

The Southern Baptist Conv.

Has asked all 47,000+ churches to pray the following:

1. Ask God, in His mercy, to stop this pandemic and save lives—not only in our communities but around the world, particularly in places that are unequipped medically to deal with the virus. (Isaiah 59:1-2)
2. Pray for President Donald Trump and other government leaders—international, federal, state, and local—to have the wisdom to direct us in the best courses of action for prevention and care. (Romans 13:1-4)
3. Scripture says—teach us to number our days carefully so that we may develop wisdom in our hearts. Pray that the Lord will give us wisdom in this moment of fear as the foundations of what we know are shaken, that others would realize how fragile life is and how real eternity is, and they would see their need to turn to God. (Psalm 90:12)
4. Ask God to protect our missionaries and their families around the globe, using this global crisis to advance His Good News to the whole world. (Mark 16:15)

After praying for the above, please pray through the prayer guide below, also pray for your church, members, finances and ask God to give us wisdom to reach more people for Him during this time.

QUIET TIME ALONE WITH GOD PRAYER GUIDE

QUIET TIME, ALONE WITH GOD (All verses NLT)

“HOW DOES GOD SPEAK TO US?”

Spend the next hour and read slowly through this "Prayer Meditation for Renewal"

Before you start, ask God to speak to you during this next hour

If we are to have Renewal, Renewal must begin with me!

I must be willing to lay my life, talents, time, money, and all that I am on God's altar.

Renewals come from God Almighty alone. They come to his people through soul searching, confession of sins and emptying of self. These make ready for the filling with the Holy Spirit.

Am I willing to be filled with the Spirit?

Have I faith enough just to let God do with me as He wills?

Confess all known sin to the Lord.

Please Read the following verses:

Proverbs 28:13; People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.

2nd Samuel 12:13; Then David confessed to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Nathan replied, "Yes, but the LORD has forgiven you, and you won't die for this sin.

1st John 1:8-9; If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. ⁹ But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

Psalms 51:1-6 Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. ² Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. ³ For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night. ⁴ Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just. ⁵ For I was born a sinner—yes, from the moment my mother conceived me. ⁶ But you desire honesty from the womb, teaching me wisdom even there.

Three kinds of sin which must be confessed:

- 1. Private -----against God alone ---- must be confessed to God Alone.**
- 2. Personal ---- sins against others. --- There can be no peace until this sin is confessed to God.
Disturbed fellowship!**
- 3. Public ---sins against the church, the Body of Christ ----all gossip, tale bearing, wrong attitudes, whisperings “You know what?” Sins against society --- lack of involvement, wrong attitudes, “I was thirsty and you,,,,,”**

If these are not confessed, we cannot be filled with the Holy Spirit.

There must be cleansing “then filling; power “then witnessing; self-prepared “then others.”

Give God your best “make room for God’s best.” Ask God.

In a quiet time alone with God

Take time to examine your own heart, turn the pages slowly, consider each question, Let God grade you, lay bare every sin and ask God’s forgiveness.

Remember, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” And If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

Am I really concerned about renewal?

Am I willing to pay the price?

Do anything God wants me to do?

Is renewal first in my plans?

Am I sinning the sin of prayerlessness? “Ye have not because ye ask not”

Have I neglected the Word of God?

Have I forgiven anyone?

Is all resentment out of my heart?

Am I willing to ask forgiveness from anyone I have wronged in any way?

Am I impatient? Irritable?

Am I offended easily?

Do my “hurt feelings” keep me from serving God?

Do I get angry?

Bear grudges?

Do I blow up?

Do I swell up? With resentment?

Have I enmity toward anyone?

Am I willing “here and now “to ask God to help me put it out of my heart?

Please READ the following verses:

Matthew 6:12-15; and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.

¹³ And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one. ¹⁴ "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Matthew 18:21-35 Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone[Ⓜ] who sins against me? Seven times?" ²² "No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven!

²³ "Therefore, the Kingdom of Heaven can be compared to a king who decided to bring his accounts up to date with servants who had borrowed money from him. ²⁴ In the process, one of his debtors was brought in who owed him millions of dollars.[Ⓜ] ²⁵ He couldn't pay, so his master ordered that he be sold—along with his wife, his children, and everything he owned—to pay the debt. ²⁶ "But the man fell down before his master and begged him, 'Please, be patient with me, and I will pay it all.' ²⁷ Then his master was filled with pity for him, and he released him and forgave his debt. ²⁸ "But when the man left the king, he went to a fellow servant who owed him a few thousand dollars.[Ⓜ] He grabbed him by the throat and demanded instant payment. ²⁹ "His fellow servant fell down before him and begged for a little more time. 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it,' he pleaded. ³⁰ But his creditor wouldn't wait. He had the man arrested and put in prison until the debt could be paid in full. ³¹ "When some of the other servants saw this, they were very upset. They went to the king and told him everything that had happened. ³² Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, 'You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Shouldn't you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ Then the angry king sent the man to prison to be tortured until he had paid his entire debt. ³⁵ "That's what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters[Ⓜ] from your heart."

Luke 6:27-37 "But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. ²⁸ Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you. ²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, offer the other cheek also. If someone demands your coat, offer your shirt also. ³⁰ Give to anyone who asks; and when things are taken away from you, don't try to get them back. ³¹ Do to others as you would like them to do to you. ³² "If you love only those who love you, why should you get credit for that? Even sinners love those who love them! ³³ And if you do good only to those who do good to you, why should you get credit? Even sinners do that much! ³⁴ And if you lend money only to those who can repay you, why should you get credit? Even sinners will lend to other sinners for a full return.

³⁵ "Love your enemies! Do good to them. Lend to them without expecting to be repaid. Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as children of the Most High, for he is kind to those who are unthankful and wicked. ³⁶ You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate.

³⁷ "Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others, or it will all come back against you. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven.

Have I been dishonest with God? With my church?
Have I broken any promise or pledge made to God?
Since my emergency is over, have I kept my promise made in prayer?
Am I dishonest with others?
Do I try to leave a wrong impression if I can- without falsehood?
What about covetousness?
Am I too concerned about things?
Have I sought blessings more than spiritual blessings?
Have I paid all my debt to others?
Do I have anything in my possession which does not rightly belong to me?
Have I any habits which I should forsake?
Have I asked God's help?
Is there jealousy in my heart?
Do I have sinful pride in my heart?
Have I wronged anyone and failed to make restitution?
Did I pray for those involved?
Is my mind honest and clean in the site of God?
Are my thoughts pure?
Am I faithful to my wedding vows? In deed and thoughts?

Please READ the verse below;

MATTHEWS 5:28 But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Am I willing and ready to forgive any wrong against me? Against my family?
Have I secret sin which I excuse but should forsake?
Have I worried and been over-anxious about things over which I have no control?
Do I fret? Complain? Toward the leaders in the church?
Does my pastor know that he can count on me?
Am I a minister of reconciliation and an ambassador of Christ in the marketplace and in the community where I live, work, and play?

Please **READ 2nd CORINTHIANS 5:20** So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

Am I guilty of the sin of unbelief?

Am I salt and light in my world?

READ MATTHEWS 5:13-16 "You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.¹⁴ "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.¹⁵ No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Do I really believe in the power of God to cleanse any sinner? Change my life? Take care of any situation? Guide me in my decisions?

Remember now the marvelous grace of God.

God has promised to forgive every confessed sin.

Please READ the verses below:

ISAIAH 1:18 Come now, let's settle this," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool.

ISAIAH 44:21-22 "Pay attention, O Jacob, for you are my servant, O Israel. I, the LORD, made you, and I will not forget you. ²² I have swept away your sins like a cloud. I have scattered your offenses like the morning mist. Oh, return to me, for I have paid the price to set you free."

HEBREWS 8:12 And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins."

HEBREWS 10:17 Then he says, "I will never again remember their sins and lawless deeds."

1ST JOHN 1:7-9 But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.⁸ If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. ⁹ But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

Do not despair, God loves you!

Pray for yourself, for cleansing, for strength and courage to forsake sin.

Ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit. Trust God, fear not!

Surrender all, “all self, will, ambition, desire, plans, hopes, time, talent”

You are giving yourself to one who loves you, who knows you, the future, the past, all about you. God’ way is best for you!

PRAY: for your church, your pastor, for other leaders and weak Christians. For unity and love in the church, be sure you are a Helper, not a problem here.

Worship God!

Please Read the verses below:

PSALM 95:6 Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the LORD our maker,

JOHN 4:24 For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.”

REVELATION 14:7 “Fear God,” he shouted. “Give glory to him. For the time has come when he will sit as judge. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and all the springs of water.”

ISAIAH 6:1-8 It was in the year King Uzziah died^[a] that I saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of his robe filled the Temple. ² Attending him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ They were calling out to each other, “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Heaven’s Armies! The whole earth is filled with his glory!” ⁴ Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations, and the entire building was filled with smoke. ⁵ Then I said, “It’s all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.” ⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ He touched my lips with it and said, “See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven.” ⁸ Then I heard the Lord asking, “Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?” I said, “Here I am. Send me.”

Praise the Lord! Thank God for the blessings you have received.

Please READ the verses below:

PSALMS 9:11 Sing praises to the LORD who reigns in Jerusalem. Tell the world about his unforgettable deeds.

PSALMS 67:3 May the nations praise you, O God. Yes, may all the nations praise you.

HEBREWS 13:15 Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name.

Four-fold reason for praise:

Read: 1st PETER 2:9 But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests,^[a] a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

THANK GOD! For your cleansing, for God’s forgiveness, for the Holy Spirit, for victory! For renewal! For the opportunity God is going to give you to witness before this renewal weekend is over!

Expect great things from God!

Do not be afraid, to go where God leads, to give “your testimony” your impressions, your dedications, your concern.

How has God impressed you through this meditation?

The Scriptures used are great to help us give honor and glory to Christ and to know we can trust Him to lead us every step of the way.

Revelation 3:19-22 I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent and turn from your indifference. ²⁰“Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends. ²¹Those who are victorious will sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat with my Father on his throne. ²²“Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.”

If there were absolutely no limitations to what you could ask the Holy Spirit to do during the Lay Renewal Weekend, write down what would you ask Him to do (1) for the Church and (2) for you personally?

1. For your Church _____

2. For yourself _____

Matthews 7:7-11 “Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ⁹“You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? ¹⁰Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! ¹¹So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.

Pray, asking the Father for the things you listed above for your Church and for you personally.

May God bless you and His church and the world through you.