

7 Things Prayer Will Do for the Church

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of prayer in the church, highlighting its role in opening the door for the Holy Spirit and bringing about spiritual growth and empowerment.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the importance of prayer in the church. He references Matthew 9:37-38, where Jesus instructs his disciples to pray for laborers in the harvest. The preacher criticizes the tendency of some churches to prioritize the involvement of influential individuals without seeking God's guidance through prayer. He encourages preachers to boldly proclaim the word of God, even if it may offend some people. The sermon also highlights the role of prayer in preparing believers for God's service, using examples from Acts 13 and the story of Moses in Exodus 33.

Transcript

Seven things prayer will do for the church. Matthew chapter 21. If you'll turn your Bibles there.

Matthew chapter 21. This is our scripture text for the prayer conference 2000. Matthew chapter 21.

Let's all stand together in honor of God's word. As we look this morning, we see Jesus the most visibly physically angry when he says the words he's fixing to say of any place in all of the scripture. In fact, let's just read what he did.

The Bible says in verse 12 in Matthew chapter 21, and Jesus went into the temple of God and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple and overthrew the tables of the money changers and the seats of them that sold doves. Folk, I'll tell you something. We're not seeing the meek and lowly of the Savior that just letting the rest of the world have their way here in this verse of scripture.

Amen. We're seeing righteous indignation at its best. We're seeing the God of this universe going to the house of God very upset about what he saw, but I believe as much also as what he did not see.

Because he says in verse 13, Jesus said unto them, and I can only imagine in what tone of voice, it is written, my house shall be called the house of prayer. He said, but you have made it a den of thieves. I wonder what he would say if he come into the average Baptist church today.

You made it a den of preaching. You made it a den of praise, programs, prophets, personalities, problems. But Jesus said, my house shall be called a house of prayer.

Folk, I tell you, 99% of the problems in the church are a result of not being a house of prayer. Amen. So let's just pray to him right now.

Let's pray. Our Heavenly Father, I thank you, Lord, for your presence here in this place tonight. Lord, I pray in Jesus' name, Lord, that we would make your house a house of prayer.

Lord, you didn't say it should be called a house of prayer. You said it shall be called. It's not a suggestion, Lord, that you give us.

It's a commandment. And Lord, tonight, help us to obey your commandment and make your house, this church, and every church represented here, a house of prayer. Father, thank you for your presence.

Lord Jesus, you are Jehovah Shama. The Lord is here. And we praise you and thank you for your presence.

Lord, we invite you to come in. Lord, arise, O God, into thy resting place. Thou on the ark of thy covenant.

Let thy priests, O Lord God, be clothed with salvation. Let thy saints rejoice in goodness. O Lord, God, turn not away the face of thine anointed.

Remember the mercies of David, thy servant. And Lord, I pray that the glory of God would come down tonight in such a mighty and a powerful way that, Lord, it can only be explained that you did it. Lord, help us to repent of our prayerlessness, dependent upon programs and preaching and praise and personalities and profit and not prayer.

Lord Jesus, thank you for this church. Thank you, Lord, for what you're doing here. Thank you for what you did this morning.

But Lord, give us fresh oil. The psalmist said in Psalms 91, Lord, I shall be anointed with fresh oil. Lord, we ask you for fresh oil again tonight.

Do a fresh and a mighty work here tonight and we'll give you the glory. Let's pray to Jesus together out loud. Dear Lord Jesus, please speak to my heart tonight.

Help me to do what you say. In Jesus name, amen. You may be seated.

A lot of churches can be called a house of problems instead of a house of prayer. I heard about one church pastor was going to go and preach in view of a college church. And he's talking to the committee, the pulpit committee.

And he said, well, I'd like to meet some of your staff and some folks here at the church and and just kind of get to know folks around here. And and the chairman of the pulpit committee said, well, pastor, we we want you to meet all of our folks. We have a wonderful staff.

And and some we have a lot of committees here. And and he said, you know, we have a nursing home committee. We have a graveyard committee.

We have a committee for our fellowship hall. We have a committee on committees and we're really big on committees. And he said, well, he said, the first person I'd like to meet is the chairman of your bucket committee.

And he said, if I could talk to him for just a little while, first of all, before I speak to anyone else, then we could move on from there. Chairman of the pastor search committee looked at him and says. Did you what did you say, pastor? He said, the chairman of your bucket committee, if I could talk to him, I'd be good.

And if we could move on from there, he said, well, pastor, he said, I'm ashamed to tell you that I don't think we have a bucket committee. And he said, oh, yeah, you got one. He said, no, he said, but he said, don't get me wrong.

He said, if we don't have one, we'll form one. We're big on committees. He said, you just tell me what they do.

He said, just describe this committee to me. He said, we don't have one. He said, we probably need one.

And this didn't even know it. What does the bucket committee do, pastor? He said, well, basically, that's the committee that every time the church feels led of God to do anything, they're going to bucket. They're bucking this and they're bucking that.

He said, oh, he said that committee. He said, man, not only have we got one, he said, I can take you to the chairman's house. He lives right down the street here.

You know, we laugh, but I'm going to tell you something, folks. It's pitiful what goes on in some of our Southern Baptist churches. It's pitiful what was going on in the church when Jesus walked into it that day in Matthew chapter 21.

He said, it's written, my house should be called a house of prayer. You've made it a den of thieves. I wonder what your church could be called tonight.

This church you're visiting, there's some other churches that are visiting here tonight from other churches. And by the way, who's going to call your church whatever it is? Amen. Now, see what you call your church and what a lost world out there calls your church might be two different things.

Oh, yeah, they talk. One of the devil's biggest tools is how he can start a church fuss or fight or cause confusion in the church and get the word out there to a lost and dying world that's just waiting and looking for somebody to point their bony finger at down there at the church and say, see, that's the reason I don't go down there at the church. And by the way, if that's if you're one of them here tonight, you know, well, I don't go down there at the church.

Too many hypocrites down there at the church. Well, sucker, there's one less when you don't come. Amen.

There's hypocrites down there where we went to eat today. Didn't stop me from eating. There's hypocrites where you work.

See, I don't go to church to worship hypocrites. I go to church to worship Jesus. So if you're going to let a hypocrite come between you and God, you got to be hypocrites closer to God.

You are. Amen. Folks, I'll tell you something.

Jesus said my house should be called a house of prayer. Number one, prayer opens the door for the Holy Spirit in the church. Acts chapter one, verse 14.

You have your sermon outline book tonight. Turn to page two. Seven things prayer will do for the church.

That's what we're covering tonight. Seven things prayer will do for the church. Number one, prayer opens the door for the Holy Spirit.

Because if you're going to look at the New Testament church, you got to look at the book of Acts. I mean, here is your New Testament church being birthed, born, and bathed in prayer. Amen.

And Acts chapter one, verse 14. And by the way, we're back up here just a little bit. Jesus has just died on the cross, risen from the grave, ascended back to the Heavenly Father.

And right before he left, he left that New Testament church these words. He said, you go and wait. And you wait in prayer for the promise of the Father.

That's the Holy Spirit. And he said, you will be endured with power from on high. And he said, then you'll go out and you'll be witnesses.

Amen. He said, you'll be witnesses after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you. See, the Holy Ghost didn't come to make us weird.

He came to make us a witness. Hello. Amen or oh me.

The Spirit of God is what birthed that New Testament church. And the Holy Spirit came directly in proportion and as a result of prayer. Because that New Testament church, they were meeting.

They weren't meeting in a preaching meeting, my brother. They were meeting in a prayer meeting. They were in an upper room.

That's what we call our prayer room in our church. An upper room. I don't, whatever you call it.

I hear people call it prayer chapel, prayer room, upper room, whatever. Just use it. Amen.

But they met in an upper room and they were praying. They weren't singing to one another. They weren't preaching to one another.

They were praying. And guess who came? The Holy Spirit of God. Right on time, just like Jesus said He would.

In Acts chapter 1 verse 14, the Bible says, These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication. I wonder why they were in one accord. I'll tell you why, because they were in prayer.

Amen. See, you can't fight on your knees. Before I got saved, you know, I'd fight you.

Didn't make any difference. You whip me, I whip you. I've been whipped lots of times.

But, you know, I was just a frustrated, lost man. And I just, that was just my lifestyle. But I didn't, I fought with ease.

You know, as a Christian, you fight on your knees. Amen. See, our war is not with flesh and blood, according to Ephesians chapter 6, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in the highest places.

You want to get mad at somebody, sir, get mad at the devil. Amen. You know, a church won't fight on their knees.

They were of one accord in prayer. Amen. They were of one accord in prayer and supplication with the women that married the mother of Jesus and his brethren.

And we pick up the story here in Acts chapter 2, verse 1 through 4. And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. Amen. The church hadn't even split.

Amen. I love that. Jesus had sinned, had gone back to the Father.

Would have been a good time for a church split. Amen. Well, that's when I thought, you know, here we got this Jesus thing going, this Christianity thing going, and Jesus ain't even around.

Hello? Well, I'm going to tell you something. Jesus said the Spirit of God is going to come and endure you with power from on high. He said He's going to be just like me.

He's going to be a comforter. And He said it's even better if He comes because He'll be everywhere. And Jesus could only be in one place at a time.

I'm telling you, folks, the prayer opens the door to the Holy Spirit. These were all with one accord in one place. Man, you know what they're waiting on? They're waiting on the Holy Spirit of God.

Because this is going to be a fulfillment of prophecy in the book of Joel. And the Bible says, And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of, what, fire.

And it sat upon each of them, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost. But not but one thing will bring down fire, and it's not preaching. Solomon prayed in 2 Chronicles chapter 6. And in 2 Chronicles chapter 7, fire came down.

The disciples prayed in Acts chapter 1. And in Acts chapter 2, fire came down. Elijah prayed in 1 Kings chapter 17, and fire came down. You know what we need today in our churches? We need the fire of God.

The Holy Ghost came down. Amen? Friend, I'm going to tell you the Holy Spirit of God is to the Church what blood is to our bodies, without Him we're dead. It doesn't make a difference whether you've got a beautiful red carpet like this, or you've got an old dirt floor.

But, it does make a difference where the Holy Spirit of God shows up. It doesn't make any difference whether you've got a beautiful baby grand piano like you've got over here, or whatever this is, or you've got an old hammond upright. But, it does make a difference whether the Holy Spirit of God shows up or not.

It doesn't make any difference if you've got beautiful padded pews like this Or you've got an old nail keg to sit on. But it does make a difference when the Spirit of God shows up. It doesn't make a difference whether you've got a pastor who's got more degrees than a thermometer.

Or you've got a pastor who's never been to seminary. But it does make a difference when the Spirit of God shows up. Friend, I'm going to tell you something.

We've got to have the Spirit of God back in our churches. Amen. You know what ought to upset us? You know what we ought to do every time we come into the church? We ought to pray, Oh Holy Spirit, please come into this place and speak to every one of our hearts.

Lord, begin with me. Speak to my heart, oh Lord. I heard about one church that was so dead.

I'm talking about dead. It's said with two syllables. Dead church.

It was so dead that a man actually died in a worship service one night. But that's not the worst part. When the paramedics come in to get him, they carried out four men before they got the right one.

I'm talking about a dead church. People come, they sit, they soak, they sour, and they split. There's no freedom.

There's no joy. No movement of the Holy Spirit of God. You know what, Christians? I'll tell you one thing.

This is the Christian's happy hour. Amen. Now I'm not talking about getting out of control.

I'm talking about getting out of your coma. Amen. I'm talking about the Spirit of God getting a hold of us.

By the way, you know there's a lot of confusion about what happens when a church gets filled with the Spirit of God. By the way, when a church gets really filled with the Spirit of God, it's not going to be running around talking about how filled it is with the Spirit of God. Jesus said, when the Holy Spirit comes, He will not speak of Himself.

He will speak of me. When the Holy Spirit comes, He will appoint men and women, boys and girls, to the cross of Calvary. Every single time.

We've let some of our brothers and sisters out there scare us off many times about talking as a Baptist, talking about worshipping and praying to the Holy Spirit of God. But I'm going to tell you something. The Holy Spirit of God is the only person of the Trinity that can be grieved, quenched, and blasphemed.

I'll tell you, we've got to have the Holy Spirit of God in our churches. Zechariah 4, 6 says, This is the word of the Lord. It is not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

Amen. We've been dependent upon our own power too long. See, you depend upon preachers, you get what preachers can do.

Amen. You depend upon singing, you get what singing can do. You depend upon committees, God forbid, you get what committees can do.

You depend upon money, you get what money can do. You depend upon prayer, you get what God can do. Amen.

And prayer can do anything God can do, and God can do anything. I'm going to confess something to you. I don't know what I've ever confessed openly and publicly, but I want to make sure I do it.

The Lord just dealt with me this afternoon about it. I just... There was a time in my life, not very long ago, before I'd get up and preach, I'll guarantee you, I'm going to have me a Hershey's candy bar and a Coca-Cola. I'm going to get up for the game.

Amen. No, get real spiritual with me. Some of you know what I'm talking about.

I'm going to get my sugar fixed, my caffeine fixed. I'm going to be on, son, I'm going to be on. You know what? God's Holy Spirit began to convict me.

He said, whose strength are you going up there in? Yours or mine? You know what God did to me? He made me 100% completely and totally allergic to caffeine and sugar. Son, I can't drink that much of a cup of coffee. I'll be bouncing off these walls.

Now, I'm not going legalistic with you about... You know, you drink a cup of coffee, it's not going to send you to hell. But I'm going to tell you one thing. It is not by night, nor by power, but by God's Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

And now you know what I do before I preach? Ever since that happened. You see me over here, my head in this book, before I preach. Right here is what I'm doing.

I've got 26 verses I pray before I preach. Every time before I preach. 26 verses.

I've been doing this for several years. 26 verses I pray. And about half of them have to do with the ministry of the Holy Spirit of God.

You see, God had to take me from the place to where I was dependent upon myself to where I was dependent upon artificial stimulation of my body to the place where I was totally dependent upon Him. All together. Before you get real critical about my cokes and all that, I was diagnosed six years ago with liver disease.

Dr. C., you're going to die. There's no cure for you. Your liver's not going to get any better.

No cure for what you've got. And right now, I mean, my body's, you know, I get tired sometimes. I believe the Lord has healed me.

I'm feeling better than I've felt in years. I'm believing that. I'm telling you.

But I can tell you this one thing. I still have to take naps every day. But you know what? I'm not dependent upon my strength anymore.

Amen. Woo, son! I'm dependent upon Him. Look at Romans chapter 8, verse 26 through 27.

The Bible says, Likewise, the Spirit also helps our infirmities. For we know not what we should pray for, as we ought. Oh, thank you, Paul.

I needed to hear that. Amen. Anybody ever start to pray and don't know what to pray? Amen.

If you've ever prayed much, you have. Paul's had the same deal. He said, We don't know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us.

Oh, thank you, Holy Spirit. With groanings which cannot be uttered, and He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He makes intercessions for the saints according to the will of God. Friend, I'm going to tell you something.

You've never had a prayer time until you get to the place where I'm telling you you're agonizing, you're praying so hard, that I'm going to tell you words won't even come out! Just the Spirit of God interceding on your behalf. Words that can't even be uttered. Oh, friend, we can't pray without the Holy Spirit of God.

We can't preach without the Holy Spirit of God. We can't sing without His Holy Spirit of God. Friend, I'm going to tell you something.

Let me tell you about the most anointed song I've ever heard sung. I haven't even thought about this in some time. I don't know whether we'll finish this message tonight or not.

Maybe we will, maybe we won't. It was at the National Baptist Convention, Southern Baptist Convention, in New Orleans, Louisiana, about, oh, let's see, golly, I guess it would have been about 8 or 9, no, let's, yeah, about 8 or 9 years ago. It was the year before Brother Manly Beasley died.

I remember because I went to the convention with him. Primarily to hear him preach. And they had a break.

I mean, the Superdome. I mean, people from all over the country there. And I mean all the big-wig singers at that time, brother, they were all there.

And I mean, you know, they were waxing eloquent and they were hitting every high note and doing all this and everything. You know, it was great. We were having a great time and thanking Jesus and all this.

And all of a sudden, somebody had enough discernment. I always wanted to meet the guy that asked this guy to get up and sing. That's the guy I just wanted to meet.

This guy from the convention got up. He said, excuse me, we got a fellow over here going to sing a song. He said, I've already been told he can't sing a lick.

But God told me to ask him to sing. He said, he's a new Christian and he just wants to sing a little song. Sir, would you come on up? My boy stood up there.

In the Superdome in New Orleans. Packed. Well, everybody's looking at each other like, what's going on? He wasn't on the agenda.

He wasn't on the program. Lord, help. I don't want to mess with the program.

This old boy got up. He had a leisure suit on. Buttoned up like this.

A tie that was about this wide. He said, I want to sing I'm just a sinner saved by grace. Son, let me tell you something.

He said, now I don't sing very good. He said, ma'am, you just play whatever key you want to. I'll be in all of them.

He got up and he began to sing. I'm just a sinner saved by grace. I can't sing as bad as he did.

As bad as I can sing. I want to tell you one thing. I was there that whole weekend.

Before that man got out of there. He sang one or two verses. I don't remember what it was.

Before he left, everyone was on their feet. Tears running down every one of our eyes. See, God doesn't call the equipped.

He equips the call. And I thought to myself when that old boy got down. I said, that old boy was prayed up.

He knew without Jesus, he was nothing. He said that before he even began to sing. He said, I've been saved.

He said, I just want to tell you what Jesus has done for me. And saw. You know what? I've heard a lot of people sing stars down.

I've heard preachers get up and preach the stars down. And no anointing. The Spirit of God is not on them.

You know it. What I'm afraid of is sometimes at one time they knew it. They get used to just going ahead and getting up anyhow.

We've got to have the Spirit of God up on our lives. Number two, prayer produces boldness for God's soul winners. Prayer produces boldness for God's soul winners.

Acts 4.13 And when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, they perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men. Well, imagine that. You know, God doesn't call the equipped.

He equips the call. Amen. Well, Peter and John.

They saw the boldness of Peter and John. Well, these guys are unlearned and ignorant men. And they marveled.

And they took knowledge of them that they had what? Been with Jesus. Amen. Let me tell you what happens when you've been with Jesus.

You're going to have boldness. Amen or oh me? Look here in Acts 4.31. Here's the same chapter. And when they had prayed.

Amen. The place was shaken where they were assembled together. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost.

Do you see the progression here? First they did what? They prayed. Then they were filled with what? The Holy Ghost. And they spoke the Word of God with what? Boldness.

You know what we need more today of? All the way from our pulpits to our pews. We need holy boldness today in America. We got too many prophets and not enough prophets in our pulpits across America.

Somebody's jerking their chain out there. Some big tither. Some committee.

And I'll guarantee you one thing. They're not going to preach on their sin. I preached the citywide crusade not long ago.

I won't tell you even what state it was in. But I was driving a couple of months before I preached the citywide crusade. I was driving down the road talking to one of the pastors from the First Baptist Church there in that town.

And telling him about, you know, looking at where we were going to put the tent and a lot of different things. We drove by this casino. And this pastor said, See that casino there? I said, Yeah.

He said, See that liquor store sitting next to it there? I said, Yeah. He said, One of the most faithful members of our church owns that casino and that liquor store. I said, Really? I said, Did you say a faithful member of your church? Oh, yeah.

He's a big giver in our church. I'm driving a pickup. My wife's sitting next to me.

This preacher's sitting on the other side of me. She knows what I'm fixing to do. She knows where I'm headed.

I said, Really? Now, don't get me wrong, friend. The church ought to be a place where we bring lost sinners into. Hello? But I just asked him.

I said, Well, let me ask you something, preacher. What does he have to say when you get up and preach drinking and gambling straight out of the pit of hell? What does he have to say to that? You know what his response was? Oh, he knows where I stand. I said, Yeah, it sounds like it.

See, you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything. And I told him, I said, I'll tell you how long a man would feel comfortable sitting in our worship service, in our church. He'd do one or two things in about five minutes.

He'd either get right or he'd get out. We need more holy boldness today in our churches across America. We need preachers that will stand up in the power of God's wonderful Holy Spirit and preach, Thus saith the Lord, and not care who they're going to offend.

In fact, I've got a brand new verse. Preachers, you ought to put this in your Bible. Mark it.

Dog ear it. Underline it. Highlight it.

Do everything you can to it. Let me find it. Oh, here it is.

Galatians 1.10. I'm just going to read the whole verse to you. I love it. If I can find it.

Galatians, that's from New Testament. Galatians 1.10. For do I persuade men or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet please men, I should not be the servant of Christ. That's what the Bible says.

You're going to please God or you're going to please men. You know what I've learned a long time ago? You please God, it doesn't make any difference who you displease. But if you displease God, it doesn't make any difference who you please.

Amen? You try to please everybody, you'll please the devil most of all. You know, here's the amazing thing. We've got a lost world.

We've got perverts running up and down our streets. They used to slither down our alleys. Now they're strutting down our streets, making their stands.

You know, we've got our rights. And you know what the average Baptist church is doing today? Oh, well, we don't want to offend anybody. They've got this lifestyle evangelism.

You ought to have lifestyle evangelism. But I'm going to tell you something else you ought to do. You ought to stand up and say, sin is sin.

Call sin by its first name and preach thus saith the Lord. You know what? They didn't like Jesus preaching either. They didn't like John the Baptist preaching either.

Not one of the disciples made it out of this life alive without being martyred for their faith. They were all executed for making a stand for Jesus. You don't hear of many preachers in America dying for Jesus.

You don't hear of many Sunday school teachers catching much flack. Friend, I'm going to tell you something. We need people that will make a stand for Jesus.

We're living in a lost world. I mean, we're living in the last days. It's tough.

It's going to get tougher. Let me tell you something. That first New Testament church did so much with so little and we don't do so little with so much.

They didn't even have the complete Word of God. We do. Amen? You can't really say they didn't have much because they had the Holy Spirit of God, brother.

Well, D.L. Moody. These old boys were ignorant and unlearned men. Listen, let me tell you something.

You're here tonight and you think, well, I can't be used to the Lord. I don't have much education. Neither did this guy.

Neither did Peter and John. Amen? So I don't have much education, preacher. I'm ignorant and unlearned.

Well, you're in good company. Amen? So are Peter and John. They both wrote books in the Bible.

You're ignorant and unlearned. Listen to me. You can't be too little to be used of God, but you can be too big.

Amen? Boy, just get along with Jesus. D.L. Moody was never ordained. He was a shoe salesman.

Rocked two continents for God. Had 100 people praying under his pulpit in Chicago, Illinois while he preached. No wonder we have the Moody Bible Institute.

No wonder we have the Moody Press. Man of God. Well, number three.

Prayer brands God's servants. Prayer brands God's servants. Acts chapter 9, verse 11.

Right in your sermon outline book. Prayer brands God's servants. Anybody need a pencil? That's a little late to ask you, but I'm going to ask you right now.

Anybody need a pencil or a pen? Amen? Amen. Acts chapter 9, verse 11. The Bible says, listen, this is the first recorded Scripture about Saul of Tarsus after he gets saved.

Acts chapter 9, verse 11. And the Lord said unto him, speaking about Ananias, he said, Arise, go into the street which is called Strait, and inquire of the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus. His name

hadn't even been changed to Paul yet.

For behold, he prayed. I love that. Prayer brands you.

Prayer brands you. Branded Moses. Turn in your Bibles to Exodus chapter 33.

Give me a Bible, brother. Thank you. Look on the preacher there, would you? Give me King James.

I'm going to make sure I got the wording right. Anybody got a King James Bible? Probably not. Exodus 33.

Exodus 33. Look at verse 12. Here's Moses.

Son, God has just told Moses to lead the children of Israel out of bondage. Out of Egypt. He'd given him a commission.

He'd given him a project, a major, major league project. Look at verse 12. And Moses said unto the Lord, See thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people.

And thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. And yet thou hast said, I know thee by name. And thou hast also found grace in my sight.

Look at what Moses said. Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, show me now thy way that I may know thee. Boy, I'm going to tell you something.

That's a great prayer right there. Show me your way, Lord, that I may know you. That I might find grace in thy sight and consider that this nation is thy people.

Look at what God says in verse 14. And God said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest. Not burnout.

Hello? You're burning out. You're doing something in your own strength. Because when God's in it, He gives you rest.

You may grow weary in the work, but you'll never grow weary of the work. Listen to verse 16. And wherein shall it be known here that I... Oh, no, excuse me.

Verse 15. Here's the verse I want you to see. And Moses comes back and he says to God, even after God had sent him and given him rest, and he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carrying us not up hence.

You know what Moses was saying? He said, God, if you don't go, don't send me. Let me tell you something. We've got too many people.

We've got too many preachers, Sunday school teachers, Christians, trying to lead their community out of Egypt without the presence of God upon their life. And it doesn't even shake them up. Moses was a wise man.

Moses said, God, if your presence is not on me, I'm not even going. Would to God we had more people in our pulpits across America that were like that, brother. Just be honest with God enough.

Get up on Sunday morning and say, Folks, does anybody else have a word from the Lord? Because I don't, and I'm not going to stand up here and act like I do. Amen or Ome. Folks, I'll tell you something.

We've got to have God in this place. We've got to have the presence of the Lord. Prayer brings you.

Solomon. How do you think Solomon got all the knowledge and the wisdom he had? Amen? Through prayer. God came to Solomon and said, Solomon, ask what you will of me.

Solomon prayed a prayer. He said, God, give me wisdom. Amen? You know what God gave him? He gave him wisdom.

He gave him wealth. Amen? He gave him a whole bunch. Friend, I'm going to tell you something.

Prayer will brand you. Look at Elijah on Mount Carmel. He prayed.

Fire came down. He prayed on Mount Carmel. And 750 false prophets of Baal rebuked the fire out of them.

Literally. 1 Kings 17. You preachers ought to check this out.

Write it down in the margin of your Bible. We're not going there. We don't have time.

1 Kings 17. God told Elijah this. He said, you go hide yourself by the brook at Cherub.

My pastor's got a message that he preaches. Have you been to the brook? It's an awesome message. God hasn't told me to preach it.

But I'm going to tell you something. It is probably the most awesome message my pastor preaches. Have you been to the brook? He told Elijah.

He said, you go hide yourself at the brook at Cherub. 1 Kings 17. Then you write down 1 Kings 18.

And verse 1. God told Elijah. After Elijah had hid himself at the brook, He told Elijah, He said, Elijah, now go show yourself to King Ahab. You know what the principle is? You've got to hide yourself with God before you can show yourself to the world.

King Ahab was a wicked king. We don't have enough people willing to hide themselves. Go to the brook every morning.

Spend time alone with the Lord. Elijah, look at David. Man after God's own heart.

What do you think about David's prayer life? Did prayer brand David? You don't get called a man after God's own heart without being a man of prayer. And let me tell you, it's not just these Old and New Testament saints. James.

James, the half-brother of Jesus. He was the first pastor of the church in Jerusalem. You know what his nickname was? Camel Knees.

Camel Knees. Josephus tells us that James' nickname was Camel Knees. Reckon how he got that? He was a prayer warrior.

No wonder God used him to be the first pastor of the church in Jerusalem. Charles Haddon Spurgeon, the Prince of Preachers, bringing it up to our era more, or closer. Charles Haddon Spurgeon.

He was called the Prince of Preachers by his own peers. He didn't call himself the Prince of Preachers. His peers called him the Prince of Preachers.

You know what Charles Haddon Spurgeon, the Prince of Preachers, said? He said, I'd rather teach one man how to pray than ten men how to preach. Martin Luther said, I have so much to do, I must spend my first three hours of every day in prayer. Well, prayer will brand you.

How do you want to be branded? If you want to be branded for God, you're going to have to be a man or woman of prayer. Now if you don't care, if you just want to kind of bump through this life and not make any impact for the cause of Jesus Christ, you just continue where you're going. But friend, I'm going to tell you something.

If you want to be a giant for God, if you want to be a giant killer like David was, if you want to call down fire like Elijah did, if you want to lead people out of Egypt like Moses did, if you want to be like Daniel who could go into the lion's den and have the presence of God on him. See, Daniel had his upper room. How do you think Daniel ended up in that lion's den? For praying.

If you want to be a giant for Jesus, you're going to have to be a prayer warrior. Well, number four. Prayer prepares us for God's service.

Amen? It will prepare you for God's service. Acts 13, verses 2-3. As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

And when they had fasted and what? Prayed. They laid hands on them and they sent them away. This is the first missionary journey in the Bible.

Did you know Sunday School teachers, if you're a student of the Word of God, you ought to study the book of Acts. Every chapter in the book of Acts mentions prayer. Every single chapter in the book of Acts mentions prayer.

No wonder that first New Testament church turned their world upside down for the cause of Christ. Matthew 9, verses 37-38. Look at the sermon outline.

Jesus speaking here. Then saith He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labors are few. What does Jesus say to do? Pray.

Pray. You need labors in your church? Pray for them. Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labors into His harvest.

Oh, I've seen churches. Well, if we could just get Sister So-and-So down here to play the piano, or if we could just get that big tither down here, or if we could just get that person or this influential person down here at the church, I mean boy, we would be really on the right page. And they don't pray about it.

And they get Sister So-and-So down here to play the piano, and she turns out to be nothing but a pain in the neck. Amen! Friend, I'm going to tell you something. You see, some churches believe in growing by proselyting.

I thank God that this church believes in growing by praying. Amen? Pray! Pray! Pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labors into His harvest. Pray that God would turn labors out of people in this church.

God's got a job for everybody in this fellowship. Everybody that's a Christian has a calling upon your life. God's got something for you to do.

He hasn't called you to just come sit, soak, sour, and split. By the way, in case you think you've been just called to hold down the pew and that's your job, I've got good news for you. Here's two pews that don't even have anybody in them.

And they hadn't even flown off. Are they bolted down, brother? Huh? Are they just, huh? Partially? Well, they're not flying off. That's the good news.

Amen? So we've got it covered. Amen? The average Baptist church is like trying to get a wagon up a hill. You've got 100 people.

You've got 10 people pushing on the back. You've got another 10 up at the top pulling on a rope. You've got 80 sitting in the wagon complaining about the ride.

Well, prayer prepares us for God's service. I wish I could tell you about that. I had time to tell you about God's special children at our church.

In a prayer room at our church, the church I was saved at, we had a lady who went in the prayer room, 24-hour prayer room we had at our church there. Still have it. She was praying one day, and God put upon her heart to start a Sunday school class for children with Down syndrome.

She started it, and it absolutely exploded. The Southern Baptist Convention called our church and said, we've heard about a ministry you all have down there for children with Down syndrome. You know how many she started with? Her son.

Just her son. Her husband, who's gone to be with Jesus and went to be with the Lord, her husband did this last year. And her son.

They didn't have to put their children in there if they had Down syndrome, but it was just offered. We had people that literally moved into our area, moved into our city, because they were living away, heard about that ministry, and wanted to move there where they have a place where their children could minister to. The preacher didn't come to her and suggest it.

No committee thought it up. It wasn't even in the church growth manual. She got along with God in the prayer room.

God said, do it. Had a man, a young preacher boy at our church, that same church. His name was Robert Rowe.

One day in the prayer room, God started dealing with him about where to preach. He was just, and I mean just gotten licensed, decided about going preaching gospel. Had a flea market right up this road from the church.

And in the prayer room, God put it upon his heart to go and ask the man who owned that flea market if he'd let him preach there on Sunday morning. The flea market. Largest flea market in that part of the metroplex.

Over 300 booths at that flea market. Southeast Dallas there. Seagateville, Texas.

The man who owned the flea market was a deacon at our church. He said, man, that's a great idea. He said, let's do it.

He said, if I could just set up a booth out here, Brother Clarence. He said, I could preach out here. Brother Clarence the deacon said, I'll do you one better than that.

He said, let's put up loudspeaker systems throughout the whole flea market. 300 booths. Son, you go out there on any Sunday morning, there'd be 2,000 people out there.

They didn't come out there to hear the gospel. They come out there to get the deal. Well, they got a deal after that.

Amen. And it wasn't for sale. It was a free gift.

Amen. Amen. Old Robert Robe got up there and started preaching.

Son, I tell you, we'd have people come and cut the wires. We had to put conduit up the side of the telephone poles just to keep people from coming. They'd start up chainsaws, start up car engines.

Vroom, vroom, vroom, vroom. Cuss us out. Threaten us to everything in the world.

Old Robert Robe, he didn't preach there for three months. God called him to pastor a church. He's been pastoring ever since.

My pastor, the Sunday after he left, came to me and said, Jack David, why don't you go down there and preach next Sunday down there in Flea Market? I said, me? Down there in Flea Market? I said, Jim, they're liable to kill me down there. He said, why don't you just go down there and share your testimony or something. I said, okay.

Son, I went down there. I was prayed up. Got up there and preached.

I don't even remember what I preached on. Gave an invitation. Had somebody got to say.

I got hooked. For five years, you know what I preached? You know what God called me to preach? At Flea Market. I preached every Sunday for five years.

Rain, sleet, or snow. It didn't make any difference because we made a commitment. When we started that ministry, it wasn't going to be just a fair weather bunch.

Because I knew what those people out there would say. Yeah! They'll be over here in May. They ain't out here in January.

I saw people saved all the time. Met my wife at that Flea Market. She loves to tell people she got me at a Flea Market.

She thinks it's funny. I don't think it's a bit funny. You know how all that happened? Because one preacher boy was praying about how God would use him.

Prayer opens the door to service for the Lord. A caring house. I could go on and on.

Number five. Prayer opens the hearts of lost sinners. Amen.

Prayer opens the hearts of lost sinners. Look here in Acts 16, verses 13-14. And on the Sabbath, we went out of the city by the riverside where prayer was bought to be made.

We sat down and spoke to the women which resorted to it. And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple of the city of Thyatira, which worshiped God, heard us, whose heart the Lord opened. And she attended to the things which were spoken of Paul.

Who's praying for you when your heart got opened up? Anybody know? Who's praying for you, brother? Your mama? Your mother? Sir? Your mother? Thank God for our mama's prayers. Amen? Hey, there's another old boy here. Where is he at? He got saved this morning.

He better be here. Back sitting, sir. Amen? Who's that old boy got saved? Where's your boy at, huh? Your boy got saved this morning? He's not here tonight.

Amen? He got saved this morning. There's a mama back there. Amen? She prayed this morning.

She's been praying. Her son got saved. Her oldest son got saved this morning.

Thank God. Amen? Who else was praying for you when you got saved? Your mother and your church. Who else? Who? Sunday school teacher.

Who else? Grandmother. Grandmother. Who else? In-laws.

Thank God for praying in-laws. Amen? Amen. I know there's a lot of in-laws that pray.

Amen? Your wife and Jesus. Amen? Who else? Let me tell you something. We've got to talk to God about men before we can talk to men about God.

Amen? Prayer opens hearts. We've got a phone book in our prayer room. We pray for everybody in our town.

You can call lost people in Sachse, Texas, and ask them why that church has gone from running 100 in Sunday school to 600 in Sunday school in 5 years, and the lost people in that city will tell you it's because of a prayer ministry. They won't talk about the preacher. They don't even know who the preacher is.

He don't have his name on nothing. Well, they've got an old building down there. Man, they're down there praying for it.

Now, some of them get mad. They don't want you praying for them. Amen? That can't stop them.

They might stop us from coming to the door, but they can't stop us from praying for them. Amen? Prayer opens the hearts of lost sinners. My great aunt and my grandma all prayed for me.

Look here in Acts 16, verse 25. And at midnight, Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God. And the prisoners heard them.

And look what here happened to this jailer in Acts 16, verse 30. The Bible says, and they brought him out, brought them out, and said, and this jailer asked them, said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? Prayer opens the hearts of lost sinners. I have churches.

I have people ask me all the time, Brother Jack, how is it so many people are getting saved in your crusade? And I don't do that many of just prayer revivals like this. Mostly what I do is evangelistic revivals. But what we do, I have the church, and what I'll ask you to do when we come back in May is to send me a most wanted list of the people that you're praying for that will be saved during that revival.

I don't care whether it's 500 names. We have people send 500 names. Send lots of names.

I have 12 churches that I send that list of names to. Churches that have prayer ministries where I've been and preached prayer revivals. They've started prayer ministries.

And for the week before, the week during, and the week after the revival, in fact, sometimes several weeks before the revival, 12 churches are praying for those people by name. We fax it to them. We email it to them.

We mail it to them. Whatever we have to do to get it to them. And they put it in their prayer room.

They put that list in their prayer room. Our prayer room is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until Jesus comes. Somebody right now is in that prayer room praying for this revival tonight.

I tell people all the time, I promise you, it's not because of my preaching. It's because of God's people praying. Prayer opens the hearts of lost sinners.

Robin Wood Baptist Church, the church I was saved at, I was there for 12 years. For 12 years consecutively in Seagoville, Texas. Other side of the church, blue collar side of town.

12 years in a row, we baptized over, over, we went over every year for 12 years for God's glory. We baptized over 250 people every year for 12 years. Preacher never been to seminary.

Music director couldn't hold a note in a rain barrel. Still can't. I was telling your minister of music about him today at lunch.

Our youth director, ex-car salesman. God called me as minister of outreach. Jailbird of faith.

Facing 20 years in the federal prison, God calls me to preach and build evangelism there at the church. See, we had a bunch of losers there that just knew somebody that was a winner. Amen.

See, God doesn't call the equipped, He just equips the called. You know why He does that so much? So He'll get the glory. See, if you could be explained that preaching did it.

Preacher gets the glory. If you could be explained singing did it. Singers get the glory.

If you could be explained anybody else or anything else does it. Somebody else gets the glory and God doesn't share His glory with anybody. Amen.

I'm going to tell you something. Anything good happen at our church, you know what we do? We just blame it on Jesus. Amen.

Amen. I promise you right now. You call anybody, I'm not bragging on our church.

I'm bragging on Jesus. Listen to me. And by the way, you've got to be careful in this prayer thing.

You can get proud of how much you pray. You can get proud of how humble you are. See, prayer don't change things.

God changes things. All prayer is, is the vehicle that God has intended for us to communicate with Him in. Every situation.

So it's God moving. Amen. God's own mission.

Well, number six. Prayer is one of our greatest weapons against Satan. Amen.

Acts chapter 16, verse 16. The Bible says, And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel, possessed with the spirit of divination, met us, which broader masters must gain by sustaining. Here's a woman who's possessed with the devil.

You ever gone to prayer and the devil met you there? I tell you, when you become a prayer in church, the devil really won't like it. I just want to warn you right up front. I just want to tell you that though the greater is he that is within us, that he's within this world.

You know what? We're living in a demon-possessed world. What do you think all about what happened at Wedgwood was about? What was the catalyst that set the insane man off? Pray, see you at the pole. Friend, I'm going to tell you something.

You know how I know how much prayer works? How mad it makes the devil. In 1963, listen to me, the highest court of our land didn't kick guns and condoms and gangs and drugs out of our public schools. What did they kick out? Number one, I know prayer works because God's Word says it does.

But friend, I'm going to tell you something. All I have to do is take a look around. Read the newspaper.

I know prayer works. Trying to stop everybody in the country from praying in Jesus' name. Well, you can pray in any other name.

They're trying to stop our Congress. Trying to stop the school. Trying to stop... Just don't pray in Jesus' name.

Friend, I'm going to tell you something. Prayer is our greatest weapon against the devil. We'll talk more about that later on in the week.

James 4, verse 7. Submit yourself, therefore, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh unto God, and he will draw nigh unto you.

Amen? I want to read you something I wrote down here a while ago. You do not have the authority or the power to resist the devil until, first of all, you have submitted yourself to God in prayer. Did you hear what I said? See, we hear people say... I've heard people say this.

Well, resist the devil, and he'll flee from you. That's hogwash. That's not where the Bible... The Bible says, submit yourself, therefore, to God.

Then resist the devil. How do you submit yourself to God? You'll never be a bigger giant than the one you're on your knees. That's where the battle is either won or lost.

Submit yourself, therefore, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Matthew 16, verse 18, Jesus said, I say also unto thee, thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church.

He said, I'll build my what? Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Friend, listen to me. If Jesus is building the church, the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

There's only one way He can build His church. That's through prayer. Number seven.

Prayer is our only hope for spiritual awakening in America. Our only hope for spiritual awakening. 2 Chronicles 6, verse 41, through chapter 7, verse 2. Read with me.

See, you've got to go to the Old Testament if you're going to talk about revival. Because that New Testament church was already in it, amen? They didn't need it. They were having it.

2 Chronicles 6, verse 41, the Bible says, Solomon is praying a prayer, by the way, right here. Solomon is praying a prayer right here in 2 Chronicles 6. I want you to hear this man's prayer. What he's doing, he's dedicating the temple of God.

He's just finished building the church. He's just finished building the temple of God. And he's praying a dedicatory prayer for the church.

Turn this up just a little bit more. I'm about to lose my voice. It's alright.

Don't get your hopes up. I'll have it back tomorrow night. But you listen to this man's prayer.

He said, Now therefore arise, O Lord God, into thy resting place. You know what this church ought to be? It ought to be a resting place for God. I know more churches that are wrestling places than I do resting places.

Arise into thy resting place. You see, God ought to feel comfortable here. It is His house.

Amen. You ought to be able to feel comfortable in your own house. It's God's house.

It's a resting place for Him. Thou and the ark of thy strength. Let thy priest, O Lord God, be clothed with salvation.

You know what Solomon was praying for? He was praying for the preachers who would preach there. You need to pray for your pastor and his family continually. Pray for the preacher boys at this church.

Let thy priest, O Lord God, be clothed with salvation. That's just an Old Testament picture of the whole armor of God. That's all that is.

Let thy saints rejoice in goodness. He's praying for the saints that they'd rejoice and not look like they've been winged on dill pickles. Amen.

O Lord God, turn not away the face of thine anointed. Remember the mercies of David thy servant. Now when Solomon had made an end of what? Praying, the fire came down from heaven.

Nothing brings down fire but prayer. And consume the burnt offering and the sacrifices and the glory of the Lord fill the Lord's house. Now, God knows it.

Solomon and the nation of Israel. Oh, it's glory right now. Amen.

It's glory. Glory's in the house. The fire of God's in the house.

As you go on to read that passage of Scripture, the priests, they couldn't even get into the house of God because the glory of God was in there. Listen to me. When the glory of God shows up, there ain't going to be a bunch of giggling and laughing and hoo-rahing going on.

Like some people may say, this Holy Giggle revival, friend, I'm going to tell you something, that was not of the Word of God. Nowhere in the Word of God will you find Holy Giggles. You will find people falling prostrate before God and saying, woe is me for I'm a man of unclean lips.

I dwell in the midst of a bunch of people that just like me, they couldn't even get into the house of God. Wouldn't it be something? Come to church sometime, couldn't even get in, got to just peek in through the window. Amen.

The presence of God. Look at verse 12-15 here in your sermon outline. The Lord appeared to Solomon by night and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and have chosen this place to myself for a house of sacrifice.

I wonder why God would choose to show up in one church and not in another. It tells you right there. Hello? He didn't say, Solomon, I heard how wise you are.

Hello? Hello? See, God wasn't impressed with Solomon's wisdom. God's the one that gave it to him. Are you out there? He didn't say, Solomon, I'm impressed with how much money you've got.

Solomon was the richest man in all the world at his time. God gave him everything he had. He said, Solomon, I've heard your prayer and I have chosen this place to myself for a house of sacrifice.

Look what he says. He said, but if I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people, in other words, Solomon, if I have to take you to the woodshed, son, here's what you do. If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and what? Pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Now my eyes shall be opened and my ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this place. I don't know how much God hears about what goes on in the church today, but I do know He hears the prayers of God's people. Look what Paul told Timothy here in 1 Timothy 2, verses 1-4.

He told Timothy, he said, I exhort therefore that first of all, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and for all that are in authority. Why, Paul? That we may lead a quiet and a peaceful life in all godliness and honesty. I wonder why we're not leading a quiet and a peaceful life in all godliness and honesty today in America.

All the way from the White House to the church house to the school house. Because we're not praying for those in authority. Turn to the back page of your notebook.

Last page. Quickly. Pray for America.

I said pray for America. America needs our prayers. When Paul told Timothy to pray for those in authority, for kings and priests, for all that are in authority, you know who was in authority when Paul said pray for Nero? Pray for those in authority? Nero was in authority.

Nero was one of the most wicked kings in all of Israel. Paul said pray for Nero. In fact, look up there at the top of that page because this is that verse we just got through looking at.

He said pray for all men, for kings and for all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and a peaceful life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who will have all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. You know what the average politician is known for today in America? Lying through their teeth.

You know what the average politician needs today in America? Jesus. They need to be saved. We've got to pray for them that we may lead a quiet and a peaceful life in all godliness and honesty.

I'll tell you something, friend. There used to be a sign outside of the small towns across America. Families that pray together, stay together.

Knights of Columbus put it up back in the 50's. We've got to pray for the leaders. I challenge you.

I want to ask somebody in this church right now I want you to raise your hand. I want somebody to volunteer to get all the names of all those in authority that fit into these categories right here. Whether you're U.S. Senator, you're Congressman, you're State Representative, you're Governor.

You can get on the Internet and you can get all these names. And I want you to come back and I want you to give it to all the people in this church that want to pray for those in authority. I already gave you your Supreme Court Justices.

These are nine people that set laws in our country every single day that affect the entire United States of America. A lot of people will whine and complain about what goes on in America, yet they won't pray for those in authority. You're a hypocrite.

Will somebody volunteer to get those names? Thank you, ma'am. City Councilwoman back there. Thank God for you coming to know Jesus is our Savior this morning.

Amen. Thank God for you, ma'am. Love you.

Get those names and bring them down here if you will and we'll give them out. Friend, I'm going to tell you something. By the way, your local city office, city police chiefs and everything, would you tell those people down here at City Hall this church is going to be praying for those police officers, police chiefs, the mayor, the city council, by name, would you tell them for us? Amen.

See, Jesus said my house should be called a house of prayer. You know, everybody in this area ought to know that this church is praying for those in authority. Praying for the lost.

Praying through the phone book. Praying, praying. This church right over here, what church are you all at, brother? New Beginning Church.

He's given me a deal a while ago that they pray for all the pastors in the local churches in this area and they pray for them regularly. I don't know exactly all the details about it, but they pray for them regularly. I'll tell you something, if we prayed more for many of our local sister churches and quit whining and complaining about them, we'd get a lot more done for the cause of Jesus Christ.

Let's pray. Our Heavenly Father, tonight, Lord, we've talked a lot about prayer. What it can do.

Lord, there's people here tonight that don't know Jesus as their Savior. Lord, I pray before they leave this place they come to know You in a personal way. Lord, please, help us to be people of prayer.

Lord Jesus, please, make this church a house of prayer. But He has bowed and eyes closed. You're here tonight.

You say, Preacher, I don't know if I was to die tonight if I'd go to heaven or not. Let me ask you, if you were to die tonight, do you know 100% sure that you'd go to heaven? Now if you're 100% sure, don't lie to God. But if you say, I know if I was to die tonight that I'd go to heaven.

If you're certain, there's no question in your mind about it, I want you to raise your hand. Now don't raise your hand if you're not sure. God bless you.

You can put your hand down. There's a lot of people that couldn't raise their hand tonight. A lot of people that couldn't raise their hand.

Friend, I'm going to pray a prayer right now. You can get settled right here tonight. The prayer you need to pray is a sinner's prayer.

God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Just pray this prayer to Jesus. Dear Lord Jesus, I know I'm a sinner.

Without You, I'm lost. And I'm headed for hell. But tonight, Lord Jesus, I ask You to forgive me of all of my sins.

I ask You right now, Lord Jesus, to come into my heart and be my Lord, my Savior, and my Master. Thank You, Lord Jesus, for saving my soul. In Jesus' name.

Heads are bowed and eyes are closed. God bless you, sir. God bless you, ma'am.

God bless you, young person. If you just prayed that prayer tonight and you just asked Jesus to come into your heart, that's the greatest prayer you ever prayed. Now you're on praying grounds with God.

If you just prayed that prayer tonight and you really meant it, all over this auditorium, would you just raise up your hand real high as a testimony to Jesus? Just ask Jesus to come into your heart. Raise your hand up. Anybody else? God bless you.

God bless you. Anybody else? Anybody else? Just a minute. I'm going to ask you to come down here and make your public profession of faith.

Maybe you want to come tonight and just pray for America. You say, I'm a Christian and I know I'm saved, but I want to just pray for America tonight. I want to pray for our church.

It will be truly called a house of prayer. Whatever it is you need to do tonight, why don't you do it right now? Come on. God bless you as you come.

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