

A Week of Prayer October 2017
Prayers for Revival and an Upside Down Life

INTRODUCTION: Begin by reading Acts 1:1-8 This week of prayer is all about asking God to bring revival to our church and transformation to ourselves, our family, our neighbors, our community and our world. We are asking God pour out his Spirit and draw our neighbors, the next generation and the nations to Himself. We are asking God for more of Him than we have ever experienced.

First Don't forget that the Spirit and every good thing is a gift from God.

1. Take Some Time to Tell God Thank You!

- Pastor Steve and Wellspring Church have had a great launch with 180+ people.
- During launch week (week 1) at Penn State University teams of people shared the gospel and 172 students made a decision to accept Christ. Many of those students have shown up at Calvary.
- We hosted one of our largest Global Leadership Summits and many commented that the two days grabbed their heart and minds like never before.
- Calvary has helped to launch two new congregations in the last two years and at the same time grown substantially.
- As a movement we are reaching more children than ever as well over 200 children come to Calvary Kids on a weekly basis.
- Calvary's youth group continues to grow and see students draw closer to Christ.
- We are in the midst of training 200+ lay-pastors in Myanmar and already – in the midst of the training – many Burmese Buddhists have become Christians.
- We have helped give hope to ~250 orphans in the Dominican Republic and Myanmar. Few things will grab your heart more than listening to 100+ Burmese kids praying and worshiping at 5:45 in the morning!
- The students at ICTS are thriving and following God's call to spread the gospel.
- We have heard so many great God-stories at Flood as 100+ come to pray and worship.
- For what else are you thankful?

2. Read again Acts 1:1-8. We have a mission in the moment (our Jerusalem) that is here and now in this place. We have a mission to the margins (our Samaria), those who are marginalized, broken, ignored and invisible. We have a mission to the multitudes (our Judea to the end of the world), for example Myanmar and the PSU international students. So write down and pray through your mission... Where/how is God calling you to a mission here for example your neighborhood. Where/how is God calling you to those in the margins...and the multitudes. Write down what it is specifically for you.

- My Mission in the Moment: Here and Now.

- My Mission to the Margins

- My Mission to the Multitudes: The Nations

3. Read Acts 2:1-21 – Imagine that you were there that day, in the room. As you read this passage...write down some specific requests that come to your mind...write them below and then spend time praying for them.

4. Read Luke 11:5-13 – Spend time asking for God to give you and us the gift of the Spirit. Ephesians 3:14-21 is a description of those who are filled with the Spirit. Imagine what would happen in our church and our community if Ephesians 3:14-21 were to shape us. Now realize that God can do even more than the best we can imagine. Take time to pray through these requests. Pause when God lays one of them more heavily on your heart.

GOD GIVE US MORE OF THE POWER OF YOUR SPIRIT IN OUR INNER BEING.

- Give us the courage to stand in the face of darkness, trouble and evil.
- Give us the endurance to persevere when you call us to move forward but the way is difficult.
- Fill us with the strength that comes from hope, so that we can be hope-givers to those who are in the midst of great difficulty.
- Give us the power to share the gospel with people around us that we might see more people come to know Christ than ever before.
- Make a list of people you know who need inner strength. Pray for them now.

GOD GIVE US MORE OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST THAT IS BEYOND UNDERSTANDING

- Help us to be known for the love we have for each other.
- Help us to be the world's greatest neighbors.
- Help our lifegroups to be lifeboats of community for those who are lonely.
- Bring your love to marriages and families that are hurting and help all of our families to thrive.
- Help those who are single to find deeply satisfying relationships that can come from being part of the Body of Christ.
- Pray for those who are lonely, discouraged, and depressed that the Spirit would pour out the love of God into their hearts.
- May more in our community be introduced this year to the love of Christ.
- Make a list of anyone you know who needs love and pray for them now.

GOD FILL US WITH ALL THE FULLNESS OF LIFE THAT COMES FROM YOU.

- May the lure of stuff lose its power in each of us.
- May we bring the life God offers to the people around us.
- Pray that the life of God would so fill us that pornography would lose all power in people's lives.
- Pray that the life of God would so fill people that addictions would fall away and not be attractive.
- Make a list of people you know who need the life that God/Christ offers. Pray for them now.

GOD SHOW US THAT YOU ARE A GOD WHO IS ABLE TO DO FAR MORE THAN WE CAN DREAM.

Pray for these specific requests knowing that God is able. And He is able to do more.

- Write down and pray for five marriages that are struggling or broken, that God will do more than you can imagine.
- Write down and pray for five next generation people. Middle-school, High-School and College Students who don't know Jesus. Ask the Spirit to draw them to Jesus this year.
- Write down and pray for five neighbors who need to know Jesus. Pray for revival in your neighborhood.
- Write down and pray for five congregations in our region. Pray that God would bless them, revive them, use them. Pray for an unprecedented move of unity and prayer throughout the congregations and the campus ministries of our region.
- Write down and pray for five PSU or SCASD teachers/administrators who are Christians. Ask God to use them to reach the next generation.
- Ask the Spirit of God to draw us to prayer and ignite a movement of prayer in our region.
- What is your most important prayer request for the coming year? Write it down here...share it with someone and pray for God to show Himself as able to do more than you can imagine.

Close by Praying the Upside Down Prayer:

THE UPSIDE DOWN PRAYER

Lord, like those in the early days of our movement, I want to be one who turns the world upside down. Even if it means you must turn my life upside down, Lord would you do it again? Even if it means I have to bottom out before I get right-side up, Lord would you do it again?

Show me where I'm grabbing control. I relinquish it.

Show me what I haven't surrendered. I release it.

Show me when you are asking for a step of faith. I'll redirect.

Show me who you want me to love. I'm ready to share.

Turn our region upside down. Even if it requires my upside down life, Lord would you do it again?