

Coming Together



A CALL TO PRAYER

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As we look around our nation today, it is clear that we are in desperate need of prayer. Our communities face numerous challenges, our leaders bear heavy burdens, and our own lives are often filled with struggles and trials. Yet, in these moments, we are reminded of the incredible power of prayer and the necessity of turning to God.

The journey to national and community transformation begins with each one of us. It starts in our own hearts, on our knees, in humble repentance and earnest prayer. As followers of Jesus, we are called to repent of our sins and seek God's forgiveness. This personal revival is the catalyst for broader change. When we allow God to transform our own lives, we become the vessels through which He can work to bring about change in our churches and communities.

Prayer is not merely a spiritual exercise; it is our lifeline to the Creator & it is in these intimate moments with God that we find direction, strength, and peace. When we pray for our nation and its leaders, we acknowledge our dependence on God to guide those who govern us. We need to pray for wisdom, integrity, and courage for our leaders, that they might make decisions that honor Him and benefit all people.

Our communities, too, are in need of our prayers. We ought to pray for our neighbors, for unity and peace, for opportunities to show Christ's love. As we lift up our communities in prayer, we become more attuned to the needs around us and more willing to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

But let us remember, this all starts with us. If we desire to see our churches filled with the fire of revival, we must first experience revival in our own hearts. We must be willing to change, to let go of the things that hinder our walk with God, and to seek His face with all our hearts.

In Daniel 3:18, we see the unwavering faith of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego who, despite facing the fiery furnace, declared, "But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up." Their faithfulness in the face of adversity is a powerful reminder that God is our source of strength and rest in times of adversity.

Let us hold fast to this truth: God is with us, He is for us, and He hears our prayers. As we commit to praying for our nation, our community, and ourselves, may we be filled with hope and assurance that God is at work, bringing about His perfect will!