PRAYERS FOR MORE TO COME NEW YEAR'S DAY OF PRAYER 2025

FIRST TEN MINUTES – DON'T MISS JESUS

READ: Philippians 3:1-16, Revelation 2:1-7

QUESTION: The church at Ephesus was good at hard work, but not heart work. They persevered in doing good, but had little passion for Christ. Do I treasure Christ more than anything? Or have I left my first love? If so, what will I do this year to treasure Christ more? How will I give him my time?

"MORE TO COME" QUOTE: "It's the time factor that kills most of us. Tell me how much time you spend alone with God and I will tell you how spiritual you are. Not how many meetings you go to...or how many gifts you have... Tell me what time you spend alone with God and I'll tell you how spiritual you are." Leonard Ravenhill

PRAY: This is where it all starts. Has my heart been so touched by God's love that I can't help but love Him back. Remember and repent. Ask the Spirit of God to show you what keeps you from loving Jesus and receiving his love with all your heart. Confess sin, every heart-distraction. Ask God to draw us back to Jesus as our first love? Corporate revival begins with personal renewal.

WORSHIP EXTRA: If you want to take extra time in this section, listen to this worship song from Calvary's team and ponder a bit more the treasure of Christ. <u>Calvary Worship - O Holy Night - YouTube</u>

SECOND TEN MINUTES - MAKING SPACE FOR JESUS

READ: Luke 2:3-7

QUESTION: In Luke 1, after the angel's announcement of her coming pregnancy, Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord. What I magnify fills me up. Do I magnify Christ, or do I need to create more space in my life for him?

"MORE TO COME" QUOTE: "As servants of God, we must learn to make room for Him— to give God 'elbow room.' We plan and figure and predict that this or that will happen, but we forget to make room for God to come in as He chooses... Do not look for God to come in a particular way but do look for Him. The way to make room for Him is to expect Him to come, but not in a certain way. No matter how well we may know God, the great lesson to learn is that He may break in at any minute. We tend to overlook this element of surprise, yet God never works in any other way... Keep your life so constantly in touch with God that His surprising power can break through at any point. Live in a constant state of expectancy and leave room for God to come in as He decides." Oswald Chambers

PRAY: Ask God to show you how you can (or must) create space in your life, in your schedule, in your relationships, in your vocation for Christ. Ask Him to be magnified in your life, to fill you up. Perhaps you might consider offering him a social media or food fast, or a daily appointment. Ask him to deepen your desire to be with him.

WORSHIP EXTRA: If you have time and the ability, listen to this song and let Jesus be magnified in your life. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PcmqSfr1ENY

THIRD TEN MINUTES: TRAVAILING PRAYER

READ: Romans 8:18-27, Revelation 8:1-4

QUESTION: For seven chapters, the book of Revelation is filled with sound and images, but in 8:1, there is silence for half an hour. Why? Because all of heaven listens for the prayers of God's people. Prayer matters to God and there is something unique about travailing prayer. Travailing prayer is a groaning as in childbirth. It's a groaning that gives birth to a new thing. Do I travail in prayer? Am I travailing for a new thing that God wants to birth?

PONDER: "Nobody is greater than their prayer life. The pastor who is not praying is playing; the people who are not praying are straying. We have many organizers, but few agonizers; many players and payers, few prayers; many singers, few clingers; many fears, few tears; much fashion, little passion; many interferers, few intercessors; many writers, but few fighters. Failing here, we fail everywhere." Leonard Ravenhill

PRAY: Ask God to give you the gift of tears, to give you a burden for revival, to break your heart with the condition of those who do not know Christ. Ask the Spirit to groan with you. Ask Him to give birth to a new movement of prayer in central PA. Ask that the altars of pain would become birthplaces of revival.

FOURTH TEN MINUTES – ASK HIM FOR MORE

READ: Revelation 3:7-13, Ephesians 3:14-20

QUESTION: This is one of my favorite letters—the church of Philadelphia. With only a little bit of power surrounded by the forces of darkness in the midst of a great spiritual battle. Their story had defeat written as the headline. But Jesus gave them an open door, He opened a door that no one could shut, because they kept his Word and did not deny His name. If Jesus were to give you/us an open door, for what would we ask Him?

"MORE TO COME" QUOTE: Moses spent the first forty years of his life thinking he was somebody. He spent the next forty finding out he was a nobody. He spent the last forty years finding out what God can do with a nobody." D.L. Moody

PRAY: Of all we could request, God can do that and more! He is able to do more than you can imagine. He dares you to out-dream Him. What are you dreaming of? Ask Him for more. Ask Him to fill the whole world with the knowledge of the Glory of Christ. Ask Him for an open door for ministry with your front yard mission. Ask Him to show you what He can do in and through you as you desperately depend upon Him. Ask Him to pour our racial justice and reconciliation. Ask Him to revive the next generation. Ask Him for revival in Central PA. Ask Him to draw you into the open door of His presence.

SING OR MEDITATE: The King Is in This Place by Elevation Worship
All our fathers saw in the days of old, would you do it again? Do it again.
All the stories told, all the miracles, would you do it again? Do it again.
You said "Consecrate yourselves to me and you will see amazing things"
We need Your revival, Holy Spirit fire, burning ever brighter in our souls.
Kings and kingdoms falling, hear your people calling. King of Kings, we need a miracle.
The King is among us and His glory surrounds us, and His fire is falling as we sing.
The Savior is for us and His love is victorious, and revival is rising in His name.

FIFTH TEN MINUTES - A COSMIC VICTORY

READ: Revelation 12:1-11

QUESTION: There is an ongoing battle for the glory of God! You know, for most of my life, a big part of my vision was centered on filling our buildings with worship for a few hours a week. I love the crowds. For decades I defined Calvary by how many people came for a few hours on the weekend. We are a church of 1000 people average attendance; but we had 2200 for Christmas Eve services...there are at least 1500 different people who come at least once or twice a month. Don't hear what I'm not saying, "I love corporate worship and I love it full. But our vision is no longer to just fill a building with worship for a few hours a week. We want to fill the whole world with the knowledge of the glory of God." How do we find victory in this cosmic battle? By the sacrifice of Jesus; by sharing our story; and because we did not love our lives so much that we were not willing to die for Jesus. Which one of those three are you struggling with the most?

"MORE TO COME" QUOTE: We simply don't have the luxury of playing nice with prayer. Not if we want things to change. Not if we want to be free—from whatever's keeping us held down and held back. Not if we want our hearts whole and thriving and deep and grounded... Not if we want to reach our destinies and experience God's promises. ... Not if we want to bear the unmistakable mark of His favor upon us. Priscilla Shirer

PRAY: As you let that vision of Revelation 12:1-11 soak into your soul and speak to your spirit, let it draw you into prayer. If you didn't in the last ten minutes, now is a great time to pray for your hashtag, AND for anyone you know who does not yet know Jesus. Ask God to give you an opportunity to share Jesus with them!

WORSHIP EXTRA: If you would like to spend a bit extra time in this section listen to this song "Heaven Invade" and as you listen, continue to ask for a move of God in central PA, among the next generation, and in your neighborhoods! Heaven invade! <u>Calvary Worship - Heaven Invade - YouTube</u>

SIXTH TEN MINUTES --

READ: Philippians 4:4-6, Revelation 21:1-7

QUESTION: There is more to come! Gratitude is what happens when we live in the more of God. It's humble preparation for the blessings of God. It is also the secret sauce for overflowing peace. There are times when gratitude is spontaneous, but also times when it's a practice. Have I told God thank you for all He has done in 2024?

SING OR MEDITATE: "Come Thou Fount"

Come thou fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace Streams of mercy never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise And teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above I'll praise the Mount I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love

PRAY: Make a list of the ways that God blessed you in 2024; even the gritty blessings. Remember the ways Christ pursued you with reckless love; and times when the Spirit breathed life into you...and tell God thank you for all he has done in 2024.

WORSHIP EXTRA: Here is a great song to close looking back in gratitude and forward with expectancy. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQdfs5S6jyA

A LETTER TO A CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS Written by Pastor Dan

I can hear these words coming from Christ, the one who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or could even imagine; the one who seeks after prodigal sons and daughters; the one who tears down walls that no one can rebuild. I know your heart. You are not easily offended and you are quick to forgive. Some among you have walked through difficult times with great grace. Sometimes it's felt like grace has been sucked from the very marrow of your bones, but you have been willing to be drained dry on my behalf. I know the ways you care for the marginalized. Children as far away as Myanmar and as close as your neighborhood have hope because you have sponsored, fostered, adopted and loved them. You are showing kids that they are not fatherless. I love that you love the next generation from kids to students. They are not my church of the future. They are my church now.

I see the open hands that go with your open hearts. I see that you are willing to disadvantage yourself for the sake of my Kingdom. I see that your heart is growing for justice. I know you can do more, but you have not been afraid to start. I know that you gather with others to study my Word and you have sought to increase your capacity to love. You release people to use their gifts and you seek to lead others to me.

But I have this against you. You do not yet know how much you need me. And you do not yet trust how much I'm willing to give myself to you. You seek comfort and control and are distracted by your own abilities. So I give you two warnings:

First, stay humble. It's not about you. In the land of pride, go against the grain. Seek meek. Honor others above yourself. Don't despise small beginnings. Look for me in the obscure opportunities for simple kindness. Remember being my friend is your highest calling.

Secondly, never stop dreaming big dreams. I love it when you risk for others, with me. Never forget that I am willing to do more in you and through you than you will ever ask me to do. Your neighbors are waiting to meet the one is able to do more than you can even imagine to ask me to do.

Stay humble and dream large and I will use you to transform neighborhoods, nations and the next generation. To those who have ears to hear, let them hear whatever it is that the Spirit would say to us, to our church...dear Calvary.