then the devil can succeed in quashing your faith and quashing your prayers and and causing you to drop back at a moment that you should be pressing forward into something of him that he wants to give you and do through you. The king's favor is towards you already God has moved towards you he has already made an entrance towards you he's already written in his word come to me not when you are strong come to me when you are weak come when you don't have it all together come when you're weary and heavy-laden come when you're burdened and don't know how to get out come not in your strength but in your trials and in your time of need and he says come boldly come with confidence come because I've invited you my heart is towards you I want to hear your voice I want you to present your petitions before me we have an open heaven according to the writer of the book of Hebrews.

He's appointed you to stand before him to appeal for mercy for yourself and for others at this time which is exactly what Esther did she knew that she needed mercy and many other people also needed mercy and she stood before the king in his heart even though by his hand had been decreed a judgment Esther stood before him and caused him to release as it was the writing of his own hand and to put a seal in hers and a family member of hers to be able to rewrite the law of sin and death that was over that society that would give people a chance to stand up and fight again by the decree of God by the Word of God by the power of God by the presence of God by the glory of God by the encouragement of God and it all happened through an orphan girl who went into the king realizing she had been

placed in the kingdom for such a time as this you cannot let the devil silence you now you cannot be marginalized in this battle you cannot you must not you must speak at this time you have been appointed for this time you've been called at this time it is wrong for you to hold your peace at a time when so many could be saved if you lift your voice to heaven your voice must count in this battle that's ahead of us you must not sit in silence and allow the devil to condemn you and allow your own fears to govern you any longer you've got to stand up you stand up like Hannah did and walk boldly into the temple you stand up

like Esther did and you come before the king with a realization in your heart and in mind it's not by might nor by power it's by the Spirit of God that this victory will be

won and he doesn't call us to come in because we are exceeding great prayer warriors as much as I thank God for those who are the bulk of us are not but he calls us in our frailty and our weakness and our lack of pedigree and says come and ask of me what you will if you abide in me and my words abide in you you ask whatever you want and I will do it for you I will give it to you these are words from God they are true words he says I have faith in God for truly I say to you whoever will say to this mountain be removed and cast into the sea and will not doubt in his heart but shall believe that the things that he says shall come to pass he shall have whatsoever he says glory to God I don't know about you but I'm not willing to draw back from the throne of God I'm not willing to be silent in

a moment such as this I'm not willing to let New York City perish when you and I are here and we have access to the throne of God and a difference can be made we were here last Tuesday in Tuesday night service and we prayed in that service for the city and for the future and for numerous other things and when the curtain came down last Tuesday evening we couldn't leave those of us on the platform couldn't leave we stayed on the platform for an extra 20 maybe 25 minutes the presence of the Lord had come down his presence was like a weight pressing on us I can't explain it any other way and all you could think about was Jesus I couldn't help but think at that moment Oh God you're giving us a taste of what you can do in New York City your presence can come down you can go to our colleges in

our schools in our streets and our boroughs in our apartment buildings and if you came with that same presence in these places people would be streaming out of their houses and trying to find a prayer meeting somewhere in New York City to get right with God I stand like Paul did in Acts chapter 27 and though all hell seems to be breaking out and though there are waves and tides and storms and the future looks hopeless I stand with Paul who said I have a word from God I know what God is about to do in the future and I believe it will be as it was told me yes Paul said the ship is going to break apart and yes the loss of things that once comforted you are going to be taken away but he said we're all going to make it to shore there's lots of wood to go around you grab hold of a piece of the

cross of Jesus Christ you'll make it through trial and flood and difficulty and you will have an opportunity to hear a message like you've never heard in your entire life a message that will save you from the power of sin a message that will open prison doors and set you free a message that will heal your mind and heal your body a message that will give you a friendly hope for the future a message that will set your thinking right a message that will put a path before your feet a message that will cause you to hear a voice that says this is the way walk in it a message that will give you a song and a heart and hope for the future a message that will put love in your heart for the lost a message that will make you a catalyst for good and not for evil in this society I have a Word of God

for you.

Hallelujah.

Lastly in Acts chapter 3 we have Peter and John heading into the temple at the time of prayer which is interesting in itself because the temple at that time was essentially focused on the Old Testament the Old Testament way and sacrifice and view of God and Peter and John are obviously New Testament believers in Christ they've been given the Holy Spirit so why are they going to the temple well number one they recognize the power of prayer they recognize it with everything that is they know that it's through prayer

that God works they know it's through fealty number two they didn't abandon anybody who was in that temple seeking God people were seeking they were in a deficient system at that time but they were still seeking God just the same way that you and I are not going to abandon any

church in New York City any place where people are in that door I don't care what name is on the door personally if they invite me I'm going to go and speak there we're not going to abandon people who are seeking God there may be a little off to the left or a little off to the right anybody here can honestly say that wasn't you at one point in your walk with God thank God he didn't abandon you he didn't abandon me and we're not going to abandon anybody who's seeking God praise God and Peter and John came into that temple and they also were fully aware of the heart of God in that place when that temple was established Solomon had prayed a prayer and when he prayed these words Oh God if we are put to the worst before our enemies if we are conquered within or without our borders if we are

taken into captivity if we go into a season of famine or hardship or want if there is difficulty that we don't know how to get out of if strangers start coming in with questions in their hearts and they're looking for answers Solomon said Oh God hear the prayer that is prayed in this place and answer that prayer and when he had finished praying the scripture says the glory of God the weightiness of God the majesty of God came down into that temple in a way that the priests at one portion of scripture could not even stand to minister because of the presence of God that had come into the temple and Peter and John knew this he knew that the heart of God had not abandoned people were seeking him no matter who they were or where they had come from and they knew that when people are gathered to

pray that they were going to gather with them and they were going to pray with them and they were going to trust for that glory to come and Jesus Christ to be revealed to the people and as Peter and John headed to the temple they had needs in their own lives according to their own testimony Peter looked at a man who was lame at the gate and he said silver and gold have I none and so they could have technically been heading to the temple and saying Lord we need resources to do your work and when the beggar at the gate would have said could you do you have something for me they could have said well hang on we're going in to pray and we believe that God's going to give us silver and gold and then when he does we'll have something for you and that could be the way the story was written but

folks here's the key even though they had needs they had a need of strength themselves they were they were on the cusp of being threatened and even they were living under the threat as it was of a society that was against God and even though they could have legitimately gone into the temple and prayed about their own needs all day and that's something you and I can do as well you've got needs I've got needs I could spend my whole day I could spend my whole day praying about my own needs and that's not a that's not an exaggeration I got lots of needs I could spend that spend the whole day praying about it but that wasn't the focus they were people with needs like you and me they were coming in they were aware of it yet they focused firstly on the needs of others and that God would be

glorified through their prayer look at me Peter said look upon us silver and gold he said I have I done but in the name of Jesus Christ rise up and walk and it says the man said immediately had to reach down and grab him and pick him up and we're gonna pray like that in the days ahead where we don't only pray we have to do something about it we can't just say be warmed and filled my brother we've got to reach down and pick him up and God will show us how to do that and I I pray that I live to see the day that in this and in other houses that we've got the scripture says they walked into the temple and this man they were holding him up in the temple because he'd never walked before so obviously he's got to learn to walk but

his legs are moving they're going all over the place he's probably

got a hand around the shoulder of a Peter on one side and John on the other and his legs are going all over the place and he's leaping and dancing and praising God Oh hallelujah hallelujah I pray for conversion so profound so powerful maybe we'll have to set aside though the lobby for people who just want to dance are so happy to come to Christ all folks all folks when God begins to move God moves people get glad they get happy when I when I was a young Christian some people invited me to this this church it was a it was a fairly large church they invited me to attend it and I was sitting in the congregation I was newly saved I was so happy to be saved so happy to be born again so happy to know I'm going to heaven so so happy to know that I had a future ahead of me that yeah I was not

anywhere near what I was supposed to be but I wasn't what I was the day before and I was looking forward to the next day how sad it was that I had to wait until church was over to praise God it was amazing I had to wait till everybody left I stayed until everybody was gone then I walked up and down the aisles of that church singing he lives he lives Christ Jesus lives today he walks with me and talks with me all long life's way he lives he lives salvation to impart you ask me how I know he lives he lives within my heart hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah I have no problem with people get happy for the right reason this is not a license for nutcases to show themselves off in Times Square Church we'll pick you out right away if you're not in the spirit we know who you are I warn you if you

don't stop we have a way to help you out and we'll help you out all right but for those who it's genuine good grief man if God heals your legs then get up and dance in the house of God what a day this is going to be what a day to be alive what a day to come to the throne of God and say Lord we ask you one thing do something so powerful in New York City that the whole world the whole world has to stop and take notice the media can't ignore it anymore on one side of the world we see people looting and burning and killing and angry and violent God create a contrast in the earth for people to say there is a living God there is a Savior there is a way to eternal life that's my prayer Oh Jesus do something so profound in New York City that nobody not even a fool could touch the glory nobody

dare touch it that everybody know this is God has done this this is God is saving his people this is God who is reaching out this is Jesus Christ who has come to his people one more time this is the mercy of God touching a city folks you and I've got to believe it if a few hundred misguided individuals can occupy Wall Street and it goes around the world how much more when people start talking by the house of God hallelujah now we come to the finish of what I'm talking about who is it that God is going to use who is it it's everybody it's everyone here it's me it's you it's your voice at the throne it's my voice it's it's me with my little bit of life and you with your little your your little bit of life that God's give you bring it in and say God what you've done for me would you bless

your house with it would you bless others with it it's the estrus of this generation you some here you don't even know your parents are it doesn't matter Esther didn't either most likely but God called her at that moment to be the vessel that would change the nation and change the future it's the Peter and John who are more steeped in the ways of God who know better the things of God but they knew this one thing that the glory of God only comes when we're not focused on ourselves the glory comes the power comes the healing comes the testimony comes when our prayers and our focus is on other people praise be to God for you see your calling brethren Paul said the question I have in my heart today is do do you see your calling do you see it do you fully understand that from this point

forward in history you are not to be a silent testimony in a prayer meeting there's a proverb that says the dead don't praise the Lord neither those that go down into silence don't think that sitting in silence is a type of prayer it isn't oh you have to open your mouth you talk to God a Hannah could only whisper and she was such an anguish she could only whisper but God answered it God answered it and I'm sure Esther didn't go in shouting at the king but the king heard her she opened her mouth and Hannah opened her mouth and you'll see it all all through the scriptures what an awesome hour that there'd be no superstars in this generation just God coming in response to the prayers of his people and if people should say in the future well whose prayers that God answer you and I can say

everybody's everybody's everybody's everybody's everybody's everybody's we're gonna stand in just a moment and I'm asking Pastor Teresa to come and pray for our government pray for President Obama pray for the Senate pray for the Congress pray for whoever will lead us in the future pray for Mayor Bloomberg we're gonna pray for his counsel we're gonna pray for state and regional governments and leaders the Bible tells us to pray for our leaders that's exactly what we're going to do we're gonna pray God Almighty bless them and those that have sat in any measure under the Word of God bring them back to the center bring them back Oh God to what they know the truth to be give we have many members of Congress in the Senate who are Christians and we should pray God give them the courage to stand

up now and be counted I'd rather be a fool for Christ than somebody else's fool I don't know about you but I would rather be a fool for Christ and then I'm going to ask Brother Chooks Ubu one of our elders here at Times Square Church of praying men of God to come and lead us in a prayer for our spiritual leaders in America the pastors and deacons and elders and those that are placed over us and when I say us I'm talking about the whole body of Christ pray God please bless them let your presence come to them again lift up those that are discouraged help to bring down measurably those that are proud help those that are walking in the flesh to walk in the spirit God bring us together as a body this battle is too big for any one church or denomination the whole church has to come together now

and I do believe that God will answer that prayer and he will do it super now he's doing it in New York right now there's so many churches came last Wednesday for the Feed New York launching a Feed New York and the excitement I had pastors come to me and sit at the table and they said to me pastor this is a whole lot bigger than you realize what God is doing right now I thank the Lord for that there most likely will be very close to if not a hundred churches that we're partnering with to start feeding people in New York City what an incredible privilege we'll get together every month to pray we'll encourage one another in the things of God we'll visit each other's churches and the realization that we're a much bigger body than just one or two churches in the city thank God thank God thank

God thank God pastor Teresa would you please come and I'm gonna ask you to stand please stay for this prayer will be will be done by noon today and pray pray for our government pray sincerely don't just pray for the Democrats or the Republicans or the Libertarians or the independents pray for our government and pray as Christians should pray we're not right to hate anybody we're not to be part of this and if you are get away from it fast get out of it because it's gonna poison your testimony just get away from it we have a right to hold opinions but not to become bitter and grieve in space do you understand what I'm talking about we're gonna pray and you please as she leads us lift your voice as well Oh God of hope would you help us now we've heard a word and Lord I pray Oh God that a

nester anointing would come upon us the everyones Lord we have we have been anointed to make an appeal we have been appointed to make an appeal and Lord as Esther did and she had the reasons for

her no yet Lord you stirred her you brought a word that she ended up saying if I perish I perish and Lord I thank you now we are a body that has been brought a word and we have been stirred Oh God and we are rising to the king and Lord anointed and appointed to make an appeal we pray Oh God for President Obama we pray Oh God for this man who at this hour is leading this country Oh God I pray now that wisdom from above be granted him I pray Oh God that he would lift up his eyes from whence cometh his help that his help is the Lord and God I pray Lord that if he has ever heard your name and if he

has ever sat under the gospel of God would you stir him Oh God to know where his help comes from and Lord in the midnight hour he would be stirred as we are being stirred to seek your face Lord grant him hearing ears and courage Oh God to follow cause him Oh God to lead Lord with a supernatural leading I pray wickedness in high places Oh God would be opposed from a man Oh God who would lift up his eyes to you help him Oh God help him Lord help him Lord we pray for our Senate and we pray for our Congress Oh God the hour is needy Lord and I pray that where people have been so political and selfish Lord that the hour it would be seized by something Oh God unless we seek you Oh God unless something greater comes into our thinking something greater comes in Lord to our heart Oh Lord we could

perish and I pray Oh God that your grace and your mercy pour upon this men and women in the Senate in the Congress help them Oh God to move out of just a narrowness Oh God but for the good of the men and the women and the children under their care whom they've been appointed to lead Lord again let a godly leadership come into this country one more time may your name in truth be called upon Lord may your name Lord be lifted up Oh God and that people are saying I have prayed and I feel like I have an understanding and let those Lord who have known you Oh God those that have sat under the gospel Oh God stir them Lord Jesus one more time stir them in your mercy Lord they may have said I've been far from you but like Esther I'm going to arise and go to the king for wisdom Oh God help them Oh

God let mercy come upon this group of people Oh God let your mercy come Lord we are not deserving of mercy but if you have decided to be merciful to us we will stand Oh God we will say send your mercy Oh God because you're good our God is good Oh God Lord help us now help Oh God I pray for our mayor of this city Oh God help him Lord I pray Oh God that you would stir him Lord I pray Oh God that something come upon him that in the midnight hour Lord something that he knows he must do Lord would you help him be guided by you Lord put your hand upon him in the decisions made let not the enemy prosper in this city let not darkness prosper in this city let the prayer of the righteous Oh God let the the righteous Oh God shape the policy of this city let us be unified Oh God and let us be a wall

of righteousness let us be a wall of caring let us be a wall of truth and let our voice be heard let it first be heard in the prayer meeting in the prayer closet and then let it be heard Lord let it be heard I pray Lord the council around this mayor Oh God let not darkness prosper Oh God but move against wickedness in high places and break spiritual wickedness Oh God visit us in our need Oh God visit us in our need visit this city Oh God let your mercy and your grace flow in the streets let the children hear about the God of hope let the children hear the name of Jesus let a supernatural ability to believe you come in to us Oh God and on these streets Lord help our elected officials Oh God help everyone the state wise help them all the local leaders Lord let a spirit of rebellion be

checked Oh God let it start with us let us give honor where honor is due let us walk Lord in in in a way Lord that makes us Oh God people Lord that won't give into a spirit of rebellion Oh God that's the enemy's work give us a backbone Oh God let us do right let us do right Oh God and I thank you that evil will never triumph over good because you are our God thank you Oh God so help us Lord so little is much Oh God

so we've taken this little prayer but we thank you Oh God you have heard it we thank you Lord you're going to help us to believe better we thank you you're going to draw us to the prayer closet we're gonna find ourselves praying in the streets praying we're gonna be drawn to prayer we're gonna be praying in places we never thought we would pray and it will become our meat and

drink to pray for your house shall be called a house of prayer do it Oh God we ask the Spirit of God to do this and do it in our city for your glory and your namesake we thank you we thank you that we can pronounce a blessing on our elected leaders and we do so in the mighty name of Jesus a man and a man thank you Jesus thank you Jesus thank you Jesus be glorified Oh God be glorified Jesus we thank you for who you are Oh God we thank you for what you are doing in this generation Oh God Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus we love you we love you Jesus we love your ways Jesus we love your power Jesus we embrace your ways Oh God Jesus we thank you we thank you Jesus we thank you for the generation of leaders Oh God that you placed in your church Oh God we thank you for ministry leaders Oh God we

thank you for elders we thank you for deacons we thank you for men of God you have chosen Oh God to direct your affairs in this generation for all we thank you for pastors we give you glory Jesus we give you glory Jesus this generation Jesus Christ must know who you are for that we need of our hands in worshipping you Jesus so first can easily be overwhelmed Oh God by all that we need to do they Jesus Christ we are calling you this morning we are calling upon your power this morning we are asking you Jesus Christ that your church once again may arise as once more we ask that you place your power upon the leadership of your church but you be able to open our eyes Oh God to see beyond the realms of nature that you be able to enable us Oh God walk in the power of the supernatural where

everything Jesus Christ is made possible by our power for that we've heard about what happened in the day of Pentecost for that you poured out your spirit you poured out your power you enabled your people Oh God Jesus Christ to rest one another Jesus Christ in your prophet I'm asking that this generation must embrace you once again I will be able to move with your power Jesus the world wants to know you once more the city of New York wants to know you once more father we are asking that you place your spiritual hammer against every wall Jesus Christ of denomination it starts destroying Jesus Christ everything that has created division in your church start empowering your church once more it's not empowering you Jesus Christ all those things Jesus Christ have actually come to place

division in your church Oh God strengthen Oh God church leaders for us strengthen them so much Oh God that they will seek your face Oh God that they will seek your face and they will know that there is power in your name Oh God Jesus we thank you what a time to be alive to see all the sins that are happening all over the world your church must once again occupy Oh God the prominent position that you've given to your church because the church is more powerful than any other power you've given us the power you've given us the wisdom Oh God enable our church leaders Oh God enable the spiritual leaders Oh God enable them Jesus Christ to come out of their levels of complacency Oh God and once again take the mantle Oh God that you've given to them Oh God Jesus Christ with the seriousness Oh God

that you've attacked Oh God to their leadership role Oh God that they will once again Jesus Christ draw the people to you by your power all we talk about is ourselves all we talk about is ourselves but I'm asking that this time of praying and fasting may we move out of ourselves Oh God and start looking Oh God beyond ourselves and start reaching out to the greater people of the world Oh Jesus Christ with your power that's what this time is all about Jesus help us to have somebody help us to help our neighbors help

us Oh God to help the young people growing up Oh God who are looking up on to us Oh God help us Jesus Christ to play the role that you've called us to play in their lives Oh God that they will come and know truly that you are alive Jesus Jesus Jesus honor your name once more

glorify your name once more this is your church we are your people Oh God may once again lift us up may once again encourage us Oh God may once again show us Oh God that it's all about you and I will rejoice Oh God that we have a father who never fails you are the same yesterday and today and forever all that we need is in you Jesus we thank you God as we worship you this day father we worship you with everything in us we have nothing about to bring into this transition it's all about you all we're asking that your name and your name alone be glorified I will give you praise in Jesus mighty name I'm gonna pray for you now I'm gonna ask the Lord to sovereignly meet your needs so that you you will have a foretaste of what he wants to do in other people through you I'm gonna believe God with

you every prison door every wound it's it's time now for the Lord to work it's time for God to do his work and it begins in the house of God would you lift your hands to the Lord please father I lift this congregation before you Lord Jesus Christ you're calling us to pray I'm asking you today father to move every mountain and cast them into the sea unbelief woundings captivity spiritual blindness and focus on poverty Lord I ask that all these things be removed masking Lord that you do the miraculous today in those who are willing to pray those who are willing for your scripture speaks about a day of victory when the people were willing Lord for those who are willing I'm asking you to do the miraculous now that we have a foretaste of what you will do in others that we will have a testimony

to tell other people that we be able to go to our co-workers and our friends and say I have to tell you what God did for me and I have to tell you that God can do it for you father I thank you for this now I thank you for prison doors opening I thank you for wounds of the heart being healed I thank you for captivity being itself taken captive thank you Lord for the treasure of heaven open to those who know they have need father we give you praise and I give you glory for this today God thank you for the thank you for the Hannah's thank you for the Esther's thank you for the James thank you for the all of those that are James and Peter here and John thank you for these Oh God I pray Lord God take us to the place where you want us to go put faith in our hearts because we have experienced

the power of our God thank you Lord come to us Holy Spirit and give us the strength that only God can give Lord take us out of weakness and bring us into strength take us out of poverty and take us into the treasure of Christ take us out of selfishness and give us the heart of God Lord do these things Lord do these things and send us into the marketplace filled with the promises of God filled with the power of God filled with the compassion of God filled with the strength of God Lord take us in our ordinariness and make us extraordinary for your namesake and for your glory God we pray for those who are listening on the internet we pray for churches we pray for people at home we pray for those who are shut in today my God my God let nobody be left out of what you're going to do in this

final hour of time Lord we thank you we praise you and we bless you in the mighty holy name of Jesus hallelujah hallelujah give God a shout of glory in this house glory hallelujah hallelujah glory to God glory to God glory to God glory glory glory to God glory to God glory to God we are a free people we are free we are free we are free to seek God we are free to love we are free to grow we are free we are free hallelujah hallelujah free glory to God

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