

Year of Focused Prayer

January

Praying for the United Pentecostal Church International

Week 1 – UPCI Headquarters

Week 2 – Districts

Week 3 – Local Church

Week 4 - Revival

Week 1-3

Focused prayer on Leadership

You and I help to determine what happens to our leadership—blessing or cursing—whether God’s goodness is released in their ministries or whether the power of sin and Satan is permitted to influence them! The apostle Paul knew the importance of praying for leaders. He requested prayer five different times in his epistles. Prayer for leadership is not an option, but rather a necessity!

Christian leaders need a greater concentration of prayer and intercession because:

- *They have more responsibility and accountability.
- *They are more subjected to temptation.
- *They are more targeted in spiritual warfare.
- *They have more visibility and are subject to gossip and criticism.

Prayer and intercession for leadership are important to release God's plan for the church to reach its potential. Our leaders are chosen by God to move His kingdom forward. Faithful, specific prayer and intercession will release them to be all God wants them to be. To the degree the intercessors pray, the leaders gain protection against the fiery darts of the wicked one, over and above the whole armor of God they are responsible for using. Prayer is one of the most important elements of a successful ministry today!

Seven Ways to Pray for Our Leadership

Day 1--Favor with God

Day 2--Favor with Man

Day 3--Pure Vision

Day 4--Spirit, Soul, and Body

Day 5--Warfare and Protection

Day 6—Priorities

Day 7--Family

Week 4

Focused prayer on Revival

We have the solution to the world's need in our hands. The Lord has promised that if we meet the requirements, He will send the answer. Let us pray for revival.

With famine, disease, wars, natural disasters, and chaos stalking the earth, the world is in desperate need. However, the world's greatest need is spiritual. The world needs Holy Ghost revival.

Years ago the writer of Chronicles recorded, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (II Chronicles 7:14). We have the solution to the world's need in our hands. The Lord has promised that if we meet the requirements, He will send the answer. Let us pray for revival.

Specific Requests

Pray that God will create a spirit of humility and brokenness among the believers (Isaiah 57:15; James 4:6). God will not revive those who are self-sufficient and proud.

Pray that God would grant believers a deeper understanding and awareness of His holiness (Isaiah 6:1-5; 1 Peter 15-16) and that we would understand that He is pure and without the stain of sin. He always does what is right and good. Pray that believers would be gripped by the absolute holiness of God.

Ask God to reveal to believers the depth and the wrong of their sin and to move them to confess and repent of their sin (Psalm 19:12-14; 1 John 1:9). The Holy Spirit is grieved when a believer cherishes sin and does not confess and repent of it (Psalm 66:18; Ephesians 4:30). When the Holy Spirit is grieved, He will not release His miraculous, life-transforming power into our midst.

Plead with God to grant the believers a hunger for the Word of God and a readiness to obey the Word of God (Psalm 119:97, 103; 1 John 2:3-6). Call on Him to stir the believers to be doers of the Word and not simply hearers of the Word (James 1:22-24).

Ask God to reveal any obstacles that could hinder your church from experiencing genuine revival. Then pray for its removal (Psalm 139:23).

Ask God to deal with any unforgiveness or bitterness among the believers of the church (Ephesians 4:30-32). Unconfessed sin grieves the Holy Spirit. When believers are at odds with each other, the Spirit is grieved. Pray that the broken relationships among believers would be healed.

Plead that God would convict and save any deceived, unregenerate church members (Matthew 7:21-23; 2 Corinthians 13:5-6).

Call on God to convict believers that they must give an account of their lives at the judgment seat of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:9-10). Believers need to be gripped and motivated by the fact that they will give account to the Lord Jesus Christ one day. Pray that believers will realize this and remember this.

Pray that God will grant the believers an agonizing burden for lost people and an unceasing desire to share the gospel with them (Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Romans 9:1-3).

Plead that God will give the believers a deeper love for the Lord Jesus Christ (1 John 4:1-3). Revival is a powerful work of the Holy Spirit in which He draws believers closer to Himself.