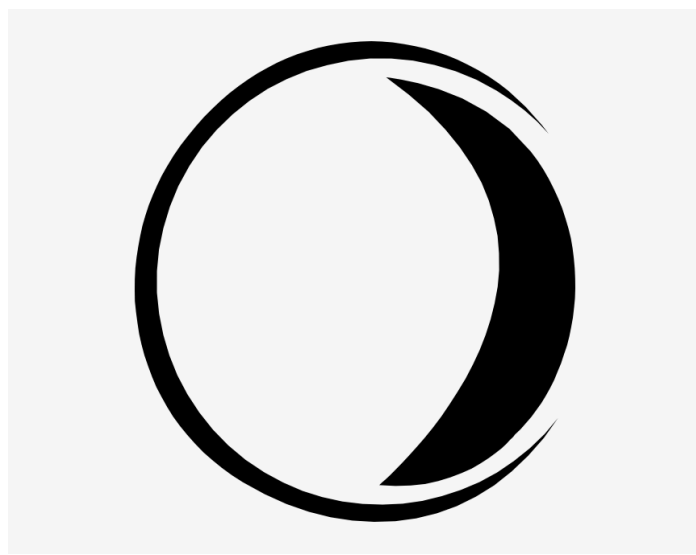


Expectant Prayers®
for the
Great American Eclipse



April 8, 2024

Hello, Intercessors and Prayer Warriors!

Where do we begin? With PRAYER, of course!

Oh, Lord, I pray you speak at this very moment to the one reading this booklet. Touch them in their deepest parts to see Your plans unfolding in the world around them and in their own life. Let them understand we all have a mission in these last days including praying and seeking Your face. May the effectual fervent prayers of the righteous avail much! (James 5:16) Guide us now, Lord, to have eyes to see and ears to hear what the Spirit is saying in this hour. Amen!

If you are reading this prayer point study right now, we assume you are already up to speed with the Great American Eclipse(s) and our current multi-faceted crises in America. As a prayer warrior or intercessor - you understand it's GO TIME. You will know, recognize, and act upon this vital hour as we have been commissioned to speak! Speak out in prayer! We cannot sit by silently as we have been called for such a time as this. This is truly an Esther moment for intercessors and prayer warriors (and all Christians) in America!

“Do not think that because you are in the king’s house you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father’s family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?” (Esther 4:14-15)

We cannot think that just because we were born in America God will not lift His hand of protection off of us. We (the church) have become like arrogant Samson, fooled into thinking our once great strength can always get us away from evildoers, but we have been emptied of our power. We have harlotted ourselves with the abominations of other nations and think it's a playful innocent game because we've not suffered any consequences... yet. When the voices cry out, "Arise! Danger is upon you", we will be taken away bound, gagged, and captive! We will enter great spiritual blindness as the spiritual sight /insight we once had will be gouged out and removed under this great burden of oppression. Beloved, it does NOT have to be this way! God has not called us to be the tail, but the head. (*“The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom.” Deuteronomy 28:13*) But we have allowed other gods to replace the One true GOD. We have allowed our lusts to lure us away. It's time to return to God with our whole hearts and stop playing chase in the devil's schoolyard. It's time for us to "school the devil" about who our God is, the One whom he defies! We are to be standing in the armor of God, clothed in a robe of righteousness, with hearts positioned in prayer, using our authority, wielding the Word, and calling out to those around us *“Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.” (Matthew 3:2)*

Luke 21:25 - *“There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming upon the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that*

time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Acts 2:19-21 - *“I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”*

Now that we have re-established the basis for the great need to intercede like never before, let's discuss the model of this prayer guide. Based on the date of the Great American Eclipse on 4/8, we have organized prayer points throughout the entirety of Scripture (through every book of the Bible) referencing chapter 4 verses 4-12, or sometimes through whatever verse is relevant. If there was no chapter 4, we used chapter 1 and started with verse 4 or simply referenced the entire chapter. Why would we do this? 1.: Numbers are very important to God and are not a coincidence and 2.) The duration of the total eclipse in Missouri was supposed to last 4 minutes and 12 seconds! (If you are reading this and live outside of Missouri, it is still relevant as the longest duration in Texas differs by seconds and ticks off a few seconds less as the eclipse makes its way toward the east.

The verses in this booklet and subsequent prayer points are given to reveal the heart of God and His plans for us during this time. We already have references to “Salem” (Jerusalem) in the path seven years ago during the August 21, 2017 eclipse. Is it any wonder after a seven-year cycle that Israel would be prominent in world news? We also have the push for the third temple and the red heifers. We also know what can happen to a nation that turns its back on Israel.

Likewise, there are seven “Nineveh” crossings (two in the path of totality) now revealed in the Great American Eclipse on April 8, 2024.

If we consider that Nineveh had 40 days to repent, why not study these passages from the 66 books in the Bible over the next 40 days and make them a prayer priority? You only need to read 2-3 sections a day and then pray! This is a springboard for prayer - not an exhaustive study. When you pray over the prayer points (or the entire passage itself), think about your local area, then your state, then the nation, then the world. Also, ask, does this pertain to Israel? Let the Holy Spirit direct your prayers.

If we truly care about God's hand of protection not being removed from this great country - it's time to get on our knees and cry out like we never have before. This guide is a great place to start! **LOOK UP FOR YOUR REDEMPTION DRAWS NEAR!**

Jennifer J. Weiss

Author of Expectant Prayers for Expectant Mothers

Prayer Coordinator and Information Officer -Compassion Ministries of Greater Kansas City

Copyright © 2024 by Jennifer J. Weiss

All rights are reserved solely by the author. This author guarantees all contents are original and do not infringe upon the legal rights of any other person or work. No part of this booklet may be reproduced in any form without the permission of the author.

Expectant Prayers for the Great American Eclipse Outline

Introduction

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 4:8-14 - Cain Kills Abel

Exodus 4:8-14 - Moses and Signs Before Pharaoh

Leviticus 4:8-14 - Sin Offerings

Numbers 4:8-14 - Kohathite Instructions

Deuteronomy 4:8-14 - Obedience Commanded

Joshua 4:8-14 - Crossing the Jordan River

Judges 4:8-14 - Deborah the Judge

Ruth 4:8-14 - Kinsman-Redeemer Named

1 Samuel 4:8-14 - Philistines Captured Ark

2 Samuel 4:8-14 - Saul's Offspring Killed

1 Kings 4:8-12 - Solomon's 12 District Governors Named

2 Kings 4:8-14 - Elisha and the Shunammite

1 Chronicles 8:8-14 - The Prayer of Jabez

2 Chronicles 4:8-14 - Furnishings in Solomon's Temple

Ezra 4:8-14 - Letter to Artaxerxes Against the Temple in Jerusalem

Nehemiah 4:8-14 - Sanballat & Tobiah Angry About Repairs to the Temple

Esther 4:8-14 - Mordecai and Esther

Job 4:8-14 - Those Who Plow Evil and Sow Trouble

Psalms 4 - Those Who Sow Tears in Distress But Trust God

Proverbs 4:8-14 - Value of Wisdom

Ecclesiastes 4:8-14 - Meaningless Labor Unless There's Someone to Toil For

Song of Solomon 4:8-14 - The Bridegroom and the Shulamite Bride

Isaiah 4:1-6 - Promised Branch of the Lord

Jeremiah 4:8-14 - Mourn for Destruction/ Fierce Anger of the Lord

Lamentations 4:8-14 - The Effects of Judgment on the People

Ezekiel 4:8-14 - Forced to Finish the Days of Siege

Daniel 4:8-14 - Belshazzar's "Great Tree" Kingdom Cut Down

Hosea 4:8-14 - Sins of the People Who Relish in Wickedness

Joel 1:1-15 - Evildoers Destroyed by the Almighty

Amos 4:8-13 - Yet You Have Not Returned to Me

Obadiah 1:4-15 - Edom Destroyed; Esau Will be Humbled

Jonah 4:8-15 - Concern for Nineveh's People

Micah 4:8-14 - Kingship Will Come to Jerusalem

Nahum 1 - Prophecy Concerning Nineveh

Habakkuk 1 - How Long Until the Lord Steps in and Helps

Zephaniah 1 - Judgment on the Whole Earth in the Day of the Lord

Haggai 1 - Temple Rebuilding Begins

Zechariah 1 - Repent and Return to the LORD

Malachi - God's Love for Israel

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 4:8-17 - Temptation of Jesus (Kingdoms)

Mark 4:8-14 - Parable of the Sower and Soils

Luke 4:8-14 - Temptation of Jesus (Authority and Power)

John 4:8-14 - Living Water

Acts 4:8-14 - Peter and John Arrested - Brought Before Officials

Romans 4:8-14 - Justified by Faith

1 Corinthians 4:8-14 - Servants of Christ

2 Corinthians 4:8-14 - Ministry (Paul's Teaching)

Galatians 4:8-14 - Known by GOD/ Sonship

Ephesians 4:8-14 - Unity in the Spirit

Philippians 4:8-14 - Think/Expect Excellence

Colossians 4:8-12 - Working With and Serving Others

1 Thessalonians 4:8-14 - Sanctification and Love

2 Thessalonians 1:4-12 - Thanksgiving, Faith, and Perseverance

1 Timothy 4:8-12 - Discipline Yourselves

2 Timothy 1:4-12 - Personal Concerns - Don't Get Disqualified!

Titus 1:4-12 - Be Qualified!

Philemon 1:4-12 - Love and Faith

Hebrews 4:8-12 - The Believer's Rest

James 4:8-15 - Things to Avoid

1 Peter 4:8-14 - Keep Fervent in Your Love

2 Peter 1:4-14 - Grow in Christian Virtue

1 John 1:4-10 - Walk in God's Light

2 John 1:4-13 - Walk According to Scripture/ Commandments

3 John 1:4-13 - Walk in Truth

Jude 1:4-16 - Warnings to the Ungodly

Revelation 4 - Scene in Heaven; The Throne and Worship of the Creator

Connect with our Website for Video Teachings:



OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 4:8-14 - Cain Kills Abel

8 Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field."^[a] While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.**9** Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?"

"I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?"**10** The LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. **11** Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. **12** When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth." **13** Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is more than I can bear. **14** Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."

Prayer Points:

Spirit of Murder

Blood crying out to the Lord from the ground (including abortion)

Cursed ground/crops because of defiled ground

Restless wandering, driven from land, hidden from the presence of God

Nineveh's three great sins start also with the shedding of blood, "Woe to the city guilty of bloodshed! She is full of lies; she is filled with plunder; she has hoarded her spoil!

Exodus 4:8-14 - Moses and Signs Before Pharaoh

8 Then the LORD said, "If they do not believe you or pay attention to the first sign, they may believe the second. **9** But if they do not believe these two signs or listen to you, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground. The water you take from the river will become blood on the ground."**10** Moses said to the LORD, "Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue."**11** The LORD said to him, "Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the LORD? **12** Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say." **13** But Moses said, "Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else." **14** Then the LORD's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you."

Prayer Points:

Verse 8! 2 signs given (2 eclipses) plus one annular eclipse! Will we believe?

We shouldn't argue we are inadequate when we are simply vessels.

The Lord wants us to do what He tells us, not defer to someone else.

He will teach us what to say and help us speak.

Reference to “Little Egypt” in the path of totality. Will plagues follow? Which ones? **Blood, Frogs, Gnats, Flies, Plague on Livestock, Boils, Hail, Locusts, Darkness, Death of 1st Born**

Exodus 10:21-23 “Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward the sky so that darkness spreads over Egypt—darkness that can be felt.” **22** So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and total darkness covered all Egypt for three days. **23** No one could see anyone else or move about for three days. Yet all the Israelites had light in the places where they lived.”

We had 3 days of “darkness” with 3 eclipses within 7 years.

Leviticus 4:8-14 - Sin Offerings

8 He shall remove all the fat from the bull of the sin offering—all the fat that is connected to the internal organs, **9** both kidneys with the fat on them near the loins, and the long lobe of the liver, which he will remove with the kidneys— **10** just as the fat is removed from the ox^a sacrificed as a fellowship offering. Then the priest shall burn them on the altar of burnt offering. **11** But the hide of the bull and all its flesh, as well as the head and legs, the internal organs and the intestines— **12** that is, all the rest of the bull—he must take outside the camp to a place ceremonially clean, where the ashes are thrown, and burn it there in a wood fire on the ash heap.

13 “If the whole Israelite community sins unintentionally and does what is forbidden in any of the LORD’s commands, even though the community is unaware of the matter, when they realize their guilt **14** and the sin they committed becomes known, the assembly must bring a young bull as a sin offering and present it before the tent of meeting.

Prayer Points:

Sins can be intentional or unintentional (repentance needed)

Awareness/ Unawareness of our true condition

Have we done what is forbidden in the Lord’s commands?

Numbers 4:8-14 - Kohathite Instructions

8 They are to spread a scarlet cloth over them, cover that with the durable leather and put the poles in place. **9** “They are to take a blue cloth and cover the lampstand that is for light, together with its lamps, its wick trimmers and trays, and all its jars for the olive oil used to supply it. **10** Then they are to wrap it and all its accessories in a covering of the durable leather and put it on a carrying frame. **11** “Over the gold altar they are to spread a blue cloth and cover that with the durable leather and put the poles in place. **12** “They are to take all the articles used for ministering in the sanctuary, wrap them in a blue cloth, cover that with the durable leather and put them on a carrying frame.

13 “They are to remove the ashes from the bronze altar and spread a purple cloth over it. **14** Then they are to place on it all the utensils used for ministering at the altar, including the firepans, meat forks, shovels and sprinkling bowls. Over it they are to spread a covering of the durable leather and put the poles in place.

Prayer Points:

Durable Leather = having a “tough hide”

Putting the POLES IN PLACE! Elections!!

Every vessel is for a specific purpose!

Everything covered in blue cloth = precious/valuable blue dye made by a specific mollusk which took thousands to make a small amount. Blue - on the American flag stands for LOYALTY. It took many lives to fight for our freedom! "Blue Blood"

Deuteronomy 4:8-14 - Obedience Commanded

8 And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

9 Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. **10** Remember the day you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when he said to me, "Assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may learn to revere me as long as they live in the land and may teach them to their children."

11 You came near and stood at the foot of the mountain while it blazed with fire to the very heavens, with black clouds and deep darkness. **12** Then the LORD spoke to you out of the fire. You heard the sound of words but saw no form; there was only a voice. **13** He declared to you his covenant, the Ten Commandments, which he commanded you to follow and then wrote them on two stone tablets. **14** And the LORD directed me at that time to teach you the decrees and laws you are to follow in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess.

Prayer Points:

Verse 8!

We have forgotten our heritage and not passed it on to the next generation

We need to renew our devotion and commitment to the Lord and His Word!

Joshua 4:8-14 - 12 - Crossing the Jordan River

8 So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the LORD had told Joshua; and they carried them over with them to their camp, where they put them down. **9** Joshua set up the twelve stones that had been^[a] in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the priests who carried the ark of the covenant had stood. And they are there to this day. **10** Now the priests who carried the ark remained standing in the middle of the Jordan until everything the LORD had commanded Joshua was done by the people, just as Moses had directed Joshua. The people hurried over, **11** and as soon as all of them had crossed, the ark of the LORD and the priests came to the other side while the people watched. **12** The men of Reuben, Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh crossed over, ready for battle, in front of the Israelites, as Moses had directed them. **13** About forty thousand armed for battle crossed over before the LORD to the plains of Jericho for war. **14** That day the LORD exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they stood in awe of him all the days of his life, just as they had stood in awe of Moses.

Prayer Points:

Those who disobeyed God didn't enter into the promised land, but the new generation of Israel crossed over with signs and wonders - a dry Jordan - just as Moses did at the Red Sea. The people were in awe of Joshua (the new leader) as they were with Moses.

12 Leaders from each tribe Carried 12 stones from the middle of the Jordan (Stones that testify of God) and made a memorial there

A battle awaited them after they crossed over, but God already had a plan to conquer Jericho! These ruins would also be stones that would cry out of the power of God!

Jesus is the cornerstone and we are living stones!

Crossing over into the promise

Judges 4:8-14 - Deborah the Judge

8 Barak said to her, "If you go with me, I will go; but if you don't go with me, I won't go."**9** "Certainly I will go with you," said Deborah. "But because of the course you are taking, the honor will not be yours, for the LORD will deliver Sisera into the hands of a woman." So Deborah went with Barak to Kedesh. **10** There Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali, and ten thousand men went up under his command. Deborah also went up with him.**11** Now Heber the Kenite had left the other Kenites, the descendants of Hobab, Moses' brother-in-law,^[a] and pitched his tent by the great tree in Zaananim near Kedesh.**12** When they told Sisera that Barak son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor, **13** Sisera summoned from Harosheth Haggoyim to the Kishon River all his men and his nine hundred chariots fitted with iron.**14** Then Deborah said to Barak, "Go! This is the day the LORD has given Sisera into your hands. Has not the LORD gone ahead of you?" So Barak went down Mount Tabor, with ten thousand men following him.

Prayer Points:

God used Deborah when threatened by the Canaanites (people in the land God had given them to possess)

Leadership and the role of women used in this hour by God

The importance of hearing from God prophetically and acting on it in battle

God delivered the enemy right into the hands of a women

The need for righteous judges (local, state, Supreme Court) who follow after God

Ruth 4:8-14 - Kinsman-Redeemer Named

8 So the guardian-redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy it yourself." And he removed his sandal. **9** Then Boaz announced to the elders and all the people, "Today you are witnesses that I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelek, Kilion and Mahlon. **10** I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, Mahlon's widow, as my wife, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property, so that his name will not disappear from among his family or from his hometown.

Today you are witnesses!" **11** Then the elders and all the people at the gate said, "We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the family of Israel. May you have standing in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem. **12** Through the offspring the LORD gives you by this young woman, may your family be like that of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah."**13** So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When he made love to her, the LORD enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. **14** The women said to Naomi: "Praise be to the LORD, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel!

Prayer Points:

We have a Kinsman-Redeemer =Jesus

When all seems against us and tragedy overtakes us, God redeems!

He is also the redeemer of NATIONS!

He will become famous throughout Israel in the days ahead.

1 Samuel 4:8-14 - Philistines Captured Ark

8 We're doomed! Who will deliver us from the hand of these mighty gods? They are the gods who struck the Egyptians with all kinds of plagues in the wilderness. **9** Be strong, Philistines! Be men, or you will be subject to the Hebrews, as they have been to you. Be men, and fight!"

10 So the Philistines fought, and the Israelites were defeated and every man fled to his tent. The slaughter was very great; Israel lost thirty thousand foot soldiers. **11** The ark of God was captured, and Eli's two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, died.**12** That same day a Benjamite ran from the battle line and went to Shiloh with his clothes torn and dust on his head. **13** When he arrived, there was Eli sitting on his chair by the side of the road, watching, because his heart feared for the ark of God. When the man entered the town and told what had happened, the whole town sent up a cry. **14** Eli heard the outcry and asked, "What is the meaning of this uproar?"

Prayer Points:

Spirit of the Philistines (Gaza)

Don't allow them to "capture the presence of God" from us and gain victory over God's people

Israel lost 30,000 foot soldiers

Let our hearts be grieved and moved with compassion over the things of God being defiled, stolen, misused

May the entire town send up a cry!

2 Samuel 4:8-14 - Saul's Offspring Killed

8 They brought the head of Ish-Bosheth to David at Hebron and said to the king, "Here is the head of Ish-Bosheth son of Saul, your enemy, who tried to kill you. This day the LORD has avenged my lord the king against Saul and his

offspring.”**9** David answered Rekab and his brother Baanah, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, “As surely as the LORD lives, who has delivered me out of every trouble, **10** when someone told me, ‘Saul is dead,’ and thought he was bringing good news, I seized him and put him to death in Ziklag. That was the reward I gave him for his news! **11** How much more—when wicked men have killed an innocent man in his own house and on his own bed—should I not now demand his blood from your hand and rid the earth of you!”**12** So David gave an order to his men, and they killed them. They cut off their hands and feet and hung the bodies by the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-Bosheth and buried it in Abner’s tomb at Hebron.

Prayer Points:

Verse 11 - wicked men killed an innocent man in his own house / his own bed (beheaded him)

Should I not now demand his blood from your hand and rid the earth of you?

As awful as Saul treated David, Saul was anointed as Israel’s King and David didn’t touch him or his offspring. He feared and honored God too much to harm Saul or his family. He trusted God to take care of the situation.

David has his men cut off their hands and feet! Represents the evil deeds their hands committed and the path of the wicked their feet chose to walk on! (You will see this reoccurring “hands and feet” theme later in 2 Chronicles 4:8, but an opposite connotation where “hands and feet” are cleansed in the bronze laver)

1 Kings 4:8-12 - Solomon’s 12 District Governors Named

8 These are their names: Ben-Hur—in the hill country of Ephraim;

9 Ben-Deker—in Makaz, Shaalbim, Beth Shemesh and Elon Bethhanan;

10 Ben-Hesed—in Arubboth (Sokoh and all the land of Hephher were his);

11 Ben-Abinadab—in Naphoth Dor (he was married to Taphath daughter of Solomon);

12 Baana son of Ahilud—in Taanach and Megiddo, and in all of Beth Shan next to Zarethan below Jezreel, from Beth Shan to Abel Meholah across to Jokmeam; 13 Ben-Geber—in Ramoth Gilead (the settlements of Jair son of Manasseh in Gilead were his, as well as the region of Argob in Bashan and its sixty large walled cities with bronze gate bars); 14 Ahinadab son of Iddo—in Mahanaim

Prayer Points:

Wisdom in selecting governors and leaders/ those in authority - God’s choices, not man’s!

2 Kings 4:8-14 - Elisha and the Shunammite

8 One day Elisha went to Shunem. And a well-to-do woman was there, who urged him to stay for a meal. So whenever he came by, he stopped there to eat. 9 She said to her husband, “I know that this man who often comes our way is a holy man of God. 10 Let’s make a small room on the roof and put in it a bed and a table, a chair and a lamp for him. Then he can stay there whenever he comes to us.”**11** One day when Elisha came, he went up to his

room and lay down there. 12 He said to his servant Gehazi, "Call the Shunammite." So he called her, and she stood before him. 13 Elisha said to him, "Tell her, 'You have gone to all this trouble for us. Now what can be done for you? Can we speak on your behalf to the king or the commander of the army?'" She replied, "I have a home among my own people." 14 "What can be done for her?" Elisha asked. Gehazi said, "She has no son, and her husband is old."

Prayer Points:

Recognizing and honoring men or women of God, which honors God. It reminds us of Jesus' words in Matthew 10:40-41, "He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives the One who sent Me. 41 **Whoever** receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward."

Making top priorities of making room for God and His servant

God gave her a future and a hope. God gave her a heritage of a son. Even when that son died, he was raised back to life. This is also a foreshadowing of Jesus' birth and resurrection!

1 Chronicles 4:8-14 - The Prayer of Jabez

8 and Koz, who was the father of Anub and Hazzobebah and of the clans of Aharhel son of Harum.

9 Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez,^[a] saying, "I gave birth to him in pain." 10 Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request.

11 Kelub, Shuhah's brother, was the father of Mehir, who was the father of Eshton. 12 Eshton was the father of Beth Rapha, Paseah and Tehinnah the father of Ir Nahash.^[b] These were the men of Rekah.

13 The sons of Kenaz:

Othniel and Seraiah.

The sons of Othniel:

Hathath and Meonothai.^[c] 14 Meonothai was the father of Ophrah.

Seraiah was the father of Joab,

the father of Ge Harashim.^[d] It was called this because its people were skilled workers.

Prayer Points:

Bless us, enlarge our territory, let Your hand be with us, keep us from harm so that we will be free from evil/pain!

2 Chronicles 4:8-14 - Furnishings in Solomon's Temple

8 He made ten tables and placed them in the temple, five on the south side and five on the north. He also made a hundred gold sprinkling bowls.

9 He made the courtyard of the priests, and the large court and the doors for the court, and overlaid the doors with bronze. 10 He placed the Sea on the south side, at the southeast corner.

11 And Hiram also made the pots and shovels and sprinkling bowls.

So Hiram finished the work he had undertaken for King Solomon in the temple of God:

12 the two pillars; the two bowl-shaped capitals on top of the pillars;

the two sets of network decorating the two bowl-shaped capitals on top of the pillars;

13 the four hundred pomegranates for the two sets of network (two rows of pomegranates for each network, decorating the bowl-shaped capitals on top of the pillars);

14 the stands with their basins

Prayer Points:

Temple of God - progression of relationship with God (outer court, inner court, holy of holies) and a means by which the Israelites were able to have fellowship with God. And today, we are the temple of the Holy Spirit

Had to enter the doors. Dalet "4" - Hebrew letter for the door and represented by the number 4.

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life... the door.

Two pillars - 2 branches of congress, 2 witnesses, 2 testaments, Israel and the grafted in Gentiles

Capitals = Capitols

Bowls - bowls of wrath or bowls that contain blessing

Basins - rivers/ Mississippi / barges striking pillars,

Pillars - Psalm 75:3 AMPC -also Pillars of the Community/church, We must HOLD STEADY!

Basins - also a place to be cleansed (hands and feet)

Pomegranates - fruitfulness, God's blessing, provision, and abundance - full of seeds, rich in vitamins. Jewish tradition "613" seeds corresponding with the 613 laws in the Old Testament

Ezra 4:8-14 - Letter to Artaxerxes Against the Temple in Jerusalem

8 Rehum the commanding officer and Shimshai the secretary wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king as follows: 9 Rehum the commanding officer and Shimshai the secretary, together with the rest of their associates—the judges, officials and administrators over the people from Persia, Uruk and Babylon, the Elamites of Susa, 10 and the other people whom the great and honorable Ashurbanipal deported and settled in the city of Samaria and elsewhere in Trans-Euphrates.

11 (This is a copy of the letter they sent him.)

To King Artaxerxes,

From your servants in Trans-Euphrates:

12 The king should know that the people who came up to us from you have gone to Jerusalem and are rebuilding that rebellious and wicked city. They are restoring the walls and repairing the foundations.

13 Furthermore, the king should know that if this city is built and its walls are restored, no more taxes, tribute or duty will be paid, and eventually the royal revenues will suffer.[a] 14 Now since we are under obligation to the palace and it is not proper for us to see the king dishonored, we are sending this message to inform the king

Prayer Points:

Wicked communications - 'fake news'/ outright propaganda/ lies

People groups who don't want to see Jerusalem or the Temple restored.

People groups who don't want to see Christian values anywhere in society - chipping away at the foundations of faith in America

Those who called Israel wicked or rebellious.

Those who call evil good and good evil!

Those who greedily worry about their wealth, taxes, well well-being more than the things of God. (eg. worried about relationships with countries that hate us and funding multiple wars above siding with Israel - funding things like illegal perks while not taking care of Americans or American interests)

Over-taxation and revenues

Nehemiah 4:8-14 - Sanballat & Tobiah Angry About Repairs to the Temple

8 They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it. 9 But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat.

10 Meanwhile, the people in Judah said, "The strength of the laborers is giving out, and there is so much rubble that we cannot rebuild the wall."

11 Also our enemies said, "Before they know it or see us, we will be right there among them and will kill them and put an end to the work."12 Then the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times over, "Wherever you turn, they will attack us." 13 Therefore I stationed some of the people behind the lowest points of the wall at the exposed places, posting them by families, with their swords, spears and bows. 14 After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes."

Prayer Points:

Verses 8 & 9! Verse 14!

All nations coming against Israel

Those who are attempting to put a stop to what God is doing or doing away with the things of God

People were at their lowest point of the wall and exposed

“Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, will fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.”

Esther 4:8-14 - Mordecai and Esther

8 He also gave him a copy of the text of the edict for their annihilation, which had been published in Susa, to show to Esther and explain it to her, and he told him to instruct her to go into the king's presence to beg for mercy and plead with him for her people.

9 Hathak went back and reported to Esther what Mordecai had said. 10 Then she instructed him to say to Mordecai, 11 “All the king's officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that they be put to death unless the king extends the gold scepter to them and spares their lives. But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king.”

12 When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, 13 he sent back this answer: “Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. 14 For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?”

Prayer Points:

That the strategy of the enemy be given to us in advance

That the plans of the Lord go forth unhindered

That God will position His people before authorities in high places - the right place at the right time

Verse 14!

That the enemy will be caught in his own snare

Job 4:8-14 - Those who Plow Evil and Sow Trouble

8 As I have observed, those who plow evil
and those who sow trouble reap it.

9 At the breath of God they perish;
at the blast of his anger they are no more.

10 The lions may roar and growl,
yet the teeth of the great lions are broken.

11 The lion perishes for lack of prey,
and the cubs of the lioness are scattered.

12 “A word was secretly brought to me,

my ears caught a whisper of it.
13 Amid disquieting dreams in the night,
when deep sleep falls on people,
14 fear and trembling seized me
and made all my bones shake.

Prayer Points:

That the Lord boomerang the plans of the wicked back onto their own heads - those who plow evil and sow trouble will reap it (mirrors Haman in the Esther story and we just celebrated Purim on Palm Sunday Weekend - March 23 & 24th sundown to sundown!)

May the wicked be toothless lions - all growl and no bite

May the wicked find no rest, but lie down in fear, trembling, and great shaking

Psalms 4 - Those Who Sow Tears in Distress But Trust in God

1 Answer me when I call to you,
my righteous God.
Give me relief from my distress;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 How long will you people turn my glory into shame?
How long will you love delusions and seek false gods[b]?[c]
3 Know that the Lord has set apart his faithful servant for himself;
the Lord hears when I call to him.

4 Tremble and[d] do not sin;
when you are on your beds,
search your hearts and be silent.

5 Offer the sacrifices of the righteous
and trust in the Lord.

6 Many, Lord, are asking, "Who will bring us prosperity?"
Let the light of your face shine on us.

7 Fill my heart with joy
when their grain and new wine abound.

8 In peace I will lie down and sleep,
for you alone, Lord,
make me dwell in safety.

Prayer Points:

Note: This Psalm seems just the opposite of the previous passage in Job.

May the Lord give relief and mercy in times of distress

Verses 2! Several applications!

May the Lord help us search our hearts before Him and be still (silent)

May we trust in the Lord

True prosperity is found in the light of God

Verses 6b, 7 & 8! Many need renewed joy and peace as we face the days ahead!

Companion Verse: Psalm 126:5-6 "Those who sow in tears will reap with shouts of joy. 6He who goes out weeping, bearing a trail of seed, will surely return with shouts of joy, carrying sheaves of grain"

Proverbs 4:8-14 - Value of Wisdom

Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.

8 Cherish her, and she will exalt you;
embrace her, and she will honor you.

9 She will give you a garland to grace your head
and present you with a glorious crown."

10 Listen, my son, accept what I say,
and the years of your life will be many.

11 I instruct you in the way of wisdom
and lead you along straight paths.

12 When you walk, your steps will not be hampered;
when you run, you will not stumble.

13 Hold on to instruction, do not let it go;
guard it well, for it is your life.

14 Do not set foot on the path of the wicked
or walk in the way of evildoers.

Prayer Points:

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom! We need the fear of the Lord again!

Though it costs all we have - we must follow JESUS. He gives us the crown of life!

We pray that our steps will not be hampered (many applications for this) and will be straight

That the years of our lives will be many

Guard and obey instructions from the Lord closely in our lives

And we commit not to set our feet on the path of the wicked or evildoers

Ecclesiastes 4:8-14 - Meaningless Labor Unless There's Someone to Toil For

There was a man all alone;
he had neither son nor brother.
There was no end to his toil,
yet his eyes were not content with his wealth.
“For whom am I toiling,” he asked,
“and why am I depriving myself of enjoyment?”
This too is meaningless—
a miserable business!

9 Two are better than one,
because they have a good return for their labor:
10 If either of them falls down,
one can help the other up.
But pity anyone who falls
and has no one to help them up.
11 Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm.
But how can one keep warm alone?
12 Though one may be overpowered,
two can defend themselves.
A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Prayer Points:

You can have all the wealth in the world, but if you aren't sharing it with others (or building the kingdom of God) it's meaningless!

We need each other! Two are better than one. Two help each other. We spur each other on.

We need unity in the Body of Christ and in agreement in prayer.

Song of Solomon 4:8-14 - The Bridegroom and the Shulamite Bride

Come with me from Lebanon, my bride,
come with me from Lebanon.
Descend from the crest of Amanah,
from the top of Senir, the summit of Hermon,
from the lions' dens
and the mountain haunts of leopards.
9 You have stolen my heart, my sister, my bride;
you have stolen my heart
with one glance of your eyes,
with one jewel of your necklace.
10 How delightful is your love, my sister, my bride!
How much more pleasing is your love than wine,
and the fragrance of your perfume
more than any spice!
11 Your lips drop sweetness as the honeycomb, my bride;
milk and honey are under your tongue.

The fragrance of your garments
is like the fragrance of Lebanon.
12 You are a garden locked up, my sister, my bride;
you are a spring enclosed, a sealed fountain.
13 Your plants are an orchard of pomegranates
with choice fruits,
with henna and nard,
14 nard and saffron,
calamus and cinnamon,
with every kind of incense tree,
with myrrh and aloes
and all the finest spices.

Prayer Points:

The Lord is preparing His bride for His return! He is coming soon.

We have stolen His heart, has He stolen ours?

The lavish description of His love is beyond what our senses can comprehend

*CMCK Prayer Partners - target cities in "flame of God/ fire line" 2019 to present (Independence, Holden, Edwards, Lebanon, to the bootheel area/ Arkansas- Paragould/ Jonesboro Area) New Madrid Seismic area

Isaiah 4:1-6 - Promised Branch of the Lord

In that day seven women
will take hold of one man
and say, "We will eat our own food
and provide our own clothes;
only let us be called by your name.
Take away our disgrace!"

2 In that day the Branch of the Lord will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land will be the pride and glory of the survivors in Israel. 3 Those who are left in Zion, who remain in Jerusalem, will be called holy, all who are recorded among the living in Jerusalem. 4 The Lord will wash away the filth of the women of Zion; he will cleanse the bloodstains from Jerusalem by a spirit[a] of judgment and a spirit[b] of fire. 5 Then the Lord will create over all of Mount Zion and over those who assemble there a cloud of smoke by day and a glow of flaming fire by night; over everything the glory[c] will be a canopy. 6 It will be a shelter and shade from the heat of the day, and a refuge and hiding place from the storm and rain.

Prayer Points:

Jesus is the branch from the root of Jesse. (Isaiah 11) He's also the vine,

Israel the branch/ Gentiles grafted in (Romans 11)

The Lord to wash away the filth and cleanse. The land will be the pride and glory of the survivors of Israel.

He will Create over Mt. Zion a Cloud by Day and Fire by night (another Mosaic reference)

The glory will be a canopy over us

A shelter, shade from the heat of the day, a refuge and hiding place from storms/rain (Psalm 91)

We pray for the restoration of Zion

We look forward to the Millennial Reign of Christ and the New Heaven and New Earth

Jeremiah 4: 8-14 - Mourn for Destruction/ Fierce Anger of the Lord

So put on sackcloth,
lament and wail,
for the fierce anger of the Lord
has not turned away from us.

9 "In that day," declares the Lord,
"the king and the officials will lose heart,
the priests will be horrified,
and the prophets will be appalled."

10 Then I said, "Alas, Sovereign Lord! How completely you have deceived this people and Jerusalem by saying, 'You will have peace,' when the sword is at our throats!"

11 At that time this people and Jerusalem will be told, "A scorching wind from the barren heights in the desert blows toward my people, but not to winnow or cleanse; 12 a wind too strong for that comes from me. Now I pronounce my judgments against them."

13 Look! He advances like the clouds,
his chariots come like a whirlwind,
his horses are swifter than eagles.

Woe to us! We are ruined!
14 Jerusalem, wash the evil from your heart and be saved.
How long will you harbor wicked thoughts?

Prayer Points:

A time of judgment and fierce anger of the Lord

This passage reminds us of when the antichrist will reign. They will think it's a time of "peace" but it will be a time of destruction. That time is soon!

A time of "WOE"

Pray the Entire Passage!

Lamentations 4:8-14 - The Effects of Judgement on the People

But now they are blacker than soot;
they are not recognized in the streets.
Their skin has shriveled on their bones;
it has become as dry as a stick.

9 Those killed by the sword are better off
than those who die of famine;
racked with hunger, they waste away
for lack of food from the field.

10 With their own hands compassionate women
have cooked their own children,
who became their food
when my people were destroyed.

11 The Lord has given full vent to his wrath;
he has poured out his fierce anger.
He kindled a fire in Zion
that consumed her foundations.

12 The kings of the earth did not believe,
nor did any of the peoples of the world,
that enemies and foes could enter
the gates of Jerusalem.

13 But it happened because of the sins of her prophets
and the iniquities of her priests,
who shed within her
the blood of the righteous.

14 Now they grope through the streets
as if they were blind.
They are so defiled with blood
that no one dares to touch their garments

Prayer Points:

War, hunger, famine

Kings didn't believe or heed warnings

People didn't believe and heed warnings

Priests didn't believe and heed warnings

Martyrs for Christ

They grope through the streets as defiled ones

Ezekiel 4:8-14 - Forced to Finish the Days of Siege

8 I will tie you up with ropes so that you cannot turn from one side to the other until you have finished the days of your siege. 9 "Take wheat and barley, beans and lentils, millet and spelt; put them in a storage jar and use them to make bread for yourself. You are to eat it during the 390 days you lie on your side. 10 Weigh out twenty shekels^[a] of food to eat each day and eat it at set times. 11 Also measure out a sixth of a hin^[b] of water and drink it at set times. 12 Eat the food as you would a loaf of barley bread; bake it in the sight of the people, using human excrement for fuel." 13 The Lord said, "In this way the people of Israel will eat defiled food among the nations where I will drive them." 14 Then I said, "Not so, Sovereign Lord! I have never defiled myself. From my youth until now I have never eaten anything found dead or torn by wild animals. No impure meat has ever entered my mouth."

Prayer Points:

Verse 8 - "I will tie with ropes until you have finished the days of your siege" Bound to fulfill the days the Lord determined

The time frame mentioned was an entire year and a month

The people of Israel being driven out (history often repeats / cyclical) will eat defiled food among the nations

Partakers of detestable abominations - even the pure defiled

Reminded of Isaiah 30 - whether we turn to the right or the left, we will hear a voice behind us saying, "This is the way, walk in it!"

Daniel 4:8-14 - Belteshazzar's Kingdom - Great Tree Cut Down

8 Finally, Daniel came into my presence and I told him the dream. (He is called Belteshazzar, after the name of my god, and the spirit of the holy gods is in him.) 9 I said, "Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you, and no mystery is too difficult for you. Here is my dream; interpret it for me. 10 These are the visions I saw while lying in bed: I looked, and there before me stood a tree in the middle of the land. Its height was enormous. 11 The tree grew large and strong and its top touched the sky; it was visible to the ends of the earth. 12 Its leaves were beautiful, its fruit abundant, and on it was food for all. Under it the wild animals found shelter, and the birds lived in its branches; from it every creature was fed. 13 "In the visions I saw while lying in bed, I looked, and there before me was a holy one, a messenger,^[a] coming down from heaven. 14 He called in a loud voice: 'Cut down the tree and trim off its branches; strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the animals flee from under it and the birds from its branches.

Prayer Points:

A mighty kingdom with influence, beautiful, abundant - a place for shelter and refuge - cut down to a stump.

Again, branches - "cut down the tree and trim off its branches"

Companion Verse: John 15:17 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. **2** He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes^[a] so that it will be even more fruitful."

This reminds us of Romans 11:11-31, “ But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root^[b] of the olive tree, **18** do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. **19** Then you will say, “Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.” **20** That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. **21** For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. **22** Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you too will be cut off. **23** And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. **24** For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.”

That God would give us dreams and visions like Daniel

Remember that scattered fruit will be multiplied all over the place as fruit contains the seeds!

Hosea 4:8-14 - Sins of the People who Relish in Wickedness

8 They feed on the sins of my people
and relish their wickedness.

9 And it will be: Like people, like priests.
I will punish both of them for their ways
and repay them for their deeds.

10 “They will eat but not have enough;
they will engage in prostitution but not flourish,
because they have deserted the Lord
to give themselves 11 to prostitution;
old wine and new wine
take away their understanding.

12 My people consult a wooden idol,
and a diviner's rod speaks to them.
A spirit of prostitution leads them astray;
they are unfaithful to their God.

13 They sacrifice on the mountaintops
and burn offerings on the hills,
under oak, poplar and terebinth,
where the shade is pleasant.
Therefore your daughters turn to prostitution
and your daughters-in-law to adultery.

14 “I will not punish your daughters
when they turn to prostitution,

nor your daughters-in-law
when they commit adultery,
because the men themselves consort with harlots
and sacrifice with shrine prostitutes—
a people without understanding will come to ruin!

Prayer Points:

People are never satisfied, never flourish, seek diviners, and deserted the Lord....

There are so many parallels to today....read and pray the passage

“Take away their understanding... people without understanding come to ruin!”

Understanding is also one of the seven spirits of God. Again this parallels with the branch/ roots of Jesse passage in Isaiah - *“Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge, and the fear of the LORD. And He will delight in the fear of the LORD, and He will not judge by what His eyes see, nor make a decision by what His ears hear...”* Isaiah 11:1-3.

Joel 1: 1-15 - Evildoers Destroyed by the Almighty

Hear this, you elders;
listen, all who live in the land.
Has anything like this ever happened in your days
or in the days of your ancestors?
3 Tell it to your children,
and let your children tell it to their children,
and their children to the next generation.
4 What the locust swarm has left
the great locusts have eaten;
what the great locusts have left
the young locusts have eaten;
what the young locusts have left
other locusts[a] have eaten.

5 Wake up, you drunkards, and weep!
Wail, all you drinkers of wine;
wail because of the new wine,
for it has been snatched from your lips.

6 A nation has invaded my land,
a mighty army without number;
it has the teeth of a lion,
the fangs of a lioness.

7 It has laid waste my vines
and ruined my fig trees.
It has stripped off their bark
and thrown it away,
leaving their branches white.

8 Mourn like a virgin in sackcloth
grieving for the betrothed of her youth.

9 Grain offerings and drink offerings
are cut off from the house of the Lord.

The priests are in mourning,
those who minister before the Lord.

10 The fields are ruined,
the ground is dried up;
the grain is destroyed,
the new wine is dried up,
the olive oil fails.

11 Despair, you farmers,
wail, you vine growers;
grieve for the wheat and the barley,
because the harvest of the field is destroyed.

12 The vine is dried up
and the fig tree is withered;
the pomegranate, the palm, and the apple[b] tree—
all the trees of the field—are dried up.
Surely the people's joy
is withered away.

A Call to Lamentation

13 Put on sackcloth, you priests, and mourn;
wail, you who minister before the altar.

Come, spend the night in sackcloth,
you who minister before my God;
for the grain offerings and drink offerings
are withheld from the house of your God.

14 Declare a holy fast;
call a sacred assembly.

Summon the elders
and all who live in the land
to the house of the Lord your God,
and cry out to the Lord.

15 Alas for that day!
For the day of the Lord is near;
it will come like destruction from the Almighty.

Prayer Points:

The entire passage is very poignant! Again, so many parallels with today.

Signs and wonders are among us today. We will ask, "When have these things ever happened before?" (Eclipses are a good example)

Locusts (today we are on the verge of 2 species emerging cicadas/locust - in 200 yrs.) again -
plagues "Little Egypt"

Nation invaded

Cut off from the house of the Lord - priests in mourning

Farmers and growers wait - vine, wheat, barley destroyed, and various fruits
Joy had withered away

Call a FAST!!! We need to be fasting with our prayers. The day of the LORD is near.

Amos 4:8-13 - Yet You Have Not Returned to Me

People staggered from town to town for water
but did not get enough to drink,
yet you have not returned to me,"
declares the Lord.

9 "Many times I struck your gardens and vineyards,
destroying them with blight and mildew.
Locusts devoured your fig and olive trees,
yet you have not returned to me,"
declares the Lord.

10 "I sent plagues among you
as I did to Egypt.
I killed your young men with the sword,
along with your captured horses.
I filled your nostrils with the stench of your camps,
yet you have not returned to me,"
declares the Lord.

11 "I overthrew some of you
as I overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.
You were like a burning stick snatched from the fire,
yet you have not returned to me,"
declares the Lord.

12 "Therefore this is what I will do to you, Israel,
and because I will do this to you, Israel,
prepare to meet your God."

13 He who forms the mountains,
who creates the wind,
and who reveals his thoughts to mankind,
who turns dawn to darkness,
and treads on the heights of the earth—
the Lord God Almighty is his name.

Prayer Points:

Not enough water! Gardens, vineyards, trees destroyed - did not return to Me, says the Lord.

Again, with references to the plagues and Sodom and Gomorrah - did not return to Me

Burning stick snatched from the fire (another branch reference)

Prepare to meet Your God! Judgment!

He reveals His thoughts to mankind. Again, we pray for wisdom, insight, and understanding concerning the thoughts of God for this hour!

Obadiah 4:8-15 - Edom Destroyed; Esau Will be Humbled

"In that day," declares the Lord,
"will I not destroy the wise men of Edom,
those of understanding in the mountains of Esau?"

9 Your warriors, Teman, will be terrified,
and everyone in Esau's mountains
will be cut down in the slaughter.

10 Because of the violence against your brother Jacob,
you will be covered with shame;
you will be destroyed forever.

11 On the day you stood aloof
while strangers carried off his wealth
and foreigners entered his gates
and cast lots for Jerusalem,
you were like one of them.

12 You should not gloat over your brother
in the day of his misfortune,
nor rejoice over the people of Judah
in the day of their destruction,
nor boast so much
in the day of their trouble.

13 You should not march through the gates of my people
in the day of their disaster,
nor gloat over them in their calamity
in the day of their disaster,
nor seize their wealth
in the day of their disaster.

14 You should not wait at the crossroads
to cut down their fugitives,
nor hand over their survivors
in the day of their trouble.

15 "The day of the Lord is near
for all nations.

As you have done, it will be done to you;
your deeds will return upon your own head.

Prayer Points:

More of the same “Day of the Lord is Near” judgment warnings - you didn’t heed and therefore, disaster is pending Remember: If they didn’t heed the first sign, perhaps they will heed the second (Exodus 4:8)

Verse 12!

Verse 15! The day of the Lord is near for ALL nations.

Esau - Gazan connection

As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head. (Better not divide the land of Israel! Prayer point - land divided as in Civil War, Land geographically divided such as on the Mississippi River due to seismic event(s))

Jonah 4:8-15 - Concern for Nineveh’s People

When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah’s head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, “It would be better for me to die than to live.”

9 But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?”

“It is,” he said. “And I’m so angry I wish I were dead.”

10 But the Lord said, “You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. 11 And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?”

Prayer Point:

Nineveh reference - God has concern for these great cities - people who cannot tell the difference between right and wrong. How will they know unless we GO as Jonah was sent? Nineveh was wicked and Jonah wished for God to destroy them (eventually He did), but for the time being, there was a harvest to be gleaned. Pray for the harvest of souls before it’s too late!

The harvest is 30, 60, or 100 fold. We ask the Lord to reap in His harvest all that the dragnet should drag in! God desires that all would repent and be saved. His acts of “destruction” are always great acts of mercy to bring the people to repentance and to Him.

Micah 4:8-14 - Kingship Will Come to Jerusalem

As for you, watchtower of the flock,
stronghold[a] of Daughter Zion,
the former dominion will be restored to you;
kingship will come to Daughter Jerusalem.”

9 Why do you now cry aloud—
have you no king[b]?
Has your ruler[c] perished,
that pain seizes you like that of a woman in labor?
10 Writhe in agony, Daughter Zion,
like a woman in labor,
for now you must leave the city
to camp in the open field.
You will go to Babylon;
there you will be rescued.
There the Lord will redeem you
out of the hand of your enemies.

11 But now many nations
are gathered against you.
They say, "Let her be defiled,
let our eyes gloat over Zion!"
12 But they do not know
the thoughts of the Lord;
they do not understand his plan,
that he has gathered them like sheaves to the threshing floor.
13 "Rise and thresh, Daughter Zion,
for I will give you horns of iron;
I will give you hooves of bronze,
and you will break to pieces many nations."
You will devote their ill-gotten gains to the Lord,
their wealth to the Lord of all the earth.

Prayer Points:

We are in the BIRTH PANGS

Again, the Lord is our redeemer and promises to restore the dominion of Zion and the Kingship of Jesus Christ to Jerusalem

Verses 11 & 12 - Nations gathering against Israel, but they do not know the thoughts of the Lord or understand His plan that He has gathered them like sheaves to the threshing floor!

Great wealth transfer (they had ill-gotten gains) will be devoted to the Lord and used for HIS purposes

Nahum 1 - Prophecy Concerning Nineveh

A prophecy concerning Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.
The Lord's Anger Against Nineveh
2 The Lord is a jealous and avenging God;
the Lord takes vengeance and is filled with wrath.
The Lord takes vengeance on his foes
and vents his wrath against his enemies.

3 The Lord is slow to anger but great in power;
the Lord will not leave the guilty unpunished.

His way is in the whirlwind and the storm,
and clouds are the dust of his feet.

4 He rebukes the sea and dries it up;
he makes all the rivers run dry.

Bashan and Carmel wither
and the blossoms of Lebanon fade.

5 The mountains quake before him
and the hills melt away.

The earth trembles at his presence,
the world, and all who live in it.

6 Who can withstand his indignation?
Who can endure his fierce anger?

His wrath is poured out like fire;
the rocks are shattered before him.

7 The Lord is good,
a refuge in times of trouble.

He cares for those who trust in him,

8 but with an overwhelming flood
he will make an end of Nineveh;
he will pursue his foes into the realm of darkness.

9 Whatever they plot against the Lord
he will bring[a] to an end;
trouble will not come a second time.

10 They will be entangled among thorns
and drunk from their wine;
they will be consumed like dry stubble.[b]

11 From you, Nineveh, has one come forth
who plots evil against the Lord
and devises wicked plans.

12 This is what the Lord says:

“Although they have allies and are numerous,
they will be destroyed and pass away.

Although I have afflicted you, Judah,
I will afflict you no more.

13 Now I will break their yoke from your neck
and tear your shackles away.”

14 The Lord has given a command concerning you, Nineveh:

“You will have no descendants to bear your name.

I will destroy the images and idols
that are in the temple of your gods.

I will prepare your grave,
for you are vile.”

15 Look, there on the mountains,
the feet of one who brings good news,
who proclaims peace!

Celebrate your festivals, Judah,

and fulfill your vows.
No more will the wicked invade you;
they will be completely destroyed.[c]

Prayer Points:

This all ties into Nineveh again. It reiterates that the Lord is a refuge, but there does come a time when wickedness will be met with the judgment of God. Pray through this passage as the Spirit directs!

Habakkuk 1 - How Long Until the Lord Steps in and Helps

How long, Lord, must I call for help,
but you do not listen?
Or cry out to you, "Violence!"
but you do not save?
3 Why do you make me look at injustice?
Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?
Destruction and violence are before me;
there is strife, and conflict abounds.
4 Therefore the law is paralyzed,
and justice never prevails.
The wicked hem in the righteous,
so that justice is perverted.

The Lord's Answer

5 "Look at the nations and watch—
and be utterly amazed.
For I am going to do something in your days
that you would not believe,
even if you were told.
6 I am raising up the Babylonians,[a]
that ruthless and impetuous people,
who sweep across the whole earth
to seize dwellings not their own.
7 They are a feared and dreaded people;
they are a law to themselves
and promote their own honor.
8 Their horses are swifter than leopards,
fiercer than wolves at dusk.
Their cavalry gallops headlong;
their horsemen come from afar.
They fly like an eagle swooping to devour;
9 they all come intent on violence.
Their hordes[b] advance like a desert wind
and gather prisoners like sand.
10 They mock kings
and scoff at rulers.
They laugh at all fortified cities;
by building earthen ramps they capture them.
11 Then they sweep past like the wind and go on—
guilty people, whose own strength is their god."

Habakkuk's Second Complaint

12 Lord, are you not from everlasting?

My God, my Holy One, you[c] will never die.

You, Lord, have appointed them to execute judgment;

you, my Rock, have ordained them to punish.

13 Your eyes are too pure to look on evil;

you cannot tolerate wrongdoing.

Why then do you tolerate the treacherous?

Why are you silent while the wicked

swallow up those more righteous than themselves?

14 You have made people like the fish in the sea,

like the sea creatures that have no ruler.

15 The wicked foe pulls all of them up with hooks,

he catches them in his net,

he gathers them up in his dragnet;

and so he rejoices and is glad.

16 Therefore he sacrifices to his net

and burns incense to his dragnet,

for by his net he lives in luxury

and enjoys the choicest food.

17 Is he to keep on emptying his net,

destroying nations without mercy?

Prayer Points:

Violence "hamas", destruction, strife, conflict

4 Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails.

The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.

Something you would never believe if you were told - I am raising up Babylonians to sweep across the whole earth... again - God doesn't want us to be scared, but rather prepared! He tells us these things so we will know what's coming and will NOT lose heart.

This also reminds us of the passage in Revelation 6:9-11, "9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled."

We pray Revelation 22:20, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"

Companion Verse: *“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”*
2 Peter 3:9

Zephaniah 1 - Judgment on the Whole Earth in the Day of the Lord

The word of the Lord that came to Zephaniah son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hezekiah, during the reign of Josiah son of Amon king of Judah:

Judgment on the Whole Earth in the Day of the Lord

2 “I will sweep away everything
from the face of the earth,”

declares the Lord.

3 “I will sweep away both man and beast;
I will sweep away the birds in the sky
and the fish in the sea—
and the idols that cause the wicked to stumble.”[a]

“When I destroy all mankind
on the face of the earth,”

declares the Lord,

4 “I will stretch out my hand against Judah
and against all who live in Jerusalem.

I will destroy every remnant of Baal worship in this place,
the very names of the idolatrous priests—

5 those who bow down on the roofs
to worship the starry host,

those who bow down and swear by the Lord
and who also swear by Molek,[b]

6 those who turn back from following the Lord
and neither seek the Lord nor inquire of him.”

7 Be silent before the Sovereign Lord,
for the day of the Lord is near.

The Lord has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated those he has invited.

8 “On the day of the Lord’s sacrifice
I will punish the officials
and the king’s sons

and all those clad
in foreign clothes.

9 On that day I will punish
all who avoid stepping on the threshold,[c]

who fill the temple of their gods
with violence and deceit.

10 “On that day,”
declares the Lord,

“a cry will go up from the Fish Gate,
wailing from the New Quarter,
and a loud crash from the hills.

11 Wail, you who live in the market district[d];
all your merchants will be wiped out,
all who trade with[e] silver will be destroyed.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps
and punish those who are complacent,
who are like wine left on its dregs,
who think, 'The Lord will do nothing,
either good or bad.'
13 Their wealth will be plundered,
their houses demolished.
Though they build houses,
they will not live in them;
though they plant vineyards,
they will not drink the wine."

14 The great day of the Lord is near—
near and coming quickly.
The cry on the day of the Lord is bitter;
the Mighty Warrior shouts his battle cry.
15 That day will be a day of wrath—
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of trouble and ruin,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and blackness—
16 a day of trumpet and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the corner towers.

17 "I will bring such distress on all people
that they will grope about like those who are blind,
because they have sinned against the Lord.
Their blood will be poured out like dust
and their entrails like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath."

In the fire of his jealousy
the whole earth will be consumed,
for he will make a sudden end
of all who live on the earth.

Prayer Points:

Again - pictures of coming judgment upon the whole earth! Distress of nations...

Verse 18 - Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath

Verse 14 - the day of the Lord is near - near and coming quickly.

Again, pray this passage and emphasize what the Spirit is leading to pray through this passage.

Haggai 1 - Temple Rebuilding Begins

In the second year of King Darius, on the first day of the sixth month, the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jozadak,[a] the high priest:

2 This is what the Lord Almighty says: “These people say, ‘The time has not yet come to rebuild the Lord’s house.’”³ Then the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: 4 “Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?”⁵ Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. 6 You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.”⁷ This is what the Lord Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. 8 Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored,” says the Lord. 9 “You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?” declares the Lord Almighty. “Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house. 10 Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops. 11 I called for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the olive oil and everything else the ground produces, on people and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands.”¹² Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the whole remnant of the people obeyed the voice of the Lord their God and the message of the prophet Haggai, because the Lord their God had sent him. And the people feared the Lord.¹³ Then Haggai, the Lord’s messenger, gave this message of the Lord to the people: “I am with you,” declares the Lord. 14 So the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house of the Lord Almighty, their God, 15 on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month.

Prayer Points:

Is it time to be living in your paneled houses while the Lord’s house lies in ruin?

Drought is mentioned again, people. Livestock, etc.

The message of the Lord to His people: I am with You!

Lord, stir up the spirit of the Zerubbabels of this age in the remnant of Your people who will rebuild Your kingdom, restore the luster of Your churches, and begin to work on the house of the Lord Almighty - our God.

This is also a picture or reference to the time approaching when Israel will rebuild the 3rd temple. We pray for the Lord’s timing with that and His will be done on earth as He sees it in heaven.

Zechariah 1 - REPENT & RETURN TO THE LORD

In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to the prophet Zechariah son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo: 2 “The Lord was very angry with your ancestors. 3 Therefore tell the people: This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘Return to me,’ declares the Lord Almighty, ‘and I will return to you,’ says the Lord Almighty. 4 Do not be like your ancestors, to whom the earlier prophets proclaimed: This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘Turn from your evil ways and your evil practices.’ But they would not listen or pay attention to me, declares the Lord. 5

Where are your ancestors now? And the prophets, do they live forever? 6 But did not my words and my decrees, which I commanded my servants the prophets, overtake your ancestors? “Then they repented and said, ‘The Lord Almighty has done to us what our ways and practices deserve, just as he determined to do.’”

7 On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, the month of Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to the prophet Zechariah son of Berekiah, the son of Iddo.8 During the night I had a vision, and there before me was a man mounted on a red horse. He was standing among the myrtle trees in a ravine. Behind him were red, brown and white horses.9 I asked, “What are these, my lord?” The angel who was talking with me answered, “I will show you what they are.”10 Then the man standing among the myrtle trees explained, “They are the ones the Lord has sent to go throughout the earth.”11 And they reported to the angel of the Lord who was standing among the myrtle trees, “We have gone throughout the earth and found the whole world at rest and in peace.”12 Then the angel of the Lord said, “Lord Almighty, how long will you withhold mercy from Jerusalem and from the towns of Judah, which you have been angry with these seventy years?” 13 So the Lord spoke kind and comforting words to the angel who talked with me.14 Then the angel who was speaking to me said, “Proclaim this word: This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘I am very jealous for Jerusalem and Zion, 15 and I am very angry with the nations that feel secure. I was only a little angry, but they went too far with the punishment.’16 “Therefore this is what the Lord says: ‘I will return to Jerusalem with mercy, and there my house will be rebuilt. And the measuring line will be stretched out over Jerusalem,’ declares the Lord Almighty.17 “Proclaim further: This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘My towns will again overflow with prosperity, and the Lord will again comfort Zion and choose Jerusalem.’”

18 Then I looked up, and there before me were four horns. 19 I asked the angel who was speaking to me, “What are these?” He answered me, “These are the horns that scattered Judah, Israel and Jerusalem.”20 Then the Lord showed me four craftsmen. 21 I asked, “What are these coming to do?”He answered, “These are the horns that scattered Judah so that no one could raise their head, but the craftsmen have come to terrify them and throw down these horns of the nations who lifted up their horns against the land of Judah to scatter its people.”[a]

Prayer Points:

The Lord was angry with our ancestors... but there is hope for us to return to Him. “Return to Me and I will return to you!”

If we return, my towns will again overflow with prosperity!

Again, another reference to “my house will be rebuilt”

Measuring Line - Jesus is the plumb line and he calls us to use just weights and measures

We are praying in these last days for the Return of Jesus to the Earth and that the bride be made ready - the church without spot or wrinkle.

Malachi 1 - God's Love for Israel

A prophecy: The word of the Lord to Israel through Malachi.[a]

Israel Doubts God's Love

2 "I have loved you," says the Lord. "But you ask, 'How have you loved us?'

"Was not Esau Jacob's brother?" declares the Lord. "Yet I have loved Jacob, 3 but Esau I have hated, and I have turned his hill country into a wasteland and left his inheritance to the desert jackals." 4 Edom may say, "Though we have been crushed, we will rebuild the ruins." But this is what the Lord Almighty says: "They may build, but I will demolish. They will be called the Wicked Land, a people always under the wrath of the Lord. 5 You will see it with your own eyes and say, 'Great is the Lord—even beyond the borders of Israel!'

6 "A son honors his father, and a slave his master. If I am a father, where is the honor due me? If I am a master, where is the respect due me?" says the Lord Almighty. "It is you priests who show contempt for my name. "But you ask, 'How have we shown contempt for your name?'" 7 "By offering defiled food on my altar. "But you ask, 'How have we defiled you?'" "By saying that the Lord's table is contemptible. 8 When you offer blind animals for sacrifice, is that not wrong? When you sacrifice lame or diseased animals, is that not wrong? Try offering them to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you?" says the Lord Almighty. 9 "Now plead with God to be gracious to us. With such offerings from your hands, will he accept you?"—says the Lord Almighty. 10 "Oh, that one of you would shut the temple doors, so that you would not light useless fires on my altar! I am not pleased with you," says the Lord Almighty, "and I will accept no offering from your hands. 11 My name will be great among the nations, from where the sun rises to where it sets. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to me, because my name will be great among the nations," says the Lord Almighty. 12 "But you profane it by saying, 'The Lord's table is defiled,' and, 'Its food is contemptible.' 13 And you say, 'What a burden!' and you sniff at it contemptuously," says the Lord Almighty. "When you bring injured, lame or diseased animals and offer them as sacrifices, should I accept them from your hands?" says the Lord. 14 "Cursed is the cheat who has an acceptable male in his flock and vows to give it, but then sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord. For I am a great king," says the Lord Almighty, "and my name is to be feared among the nations.

Prayer Points:

God loves Jacob (Israel) but hates Esau and will always be a people under the wrath of the Lord. We will see this contrast more and more concerning the separation of the goats and the sheep. God is making a distinction in this hour between those who are His and those who are not!

They may build, but the Lord will demolish! You will see it with your own eyes!

Don't profane the name of the Lord or what is Holy

Don't cheat the Lord in your giving - don't bring lame gifts to God - bring your best

His name is to be great and to be feared among the nations

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 4:8-17 - Temptation of Jesus (Kingdoms)

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’^[e]”¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

12 When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. 13 Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— 14 to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶ the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”^[f] 17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

Prayer Points:

The Word of God is our sword against the devil

Jesus will rule over the Kingdoms of the World as KING

Verse 16 - People walking in darkness have seen a great light... (the eclipse is a good metaphor for this spiritual truth)

Verse 17 - Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven has come near

Mark 4:8-14 - Parable of the Sower and Soils

8 Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times.” 9 Then Jesus said, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”¹⁰ When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables. 11 He told them, “The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables 12 so that, “they may be ever seeing but never perceiving, and ever hearing but never understanding otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!”^[a]”¹³ Then Jesus said to them, “Don’t you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable? 14 The farmer sows the word.

Prayer Points:

May the seed of the gospel fall on good soil and multiply abundantly and rapidly.

We pray for multiplied harvest - thirty, sixty, and hundred-fold harvest! Note: we will only reap what we or others have actively sown! Have we been sowing???

Companion Verse: Galatians 6:7-9, Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.⁸ For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

The Secrets of the Kingdom have been given to us. Let's operate in them!

We pray for ears to hear, eyes that perceive, and minds to understand!

Luke 4:8-14 - Temptation of Jesus (Authority and Power)

8 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'^[a]"⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. 10 For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; 11 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'^[b]" 12 Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'^[c]" 13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. 14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.

Prayer Points:

That we will worship the Lord our God and serve Him only

That we will not put God to the test

That the Lord will deliver us from evil and bring us through temptation in the hours ahead

That we will operate in the same power of the Spirit as Jesus did

That news about Him will spread through the whole world in the last days harvest

John 4:8-14 - Living Water

8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.^[a]) 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." 11 "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?" 13 Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Prayer Points:

That we do not enter into a drought of Living Water (or famine of the Word), but that we would thirst and drink of the Living Water, which would spring up living wells within us! And let us be ready to give a drink to anyone who thirsts.

Again, it reminds us of Matthew 10:40 - 42, "He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives the One who sent Me. 41 Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. 42 And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is My disciple, truly I tell you, he will never lose his reward."

Acts 4:8-14 - Peter and John Arrested - Brought Before Officials

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! 9 If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, 10 then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. 11 Jesus is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone." [a] 12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." 13 When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. 14 But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say.

Prayer Points:

Salvation comes through Jesus Christ alone. There is no other name by which we must be saved.

That supernatural healing would again be the "norm" for believers

Mankind hasn't only rejected the Chief Cornerstone, they are chipping away at the 10 commandments and every foundation of the Christian faith

God continues to use ordinary men to do the extraordinary and thus prove that we have been with Jesus!

Romans 4:8-14 - Justified by Faith

8 Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against them." [a] 9 Is this blessedness only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? We have been saying that Abraham's faith was credited to him as righteousness. 10 Under what circumstances was it credited? Was it after he was circumcised, or before? It was not after, but before! 11 And he received circumcision as a sign, a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. So then, he is the father of all who believe but have not been circumcised, in order that righteousness might be credited to them. 12 And he is then also the father of the circumcised who not only are

circumcised but who also follow in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.¹³ It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴ For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless

Prayer Points:

We are truly blessed people who are saved by grace through faith - whose sins will never count against us because of the blood of Jesus! We take time to thank Him

That our faith in these last days will be credited to us as righteousness and that we will walk by faith and not sight!

That we will stand firm and keep our faith in the days ahead

1 Corinthians 4:8-14 - Servants of Christ

⁸ Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! You have begun to reign—and that without us! How I wish that you really had begun to reign so that we also might reign with you! ⁹ For it seems to me that God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like those condemned to die in the arena. We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to human beings. ¹⁰ We are fools for Christ, but you are so wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are honored, we are dishonored! ¹¹ To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we are in rags, we are brutally treated, we are homeless. ¹² We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; ¹³ when we are slandered, we answer kindly. We have become the scum of the earth, the garbage of the world—right up to this moment.

Prayer Points:

Remember, there is a cost to following Jesus.

The world desires riches that fade, but our richness is the Kingdom of Heaven - the pearl of great price, the hidden treasure in a field...

Verse 9: apostles on display at the end of the procession - like those condemned to die in the arena. There are parallels between the disciples and the modern-day followers of Christ as great persecutions are happening across the world. We pray for patience and endurance and that we will pray and encourage one another even more so as we see the day approaching (Hebrews 10:25)

Verse 12 - that our reactions will be the opposite of the “normal responses” - right up until the end. When we are cursed, we bless... when we are persecuted, we endure it... when we are slandered, we answer kindly. We can only do this through Jesus and the Holy Spirit!

Companion Verse: Jesus teaches in the Beatitudes: “Blessed *are you* poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. **21** Blessed *are you* who hunger now, for you shall be filled.^[a] Blessed *are you* who weep now, For you shall laugh. **22** Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile *you*, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of

Man's sake. **23** Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward *is* great in heaven, for in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.

2 Corinthians 4:8-14 - Ministry (Paul's Teaching)

8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. 10 We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. 11 For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. 12 So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you. 13 It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken."^[a] Since we have that same spirit of^[b] faith, we also believe and therefore speak, 14 because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself.

Prayer Points:

This text pairs perfectly with the one before it from 1 Corinthians 4. We may be hard-pressed on every side, but not crushed, perplexed, but not in despair, persecuted, but not abandoned, struck down, but not destroyed. The hope and life of Jesus sustains us. Eternal life is His promise to all who are saved!

Galatians 4:8-14 - Known by GOD/ Sonship

8 Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods. 9 But now that you know God—or rather are known by God—how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable forces^[a]? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again? 10 You are observing special days and months and seasons and years! 11 I fear for you, that somehow I have wasted my efforts on you. 12 I plead with you, brothers and sisters, become like me, for I became like you. You did me no wrong. 13 As you know, it was because of an illness that I first preached the gospel to you, 14 and even though my illness was a trial to you, you did not treat me with contempt or scorn. Instead, you welcomed me as if I were an angel of God as if I were Christ Jesus himself.

Prayer Points:

When did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods - this reminds us of the rise of AI. This modern-day Babel experience (where man is setting himself up to be god) primes the world for the rule of the antichrist! We pray that God only allows this rising antichrist kingdom and its effects to progress within His acceptable limits before He will put a stop to it!

We pray that true repentance will come and that we will not be enslaved by sins, idols, or false gods ever again!

We pray that we don't know about God, but we know Him in relationship with Him. We want to be known by God (verse 9)

That there would be unity and respect in the Body of Christ to honor one another and treat them just as if we were honoring Christ Himself.

Ephesians 4:8-14 - Unity in the Spirit

8 This is why it[a] says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people." [b] 9 (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions[c]? 10 He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) 11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. 14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.

Prayer Points:

As we just celebrated Easter a few days ago, we are reminded that Jesus' work on the cross defeated (and took the keys to) death, hell, and the grave and set the saints held in the Paradise side of Hades free as he ascended on high. On our Gregorian calendar, we are in the time frame (of this writing) where a resurrected Jesus walked among the people along with many of the saints who came out of their graves before His ascension on the Mount of Olives and the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2! Again, we ask for resurrection power to be on display in our lives and for the last days outpouring upon us! Acts 2:17 says, *"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams."*

Joel 2:28-32, "It will come about after this that I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. 29 "Even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. 30 "I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth, Blood, fire and columns of smoke. 31 "The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. 32 "And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the LORD Will be delivered; For on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be those who escape, as the LORD has said, even among the survivors whom the LORD calls.

We will understand that Christ has equipped us to serve one another and we must use these gifts

That the Body of Christ would operate in unity and maturity

That we attain the whole measure of the fullness of Christ

To be anchored in Christ alone and not blown around by winds of strange teachings or craftiness of deceitful scheming people

Philippians 4:8-14 - Think/Expect Excellence

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. 10 I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. 11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well-fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength. 14 Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles.

Prayer Points:

That salvation be our helmet and we guard our thoughts - holding every thought captive and obedient to Him. Learn to think about the things He said to us (verse 8). This should be the filter for our social media or anything that would like to creep into our thoughts that might drag us down a rabbit hole. So much is fighting for our attention in this hour, but just like the labor pains we are enduring, this requires intense FOCUS on our part - for deliverance is near!

That we put into practice the things that we have learned

To learn the secret of being content in all circumstances - that our spirit remains at peace and undisturbed by what is happening around us

That we can do all things through Christ who gives us strength

Colossians 4:8-12 - Working With and Serving Others

8 I am sending him to you for the express purpose that you may know about our[a] circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts. 9 He is coming with Onesimus, our faithful and dear brother, who is one of you. They will tell you everything that is happening here. 10 My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. (You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.) 11 Jesus, who is called Justus, also sends greetings. These are the only Jews[b] among my co-workers for the kingdom of God, and they have proved a comfort to me. 12 Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.

Prayer Points:

God will send others to us for encouragement in this hour. Again, this ties into the unity of the faith and encouraging one another - even more so as we see the day approaching!

We must wrestle for other believers in prayer when they are afflicted, imprisoned, or in need of any kind - that they will stand firm in all the will of God - mature and fully assured.

We pray for the circumstances oppressed and persecuted believers are in across the world and understand that a day is coming when all Christians will be under persecution.

Pray for companions/ co-workers in the kingdom in the days ahead (as Jesus sent them out two by two and we have already prayed about the 2 or 3 corded strands not easily broken Ecc. 4:12) Understand that having others in our lives who are like-minded and of the same Spirit of God brings a sense of comfort to us and brings strength through our trials and tribulations.

1 Thessalonians 4:8-14 - Sanctification and Love

Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit.

9 Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. 10 And in fact, you do love all of God's family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more, 11 and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, 12 so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. 14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

Prayer Points:

The main strategy in the days ahead is LOVE. We are commanded by the Lord to love one another in the Body of Christ and to share God's love with those in our sphere of influence who do not know him. As one of our prayer partners coined, "Love is the antidote!"

That we will win the respect of outsiders by the lives we live. Quiet lives. Minding our own business and working with our hands.

To not allow our hearts and lives to be dependent on anyone other than GOD! (eg. trust in our strength, money, doctors, government, etc.)

Financial issues and turmoil in America. Economies headed toward the digital dollar I pray for those strapped with massive debts that God will supernaturally help them be free from indebtedness to lenders. That we would help one another in the Body of Christ. That the church be the church and especially look after the widow, the orphan, and the poor. Also pray over our national debt, which has spiraled out of control!

Be prepared for death and gain correct thinking. Don't allow the death you may witness in those around you to paralyze you in fear or cause a hindrance in serving the Lord or winning the lost. Hebrews 9:27 says, "*Man is appointed to die once and after that to face judgment.*" 2 Corinthians 5:8 says, "*To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.*" Psalm 91:7 says, "*A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.*" This theme is repeated or at least suggested in 2 Timothy 1:4-12 as

Paul is aging and finishing his “race in life” (going to die soon) and is trying to encourage the other believers. We must take up the baton and keep running!

2 Thessalonians 1:4-12 - Thanksgiving, Faith, and Perseverance

We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters,[b] and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. 4 Therefore, among God’s churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.5 All this is evidence that God’s judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. 6 God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you 7 and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. 8 He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might 10 on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.11 With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. 12 We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.[c]

Prayer Points:

Again, a reference to our love and faith should be increasing/growing as the end of days draws near. We should also be exhibiting perseverance and endurance in the various persecutions and trials we will face.

Remember that God’s judgments are right and true and he will pay back trouble to those who trouble us! He will give relief to those of us who are troubled as well!

That He might make us worthy of His calling

That He would bring to fruition every desire for goodness and deeds prompted by faith

That the name of the Lord Jesus would be glorified in us in the days ahead! Let us radiate His glory (again like Moses radiated the Shikinah glory of God after being in His presence)

1 Timothy 4:8-12 - Discipline Yourself

Physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. 9 This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance. 10 That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.11 Command and teach these things. 12 Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. 13 Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. 14 Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

Prayer Points:

We need to be exercising our faith so that we can have the stamina to run! We cannot be weak and fail to build up our spiritual muscle - or only feast on the fat of the Word and expect to be spiritually fit. We need a steady diet of the whole Word of God to train us in righteousness so we can run as to win!

Even young people are used by God - and could be especially prominent in the hour ahead. We all need to be using our gifts and setting an example for others in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity! Pray for them to shine in our finest hour.

2 Timothy 1:4-12- Personal Concerns - Don't Get Disqualified

They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. 5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.9 Do your best to come to me quickly, 10 for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. 11 Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. 12 I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. 13 When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.14 Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. 15 You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message.

Prayer Points:

There are so many false ideologies and narratives being spread today! We need to guard against those who disperse such things.

Pray that we keep our heads in all situations (it also reminds us of beheadings that will happen for those who reject the antichrist) we literally want to keep our heads and not get to that point of having to reject the antichrist, that we will endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist who takes the gospel to others, and work in whatever ministry capacities we can.

Again, if this were a sport, we are praying that we kick it up a notch as we head toward the final goal of the Lord's return. It's time to run and not grow weary. It's time to soar in the giftings and callings He has on our lives. May we use every ounce of talent and energy the Lord has down to the very last second of our lives! Good to the last drop!

Titus 1:4-12 - Be Qualified!

4 To Titus, my true son in our common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.5 The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint[a] elders in every town, as I directed you. 6 An elder must be blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe[b] and are not open

to the charge of being wild and disobedient. 7 Since an overseer manages God's household, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. 8 Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. 9 He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. 10 For there are many rebellious people, full of meaningless talk and deception, especially those of the circumcision group. 11 They must be silenced, because they are disrupting whole households by teaching things they ought not to teach—and that for the sake of dishonest gain. 12 One of Crete's own prophets has said it: "Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons." [c]

Prayer Points:

Pray through these Scriptures! There are so many prayer points in the details!

It's time to put things in order in our lives! We are held to a higher standard - especially if we are overseeing the things of the Lord in ministry! God is not going to let these things slide in the days ahead. There's a calling to account! Ministries that don't obey God in this way are going to be exposed openly and cut off!

It's Hebrews 6, "1 Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith in God, 2 instruction about baptisms, 3 the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. 3 And this we will do, if God permits. 4 It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, 5 who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age— 6 and then have fallen away—to be restored to repentance, because they themselves are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting Him to open shame. 7 For land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is tended receives the blessing of God. 8 But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless, and its curse is imminent. In the end it will be burned. 9 Even though we speak like this, beloved, we are convinced of better things in your case—things that accompany salvation. 10 For God is not unjust. He will not forget your work and the love you have shown for His name as you have ministered to the saints and continue to do so. 11 We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, in order to make your hope sure. 12 Then you will not be sluggish, but will imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised."

This also reminds me of divine supernatural healing released for the days ahead. 2 Kings 20 tells the story of God's words to Hezekiah during his illness, "In those days Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz went to him and said, "This is what the Lord says: Put your house in order, because you are going to die; you will not recover."

2 Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord, 3 "Remember, Lord, how I have walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your eyes." And Hezekiah wept bitterly. 4 Before Isaiah had left the middle court, the word of the Lord came to him: 5 "Go back and tell Hezekiah, the ruler of my people, 'This is what the Lord, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you. On the third day from now you will go up to the temple of the Lord. 6 I will add fifteen years to your

life. And I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city for my sake and for the sake of my servant David.”⁷ Then Isaiah said, “Prepare a poultice of figs.” They did so and applied it to the boil, and he recovered.⁸ Hezekiah had asked Isaiah, “What will be the sign that the Lord will heal me and that I will go up to the temple of the Lord on the third day from now?”⁹ Isaiah answered, “This is the Lord’s sign to you that the Lord will do what he has promised: Shall the shadow go forward ten steps, or shall it go back ten steps?”¹⁰ “It is a simple matter for the shadow to go forward ten steps,” said Hezekiah. “Rather, have it go back ten steps.”¹¹ Then the prophet Isaiah called on the Lord, and the Lord made the shadow go back the ten steps it had gone down on the stairway of Ahaz.

Did you catch that it was a sign attributed to the sun? A good reminder during this Great American Eclipse sign!

Psalm 41:3 says, *“The LORD sustains them on their sickbed and restores them from their bed of illness.”*

Again, there’s a call to uphold sound doctrine and refute those who oppose sound doctrine! God is going to make this distinction even more pronounced in the days ahead. He is a Holy God!

Philemon 1:4-12 - Love and Faith

I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. ⁷ Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord’s people. ⁸ Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, ⁹ yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus— ¹⁰ that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus,[b] who became my son while I was in chains. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. ¹³ I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. ¹⁴ But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary.

Prayer Points:

Again, another emphasis on love and partnership with others in the faith! This is vital as they will know we are Christians by our LOVE. And we pray a boldness in our love and zeal!

Companion passage: 1 John 4:7-21, *“7Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love*

is perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. 14 We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.

15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 17 By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. 19 We love, because He first loved us. 20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.

Hebrews 4:8-12 - The Believer's Rest

For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. 9 There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; 10 for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works,[c] just as God did from his. 11 Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience. 12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Prayer Points:

That we will choose to enter into God's rest. The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath!

We also must magnify the Word of God. Know it. Devour it. It will be vital for much-needed discernment and to "check our hearts" to see if they align with Christ. We cannot give to others what we do not possess. If we do not know the Word, we are clouds without rain! Woe to us! This is a rebuke for our lack as Christians to be disciplined in studying and knowing the Word (the WORD is God) and a spurring on to mature by being a disciple of His Word. And we are called not to be hearers only of the Word but DOERS!

Companion verse: James 1:22-25, *"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. 25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does."*

James 4:8-15 - Things to Avoid

8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

11 Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister[a] or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. 12

There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor? 13 Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” 14 Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. 15 Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.”

Prayer Points:

There’s a seriousness and soberness of the hour we are in. It’s time to draw near to God, for His return is very near!

Again, it’s a time for self-reflection and putting our spiritual lives in order! Perhaps even our households.

We need to walk in humility!

Don’t speak or grumble against brothers and sisters in Christ.

No man is guaranteed tomorrow. Understand and know that the perfect place to be is in the center of God’s will. It’s not OUR will, but HIS be done on earth as it is in heaven!

1 Peter 4:8-14 - Keep Fervent in Your Love

8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. 11 If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

12 Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

Prayer Points:

Another reminder to love each other deeply and to care for one another without grumbling or complaining.

We are again reminded to use our gifts to serve one another and do all things as if we are God’s ambassadors. We will accomplish much in God’s strength which He will provide! It’s not by our might or power but by His Spirit!

Trials and tests (fiery ordeals) are not to shake us, scare us, or surprise us. Jesus told us in this life we will have them. Companion Verse: John 16:33, “I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. In the world, you will have tribulation. But take courage; I have overcome the world!”

That the Spirit and glory of God (as mentioned before) will rest on us.

2 Peter 1:4-14 - Grow in Christian Virtue

4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. 5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. 8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins. 10 Therefore, my brothers and sisters,[a] make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, 11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

12 So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. 13 I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, 14 because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.

We write this to make our[a] joy complete.

Prayer Points:

Pray this entire passage!! So many golden nuggets from God! He has given us these great and precious promises! We can count on them!

Again, we need to mature in our walks for the hour ahead. Jesus wants a mature bride, not a baby/child bride.

We pray that we will be effective and productive

We pray we are firmly rooted and established in truth! Immovable and unshakeable! Hebrews 12:28, "Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, 29for our "God is a consuming fire."

1 John 1:4-10 - Walk in God's Light

5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all[b] sin. 8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

Prayer Points:

We are to walk in the light and have no fellowship with darkness: personally, in our families, in our nation, etc.

That we will confess sins so that he will forgive and purify us: personally, in our families, in our nation, etc.

Again, it's time for purity and light - a deeper level of consecration before the Lord. Matthew 5:8, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

Companion verse: Psalm 24:3-6, *"Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in His holy place? 4He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear deceitfully.5He will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from the God of his salvation.6Such is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek Your face, O God of Jacob."*

2 John 1:4-13 - Walk According to Scripture/Commandments

4 It has given me great joy to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as the Father commanded us. 5 And now, dear lady, I am not writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning. I ask that we love one another. 6 And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.7 I say this because many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist. 8 Watch out that you do not lose what we[a] have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully. 9 Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take them into your house or welcome them. 11 Anyone who welcomes them shares in their wicked work.12 I have much to write to you, but I do not want to use paper and ink. Instead, I hope to visit you and talk with you face to face, so that our joy may be complete.13 The children of your sister, who is chosen by God, send their greetings.

Prayer Points:

Pray for our children and this generation to walk in the TRUTH

We are again called to LOVE ONE ANOTHER and walk in LOVE

Watch out for deceivers

Pray that we have more face-to-face encounters in this age when everyone is distanced and too reliant on communicating via texts, social media, etc. It's a war on accountability and deep relationships with one another.

Companion Verse: Hebrews 10:25 - *" Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."*

3 John 1:4-13 - Walk in Truth

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

5 Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers and sisters,[a] even though they are strangers to you. 6 They have told the church about your love. Please send them on their way in a manner that honors God. 7 It was for the sake of the Name that they went out, receiving no help from the pagans. 8 We ought therefore to show

hospitality to such people so that we may work together for the truth. 9 I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first, will not welcome us. 10 So when I come, I will call attention to what he is doing, spreading malicious nonsense about us. Not satisfied with that, he even refuses to welcome other believers. He also stops those who want to do so and puts them out of the church. 11 Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil but what is good. Anyone who does what is good is from God. Anyone who does what is evil has not seen God. 12 Demetrius is well spoken of by everyone—and even by the truth itself. We also speak well of him, and you know that our testimony is true. 13 I have much to write you, but I do not want to do so with pen and ink. 14 I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face.

Prayer Points:

Again, stated - a mandate to pray for the children that they would walk in truth. We pray over our education system and other systems of this world that would seek to corrupt and draw our children away from the path of God onto another one. I pray our children enter the narrow gate.

Companion Verse: Matthew 7:13-14, *“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. **14** But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”*

That we will imitate what is good and not evil. And do not let our children imitate what is evil! The devil is after our children even before they are born! We pray for a protective hedge around them and rebuke those who would do them harm!

Companion Verse: Jesus invited a little child to stand among them. 3*“Truly I tell you,” He said, “unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 And whoever welcomes a little child like this in My name welcomes Me. 6 But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. 7 Woe to the world for the causes of sin. These stumbling blocks must come, but woe to the man through whom they come! 8 If your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than to have two hands and two feet and be thrown into the eternal fire. 9 And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.”* *Note - this passage includes yet another reference to the two others in our prayer guide about the hands and feet!

Another reminder of Hebrews 10:25 and the importance of face-to-face connections!

We are also reminded of the LOVE in this passage and treating each other in a way that honors God. This also connects LOVE to a “face-to-face” interaction. 1 Corinthians 13 (the love chapter) says this in verse 12, “For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am

fully known.” This reminds us that when Christ comes and the church is fully mature as He is, however, we will see God face to face, knowing Him in His fullness instead of through partial revelation! Praise Jesus He is COMING SOON!

Jude 1:4-16 - Warnings to the Ungodly

4 For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about[a] long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord. 5 Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord[b] at one time delivered his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe. 6 And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day. 7 In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.

8 In the very same way, on the strength of their dreams these ungodly people pollute their own bodies, reject authority and heap abuse on celestial beings. 9 But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not himself dare to condemn him for slander but said, “The Lord rebuke you!”[c] 10 Yet these people slander whatever they do not understand, and the very things they do understand by instinct—as irrational animals do—will destroy them. 11 Woe to them! They have taken the way of Cain; they have rushed for profit into Balaam’s error; they have been destroyed in Korah’s rebellion. 12 These people are blemishes at your love feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm—shepherds who feed only themselves. They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind; autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted—twice dead. 13 They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever. 14 Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about them: “See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones 15 to judge everyone, and to convict all of them of all the ungodly acts they have committed in their ungodliness, and of all the defiant words ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”[e] 16 These people are grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage.

Prayer Points:

This passage is another reminder of how God will destroy the wicked - even angels!

God is warning again being clouds without rain, autumn trees without fruit and uprooted - twice dead (another reference to branches that need pruning off!), and another warning against grumbling.

They follow their own evil desires rather than God and seek their own glory and selfish ambition and advantages. WOE!

Jesus also declared woes in the Beatitudes - warning the wicked what awaits them - Luke 6:24-26 “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. **25** “Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.” Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. **26** “Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.”

Revelation 4 - Scene in Heaven; The Throne and Worship of the Creator

4 After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." 2 At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. 3 And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne. 4 Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. 5 From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings, and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits[a] of God. 6 Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front, and in back. 7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. 8 Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,[b]who was, and is, and is to come."

9 Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: 11 "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

Prayer Points:

First, we praise Him for this glorious heavenly picture of the throne of God, the rainbow that shone like an emerald encircling it, the 24 thrones, 24 elders, etc. Here are mentioned again the seven Spirits of God. And we pray - may it be done on earth as you see it in heaven. Lord.

This passage is a stark contrast to the one that precedes in Jude 1!

Heaven is a real place and so is the Lake of Fire. Judgment is pending! As we are LOOKING UP FOR OUR REDEMPTION DRAWS NEAR!

We're in an hour where many are pivoting between a decision for Christ - we are reminded of Joel 3:14, "*Multitudes, multitudes, in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.*"

We pray as many look toward the heavens to witness this sign of God, that they will repent and see God, that they will know Him and know peace.

Companion Verse: 2 Corinthians 6:2, "Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation!"

Our prayer is that nothing will eclipse the SON in our lives, our families, our homes, our country, and across the world.

*May God bless every single
one of you and may He
grant all our requests.*

Thank you for praying!

BONUS SECTION:

This section is NOT intended to be extensive, because to convey all the Lord has been doing in Greater Kansas City through intercession over the past couple of decades would take volumes of writing and God only gave me a day to get this out. It was actually written in less than ONE DAY. Yes, you heard me correctly - what you are about to read is “hot off the press” from the heart of the Father to your ears! This was NOT written or generated in any way by AI. These days, you often wonder when publications come out if they were enhanced or generated, so I wanted to state that publicly! The only help I received was from THE HOLY SPIRIT!

About the Author:

The Lord said it was important for you to understand a little about (me) the author, including a few brief highlights of what He has been speaking through intercession here in Missouri (and in the various prayer groups in my sphere) as some of you may not know me from Adam! Sometimes it's hard to get behind an unfamiliar voice that has not been “proven” and whom you have never heard before. My prayer is that you recognize the voice of GOD reverberating through this simple vessel and not mine. It's the Good Shepherd's voice we need to recognize! (John 10:27-28) For those of you who DO know me or trust the source from whom you received this prayer guide, you can feel free to skip this background section unless you enjoy reading a good background story and watching the building blocks of intercession be laid line upon line. God has used me to expand his Kingdom through intercession which is my true calling and I pray this content will encourage and edify you to dig deeper into intercession yourself!

With that, I will introduce myself. My name is Jennifer and I am a prayer intercessor. I grew up in northeastern Ohio. I began learning the power of prayer at a young age through my mother, Patricia. My mother was the first version of a prayer warrior I ever encountered.

I was the second daughter conceived by a mother who had been barren for the first 12 years of their marriage and told she could not have children. Army doctors and others did all they could for her, but nothing worked. Until GOD showed up. My mom kept praying and trusting Him. It finally happened and faith became sight. My sister was born on Labor Day 1970 - conceived in the 12th year of their marriage. In the 14th year of their marriage, I was conceived. I was born on MOTHER'S DAY in 1972. We serve the God of MIRACLES. Because of knowing I was a child who was wanted and prayed for by her parents and a miracle answer from God, I always viewed my life as being one very accountable to the Lord. I feel a responsibility to live up to the life God gave me and granted my mother to conceive, birth, and raise. And she took her job as “mother” seriously and raised us in the fear and admonition of the Lord. Now you know why I say I had a praying mother! We should all be so blessed to have a praying mom! She believed in prayer. She didn't just pray for us. No! She prayed constantly on the phone for the hurting and sick. They knew God answered her prayers. She operated in giftings of mercy and helps and exemplified compassionate prayer to us, with us, and for others. A favorite memory of mine

is the morning prayers with us before school. A second is when she took me with her to pray (as a child) for a man's wife in our church who had cancer. And I did help pray for the sick lady! That man was a doctor - Dr. George Iten - and a dear friend of ours all my growing up years. He used to follow articles in the paper about me and save them for me. He was such a sweet, wonderful, and thoughtful Christian man.

Later in life, I found myself hospitalized on a couple of occasions for some extended periods of time. That was a great opportunity for me to go around and pray for the kids in the hospital who were on my floor. They never stopped me from praying for others. I do the same thing 40+ years later through our work with Compassion Ministries of Greater Kansas City. Having a praying mother and having a God who delights in answering prayers greatly impacted (and literally started) my life! Prayer has been the constant thread throughout all my days.

God continued to grow me up in prayer. I have been actively involved in intercession for over 40 years now.

Although I spent many of my growing-up years in what I would describe as a spotlight because of my music endeavors and creative writing, as I grew older the Lord desired to keep me hidden and operating in the most powerful calling of intercession. Usually, when opportunities arose to be thrown back into the spotlight, upon inquiring of the Lord, He would guide me away from those visible paths. Some would have been extremely visible! They may have been visible to man, but I have never desired to be known by man, but rather known by God. (1 Corinthians 8:3 and Galatians 4:9). There have been a few exceptions when God has trumpeted that something must be shared immediately due to the importance of the hour and I have had to act. Now is such a time. Another such time was during 9/11. On the morning of September 11, 2001, I was giving birth to our son, Leviticus, in a Kansas City Hospital - which prompted a quick book (much like this) about 9/11 that I distributed to people locally and went around from KC to St. Louis speaking about publicly. Again, outside of these moments of knowing something must be shared IMMEDIATELY, I try to maintain a low profile. But again, this is a NOW TIME!

*I want to inject a word here! I believe those God has kept hidden are being revealed at this time. These "hidden ones" have emptied themselves of selfish ambition and humbled themselves before the Lord, sought His face, been saturated in the Word and Prayer, and are full of the Spirit have been commissioned by the Lord Himself to come forth with might and strategy that could only come from leaning on our beloved in the wilderness. You are hidden because God has kept you in the shadow of the Almighty (Ps. 91). You have been in the wilderness because God has been painstakingly preparing you in intense spiritual training and disciplines, but the time has come that you will no longer be in the shadows and will accomplish great exploits for the Kingdom of God. That may sound strange to you, but remember, "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal for the casting down of strongholds." (2 Corinthians 10:4) And it's not in our strength, but His as Zechariah 4:6 says, "*Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,*' says the Lord Almighty." That's for YOU out there who are reading this. God's getting ready to use YOU in the areas He has gifted you in. You part of a rising army of end-time warriors that is going to confound the enemy and send him fleeing in seven different

directions. He's not even going to know what hit him! Sorry- sometimes I just have to stop and tell you about the roses I smell... and that word had the aroma of Christ all over it.

Missouri has been my home for most of my adult life. I moved out here to attend Bible College, but it happens to also be the home of my husband even though I met him in Ohio. That's another story for another day. Truthfully, that story is already published in a book, How I Met the Love of My Life, a compilation of short stories from many authors (Salem Publishing).

My husband grew up in the Kansas City area in Missouri, so this is where we have lived except for four years living/ ministering in Antioch (Nashville) Tennessee where three of our six children were born. Our other three were born in Kansas City. The Nashville years were a personal "watermark" for me with the Lord as we were beginning our family, I found myself at home raising little ones. I took every opportunity to study and pray for hours every day - especially taking advantage of times the kids were resting. Time doesn't permit me to go into detail, but God showed up in mighty ways even to the children! Those early parenting years and the influence of my mother became the building blocks for another intercessory prayer devotional and guide God would have me complete later in 2006. He often puts "tools in our toolbox" for later use.

God brought us back to the Kansas City area in 1999 and He placed me two doors down from my longest and oldest intercessor friend, Rebecca Gloria Hicks. She became a great mentor to me (Titus 2) and we often met for intercessory prayer and edification. She still recalls me walking into her house that first time with arms raised declaring, "God sent you re-enforcements!" She has been instrumental in my spiritual life for 25 years. And to this day, she still sends out prayer letters! God wants us to operate in cooperative prayer with others. Scripture says in Ephesians 4:12, "*Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.*" We spent many hours praying for our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and Uttermost Parts of the earth in intercession. We all need to learn to follow Jesus' advice! Our mission does start at home and radiates to the neighborhood, city, state, region, country, and world. We prayed an entire year (2002-2003) for our neighbors and wrote our prayers into a journal, including the Goliath Prayer, which has circulated across many prayer groups in many states.

In 2006, I wrote my first large book under the direction of the Lord called "Expectant Prayers for Expectant Mothers; a Daily Prayer Guide, Devotional, and Journal Through Pregnancy." It even included prayers for planning a pregnancy and a section with verses about pregnancy loss if a pregnancy ended in miscarriage. This prayer book was the one God started birthing in our Nashville years and took many years to grow until God was ready for it to come forth. I was very eager to write it. I had many cute kid stories, tips for homeschooling, and real-life parenting examples in that book and things that I would have loved to share until God told me to edit it and remove all the cute stories and the like. But, if we are truly following God, it's not MY will, but YOURS be done. There were no such books on the shelf in 2006 (only one that even somewhat pertained to prayer for your unborn baby) and He told me it was going to be a template for a movement of more books of the same kind to be written. And it was. Now books

like mine are everywhere. PRAISE JESUS! He knows how to take our insignificant seeds and multiply them.

Upon publication, I was invited to a local KC television station to promote the book. In the months following, our family faced a personal battle so strong that I didn't know if we would survive it. The devil was mad that I had written such a book and it was dangerous to his (satan's) plans. It was causing people to pray for the unborn (now many refer to as preborn). That's when I learned how severe and real the backlash of the devil is. Then a huge publisher decided they were going to publish a book with similar content and a similar title, which caused a David and Goliath moment of my own. David won. But we can never forget at any time in our prayer journey - the devil is out to steal, kill, and destroy. At the same time, I was approached by a very famous pregnancy book representative to join with them, but upon inquiring of the Lord, He said no. The exact thing, I heard was, "No. Come out from among them and be separate."

On a different, but related tangent, remember I was born in 1972, the year before Roe v. Wade (which happened in 1973). Since I was old enough to understand abortion existed and what it involved- I made it a prayer mission. I would encourage anyone I could, "If we keep praying and not give up, we will reap a harvest! God WILL overturn Roe v. Wade." Unplanned pregnancy is one of the reasons that I wrote that first book. My mother-in-law spent sixteen years of her life volunteering at a local KC Christian-based Ministry dedicated to helping & housing unwed mothers, to which the first copies of EPEM were revealed publicly for the very first time. And right after my 50th birthday, Roe v. Wade was overturned. I was a small part of the prayer army involved in interceding for this historic victory for life and I count that as one of my best personal Jubilee birthday presents from God.

Intercession Overview Highlights in Recent Years:

2009 - we were hearing - "What was and has been is no longer going to be normal." "There's a new normal coming." "You will have to get used to the new normal." I was posting on my prayer website things like: We are coming under oppression! We will be slaves to our freedoms! And the people will pray, "Let My People Go" (a reference to Israel leaving Egypt). Remember - this was a decade before COVID-19 - but God always prepares the people ahead of time. He's that kind of God. He doesn't leave us off guard, but we must be listening.

In my prayer circles, we felt a huge "shift in seasons" beginning in 2014. Times were changing (speeding up) as there were a lot of references to that. Much change was happening - both good and bad - in personal and national arenas. God was moving people and/or putting all the pieces in place for major changes (jobs, houses, ministries, even geographically) to set up for what was coming. We were also seeing a speeding up of answers. Sometimes (like back in 2009) things would take decades to come about, but we are seeing things come to fruition at a faster rate!

Since 2015, we've been praying "REPENT" over America. Things really ramped up heading into late 2018 as a restlessness was settling over intercessors. The war in the heavenlies was raging. There was a call to go deeper with God. One of my intercessor friends even held a Prayer/ Teaching Conference called "Going Deeper" in 2019.

In our Compassion Ministries of Greater KC Intercessors group, God had us on a seven-year-long journey that seemed to be one year ahead of what would hit the "mainstream" prayer outlets. After that initial year, we have targeted: Increase, Expansion, Empowered, Ignited, Blast Off, and S.O.A.R. - too much to go into, but God was moving us further along in Him and His desire was to teach us what He wanted prayed and accomplished as co-laborers with Him. Signs and wonders have followed. Many, many countless seeds have been planted as a result and harvest is coming.

On a personal front, in 2019 on President's Day, we (my family's construction business) acquired a house in Independence across from President Truman's house. It used to be the parsonage for the First Baptist Church of Independence.

While working on that house, God kept emphasizing Haggai 2:9 to us - *"The glory of this present house will be greater than the former house"* and Haggai 1:4, *"Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?"* Now, we know He wasn't just talking about our remodel. He wanted HIS church to become that glorious church without spot or wrinkle! He wanted those dead bones (Ezekiel's vision) to come back to life. And there was a definite connection with Israel.

During renovations, we discovered that the former Pastor's daughter, who lived in the house when President Truman lived across the street, was still alive (Jane). We contacted her and were able to meet with her during and after renovations. She told us many interesting facts about the home and her family. She even said President Truman was a family friend and had, on several occasions, been in the house! She also told us about all the weddings performed in front of the living room fireplace. As men were headed off to WWII via the train at Union Station, couples would stop in (usually on a Sunday after church) and have the Pastor (her dad) marry them. This too reminded me of the betrothal of our Savior and the promise that He is coming back to receive us unto Himself. After finishing the house and putting it on the market 4th of July weekend, The Lord unexpectedly prolonged our ownership of that house. Our sales contract unexpectedly fell through, but we kept the house active. We opened it up for prayer meetings right there on Truman Road! We were having powerful Holy Spirit-filled prayer meetings and seeking God from August 2019 until it was sold in October 2019. Little did we know we were on the verge of the great "WOE" of Covid. But even though lockdowns, we held a tent revival off the Square in Independence that stemmed from the Truman Revival meetings on Truman Road. The theme of that tent revival was "Back to the Future" as we were being told in the Spirit that history tends to repeat itself, but that we were on the verge of a historically epic event. We also heard the Spirit saying, "WOE!" and "There is a great woe coming!"

During one powerful evening at prayer meeting, there was a vision of Michael the archangel Standing over America from the west (of our location). A flame was descending out of heaven like a pillar of fire straight down toward the earth in a large shaft (similar to what you imagine happened at the Tabernacle in the wilderness), but then it tilted toward us in more of a

horizontal fashion. It was like he (Michael) was holding or directing a flame of fire that was aimed toward the southeast. Suddenly power released and fire shot out like a heavenly flame thrower. It leaped forward with great momentum and ignited specific targets, including some local churches. It then lit a path through Missouri. This vision had immediate confirmation and we knew the refining, testing, purifying fire was being released - it was the fire of God; a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. But it was two-fold. This flame also held the fire that burns up/destroys the chaff. It was clear that this all-consuming fire was coming through our area. And it was heavy. We were gripped with great fear and reverence of the Lord for the sheer power of God. It was also a very somber WOE similar to what you read in Revelation! It made us want to fall on our faces before the Lord in total fear and awe, respect, repentance, and worship all in one. That's when we began praying for the release of the Seven Spirits of the Lord found in Revelation and Isaiah 11:2 - *"The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord."*

Just as a side note, we blew the shofar on the roof of the Truman Rd. house we renovated on May 14, 2019, on the first anniversary of Trump moving the embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. God instructed us to do so. It was a wake-up alarm, a remembrance (remember God, history, and what we committed to Israel), and a celebration of this (perhaps prophetic) achievement by President Trump(et). Later, when talking to another intercessor friend who lived quite a distance away east of our location, reported hearing someone blowing a shofar at that moment (she heard the shofar from miles away). God wanted that shofar to sound. We followed that blast with a few others at strategic points/locations with God's leading through prayer.

By 2020 - We were also going through our area on prayer drives and initiatives, joining with other intercessors to pray over target areas of our city. We started with a drive around the churches as we were hearing 1 Peter 4:17, *"For it is time for judgment to begin with God's household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?"*

I toured the inside of President Truman's residence for the first time on May 14, 2022. Again, the reason I remember these dates *when I blew the shofar in 2019 and when I toured the house in 2022* so readily is because 1.) it's the birthday of modern-day Israel - May 14, 1948, and 2.) it is my birthday. I recently rediscovered that President Truman died the same year I was born. My favorite President *when asked to do reports in school on a President - was TRUMAN because of the huge role he played in securing Israel's statehood. I am also an end-times student of the Bible and recognize the importance of this distinction as it sets the prophetic time clock ticking again. I also have long loved and admired the quote (he had on a desk placard), "The buck stops here!" It reminds us of the personal responsibility we all have in life - and I like to think PRAYER! In Missouri, we will heed the voice of the Lord and respond to God's signs to us. On our knees we declare, the buck stops here!

(On another side note, I found out many years after we were married and on a trip to a Civil War Museum in southern Missouri that our wedding anniversary is also the anniversary of Missouri's statehood! Tell me God isn't in the details!)

2020-2021 brought meetings with greater emphasis on greater consecration before the Lord. He was cutting off things from our lives that we couldn't carry into the new season. Things that were permissible in the past season weren't necessarily going to get a pass this time around. God was re-emphasizing His holiness. Spontaneous baptisms were happening in our circles as well as in other states (NC, Dawson, GA) where people were finding new freedom in Christ and recommitting themselves. People were receiving supernatural healings and deliverances from hold-ups and hang-ups!! God also began unlocking a deeper understanding of the Scripture. As someone said, "The closer we get to the end times, the more prophecy and hidden mysteries will be revealed and make sense!" Isn't that the truth? We also were alerted to pray over frequencies and the atmosphere six or nine months before the spy balloons invaded America - God sent us to various places around KC with this prayer initiative.

In September of 2023, we again visited my best friend in NC - who is also a prayer warrior. Naturally, God directed us to make it a prayer visit! We spent many, many hours in prayer at her church during their Tuesday Prayer Meeting, at her house, at one of the oldest Moravian Churches in the area, Mt. Airy (a.k.a Mayberry - which is significant because my husband is an Assistant Police Chief as well as a pastor), at Prayer Mountain in NC (blew the shofar there and read Scripture as directed by the Lord). In previous visits, we had prayed at Billy Graham's house, Grandfather Mountain, and other sites.

On the way back home during this latest trip, we drove through Nashville where we used to live) and headed back to MO to pray at Taum Sauk Mountain, the highest point in Missouri. At the time of this trip, we weren't thinking about the Great American Eclipse or the Focus on "Little Egypt" where you cross through 4 states and a little town called Cairo. But that's exactly where the Lord sent us. On September 7, 2023 - we drove through there praying (and taking some pictures) as we went. I was taking pictures because we have a son named MOSES and I saw "Moses Rd." I commented to my husband that it was unusual. As we kept driving, we drove through a strange-looking gate that seemed to be mounted underneath a railroad bridge. That place felt incredibly evil. I asked him aloud as we passed through, "Are those the gates of hell?" Again, it was an overwhelming wicked feeling. Then we saw the sign for Cairo. I can understand how some may have arrived at the name Cairo as to our west, the mighty Mississippi might have resembled the Nile. However, putting those thoughts aside, WHY would anyone do that???

As you keep progressing out of "Little Egypt" you see a road called "Promise Land Rd" and once you reach that road, you finally feel like you have left behind the "evil and their gods". Sorry if you are a believer who lives there, I am just reporting what we discerned and experienced firsthand.

We also passed a road marker, which is significant to me (My name and number again). This was reminiscent of the birth of our son, Leviticus, on the morning of 9/11/2001. God had my name and number there as well. I made mention of it to my husband as it being significant. So to me, I know that trek of prayer trip was showing me - this is a divine appointment and you have a mission to accomplish!

Working our way back home on that prayer trip that took us through Little Egypt, the Lord led me to a passage in Luke 10 where Jesus sends out the seventy-two. I sent this to my prayer friends and prayed it aloud in the truck. Re-reading it now with the understanding that God sent us to a place of His doing - not even knowing the connection - my mouth flew open when I read the very first verse! He sent them ahead two by two to every town and place where He was about to go. We must heed the warnings that God is giving us. I believe He took us on a trek of His visitation upon the United States of America. I do not believe this is the only trek, but definitely one involved.

Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-Two - Luke 10:1-23

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two^[a] others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. **2** He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. **3** Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. **4** Do not take a purse or bag or sandals, and do not greet anyone on the road.

5 "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' **6** If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. **7** Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

8 "When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. **9** Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' **10** But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, **11** 'Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.' **12** I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

13 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. **14** But it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon at

the judgment than for you. **15** And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to the heavens? No, you will go down to Hades.^[b]

16 “Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

17 The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

18 He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. **19** I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. **20** However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

21 At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

22 “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

23 Then he turned to his disciples and said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. **24** For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.”

We spent the night of September 7 at Cape Girardeau, MO - also a wicked feeling town.

I cannot even tell you about all the demonic encounters we faced during and following this trip. It would make the hairs stand up on your arms. It was definitely God led and it made the devil angry.

Final Leg of the 2023 Prayer Trip: Finally, on March 6, 2024 - My intercessor friend and I finished the final prayer point of the prayer trip to North Carolina! On the way back to Missouri last September, we drove past the MO State Capitol and did a drive-by prayer, but didn't stop. The week of March 6th, I had 2 opportunities open back to back as if God was saying, “You really need to go and put your feet on the ground”. So we spent the day at the Capitol praying and talking with State Congressional Members. It was also a very divinely orchestrated day.

So what about NOW and this Great American Eclipse?

My family witnessed the first major U.S. eclipse from Independence, MO on August 21, 2017. The April 8, 2024, also crosses over our great state of Missouri forming an X near the New

Madrid. I hear a lot of CHRISTIAN people talking about this being or not being a sign, but I ask you... how normal is it for two eclipses to happen within seven years over the United States? It's rare and unusual. Many Christian commentators who say there is no proof that this is a sign have no proof that it isn't! I do know the Bible does predict SCOFFERS (2 Peter 3:3). It would be wiser for us to inquire of the Lord and listen to the Holy Spirit than to man in all things. Is it coincidence or by Creative Design that the world even exists and that we have the exact mix of gasses in our air to sustain life? Or that we are the perfect distance from the sun so that we have warmth, but don't burn up? And for the signs in the heavens, He made these things. Why? Genesis 1:14 says, "Then God said, "Let there be lights in the sky. These lights will separate the days from the nights. They will be used as signs to show when special meetings (appointed days) begin and to show/mark the days, weeks, months, and years.

"X" Marks the Spot and The Aleph - Tav:

According to strangesounds.com and others - the Great American Eclipse will not only mark America not only with an "X" (also the symbol for the final Hebrew letter, the TAV) right over a hugely historic seismic location, but it will also spell out an Aleph - the first Hebrew letter which is associated with God and His name. This is due in part to an annual solar eclipse that happened in 2023. Many are saying this is definitely a sign that God has marked America. You can find images of the eclipse lines all over the internet and many commentaries on YouTube. If this does represent God being the beginning and end of America, the only question is, the end of WHAT? The end of our rebellion and turning back to Him in repentance or will it be the end of America as a superpower? No one would disagree, we as a nation hang in the balance!

The sign of Jonah - This large eclipse path (the largest ever over North America) is said to be going over 11 "Ninevehs" (perhaps not in the area of totality, but definitely in the path of darkness - around 90% totality). Jonah was sent to Nineveh and told the people to repent or perish and gave them a specific time - 40 days. America just celebrated Easter (Passover), and yes, I realize it doesn't line up with the Hebraic calendar - which is April 22nd. But if you consider the Gregorian Calendar's ties to Passover and connections to Moses and the plagues... are we even listening??? Will there be 10 plagues or any plagues against America if we do not repent? Have some already happened? Are they seen in our target Scriptures?

We keep seeing the number 4. What is significant about "4"? God gave us the 4 gospels (as a matter must be established on 2 or 3 witnesses according to Scripture, He went beyond what was required by the four disciples' first-hand eye witness testimonies!) God made 4 seasons. There are 4 Horses of the Apocalypse, 4 Creatures in Revelation Chapter 4, etc. And here are a few more - not necessarily God-made, but still further references to the number four that are commonly used in American society: There are 4 quarters in a dollar. 4 quarters in a football game. 4 quarts in a gallon. 4 years to an American presidential term.

This year the Hebrew (5784) and the Gregorian Calendar (2024) both end in “4”. What is significant about the 4? According to some, “4” regarding the Hebrew year means the open door or path as the Hebrew letter “dalet” means door. Of course, we know that all signs point to Jesus, who is THE DOOR (John 10:9) The Hebrew alphabet is alphanumeric and also has the numerical equivalent of “4”. According to biblestudy.org, the Biblical meaning refers to “creation”. To me, that points to signs in Creation! The 4th day of creation is when God made the sun, moon, and stars!

Is there something significant about Nineveh’s 40 days to repent? As I have written many times on my website and in various publications since 2006, especially regarding my Expectant Prayers book - “40” is a very significant number to God. 40 is the number of testing /trials/probation/judgment. And if we look at how many occasions it occurs in the Bible, it’s beyond fascinating. It’s divinely planned. Numbers prove God as they absolutely show us order and intelligent design by a Creator. Not one jot or tittle of the Scriptures is insignificant. Numbers are significant. There are more layers and a deeper understanding of God’s ways than one could ever hope to understand.

Some Examples of “40” in the Bible:

Israel wandered in the desert for 40 years.

There are 40 weeks in human gestation (God designed).

Jesus was tempted for 40 days in the wilderness.

Nineveh was given 40 days to repent.

Noah’s flood - it rained for 40 days and nights.

Jesus showed Himself to His disciples and others around Jerusalem for 40 days after His resurrection.

MORE Examples of “40” FROM CROSSWALK.COM-

The 40 days and 40 nights Moses spent on Mt. Sinai on two separate occasions (Exodus 24:18; Exodus 34:28; Deuteronomy 9:9-25).

- The 40 days the spies of Israel spent scouting the Promised Land beyond the Jordan River (Numbers 13:25).

- The 40 days the Philistine giant Goliath taunted the armies of Israel in the Valley of Elah (1 Samuel 17:16).

- The 40 days the prophet Elijah traveled in his flight from Queen Jezebel until he reached Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:1-8).

- The 40 days the prophet Ezekiel lay bound and on his side as a symbolic lesson of the forty years of unrighteousness that had plagued and crippled the house of Judah (Ezekiel 4:6).

- The 40 days and 40 nights that Jesus fasted in the wilderness and was tempted by the devil before beginning His public ministry (Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:13-14; Luke 4:1-13).

Links to “400”:

There have also been links to the number “400” as the Hebrew letter “Tav” has a numerical value of 400! Not only is this 10 times the value of “40”, but

According to biblemeanings.net:

- The number 400 holds significant spiritual meaning in the Bible.
- It represents a divinely perfect period and is associated with important events and timeframes.
- Biblical interpretation of the number 400 emphasizes divine timing and completion of God’s plans.
- Personal lives can also find significance in the number 400, representing new beginnings and spiritual paths

In the Bible, “400” is mentioned in several key events and periods. One significant mention is the prophecy given to Abraham that his descendants would be afflicted in a foreign land for 400 years before being brought back to Canaan. This prophecy was fulfilled with the Israelites’ slavery in Egypt and their eventual liberation and journey to the Promised Land. This period of 400 years symbolizes the trials and tribulations faced by the Israelites, as well as the fulfillment of God’s promise to Abraham. - Note: AGAIN - “Little EGYPT” connection with the eclipse!

When David fled from King Saul, he gathered a group of 400 men who became known as David’s mighty warriors. These men supported and fought alongside David, demonstrating their loyalty and dedication to him. The gathering of 400 men symbolizes the strength and unity found in David’s leadership and the divine support he received in his journey.

The rededication of the temple with an offering of 400 lambs is yet another biblical event associated with the number 400. After the temple was cleansed and restored by the Maccabees, an offering of 400 lambs was made to honor and worship God. This act of offering 400 lambs signifies the people’s devotion and commitment to their faith, as well as the divine blessings received through this act of worship.

More 400: Did you know that the sun is 400 times bigger than the moon and 400 times further away than the moon, which would make an eclipse possible? Coincidence or Divine Creation?

Recent Confirmations: Just recently (under the Lord’s direction) we realized that the “fire path” that was seen in a vision at the Truman Revival heads through (as in straight through) towns where God geographically moved several of us who prayed at those meetings! The fire exits Missouri into Paragould, AR (Jonesboro area). My eyes are fixed here for geological/seismic activity. Again, it’s a straight shot to that area and I have already prayed through that portion of Arkansas as we have had family who lived there for many years. Yes, my feet have been on that ground.

As we all watch and wait to see what will happen today, won’t you recommit your life and calling to Jesus? You are certainly aware that our salvation is closer TODAY than when we first

believed. Every day is one day closer to eternity, either through His return or through our death - as it appointed unto all men once to die and then the judgment. Do you know Him today? Does your family know Him? Now is the acceptable time. NOW is the DAY OF SALVATION. He is coming. Be ready!

I will finish this booklet, the way I began it - with prayer.

Lord, thank You for showing us the way to salvation. You alone, Lord, guide us in the path of eclipses and into paths of righteousness. I pray that if there is anything eclipsing this reader's faith and standing between them and the SON, we ask your radiant light to break forth like the dawn. Set the captives free. Deliver those in bondage. Remove our hang-ups and hold-ups. Free us to do your work... for whom the SON sets free is free indeed. All things are in Your hands, not in ours. Let your will be done on earth as You see it in heaven.

I ask that you bless the reading of this booklet now. Touch them where they are. Show them what their gifts are and how to serve others. Spur them on to good works. Stir their hearts to hunger and thirst after righteousness and FILL them, Lord. Fill them with all the fruits and gifts of the Spirit. Fill them with living water and the bread of life. Fill them with the desire to make heaven crowded and to empty hell of its false power. Show them what to pray this day and every day from henceforth - until you come. May our lives be a fragrant offering unto you and may we be counted worthy of our calling. May YOU receive all the power and glory, forever and ever. May you restore the glory of Zion and we pray that You will come quickly, Lord Jesus. May you receive Your reward! Amen and amen.