

1. Is there a Scripture you can pray that God has used to encourage, comfort, convict or challenge you this week?
2. The following are a few categories we can pray for. Please add others that God brings to your mind.

INTERRUPTED MINISTRY IS A CALL TO ACCELERATED PRAYER

What if these interruptions are God's invitation to earnest prayer? What if disruption is a trumpet call for fasting? We rightly say (and sincerely mean it!), that prayer is the work of the ministry. Right now, we have a once-in-a-lifetime chance to prove we believe it. God works through our prayers to set His plans in motion. Imagine what can happen when God's people bow before the throne of heaven to ask fervently for healing in our land (excerpt from Revive our Hearts).

■ A Time of Repentance, Revival and Spiritual Awakening in the World-wide Church

"Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up." Hosea 6:1

- Thank You for this amazing opportunity as we're are scattered and limited in what we can do. The early church was scattered and Paul was confined but the gospel went forward and the Church grew. Thank You that Your Word and prayer are not limited. Our health, entertainment, sports, leisure activities, medical services, food and supplies and, in many cases, our jobs and incomes have been stripped away. People are asking questions and seeking answers to this sudden uprooting of our lives. Give the Church boldness to step up to the plate to proclaim that You're the answer they're looking for in all of this. May we embrace this opportunity and be faithful witnesses.
- Heal our hearts and heal our land.
- May the Gospel spread across the world like the coronavirus has.
- Use us and Your world-wide Church to accomplish what You want so that Your name is glorified, Your body grows and is strengthened and that Your will be done.

■ Movement of Prayer

***"Don't tear your clothing in your grief, but tear your hearts instead."
Return to the Lord your God, for he is merciful and compassionate,
slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. He is eager to relent
and not punish. Joel 2:13***

- Raise up a spirit of prayer that will spread like wildfire across the nation and the world ... for prayer to be our first response in every situation and our voices would be united ... we would seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness daily ... pray for others.
- God would use this time to make His Church a true house of prayer.

■ President, Vice-President, Coronavirus Task Force, Congress, Governors, State and Local Leaders

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people — for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ... 1 Timothy 2:1-3

- Give President Trump and Vice President Pence Your wisdom during this time ... the wisdom that You gave Solomon in making tough decisions and the wisdom You gave Joseph to keep everyone fed during the time of famine in Egypt.
- Give the Coronavirus Task Force Your wisdom as they make medical recommendations for the welfare of the country.
- Give Governor Bill Lee wisdom as he works with leaders in business and health industry.
- For our leaders to give and receive wise counsel.
- Endurance and daily strength. Pray that God will change the hearts of leaders who are far from Him. (The king's heart is a stream of water in the land of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will." Proverbs 21:1)

■ Our Pastors

***"He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers."
Psalm 1:3***

- Help them lead like never before. They are pastors, not infectious disease doctors and have never lead through a pandemic so please give them Your wisdom and show them how to shepherd their flock through these times
- Protect them and their families as they minister to their church family and community
- Keep them from all harm ... watch over their lives ... watch over their coming and going. (Psalm 121:5, 7-8)
- Help our pastors and all pastors to be strong and courageous ... to not be afraid nor discouraged, because You will be with them wherever they go
- God give our pastors strength, encouragement and rest as they fulfill their calling

■ God's People

***Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.
Colossians 3:12-15***

- For Christians to be rooted in the Word and not bound by fear
- Christians to live the abundant life (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control) we have through the Lord Jesus Christ which is not dependent on our circumstances

- Believers to be quick to minister to others practically, spiritually and sacrificially ... to love our neighbors as we love ourselves
- For lukewarm hearts to return to Jesus, their first love
- For God to expose idols and any sin hindering personal revival

■ Churches

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Ephesians 5:14

- The Body of Christ to be purified and holy
- Unity in the Spirit despite the loss of corporate worship
- Churches to become true houses of prayer
- Wayward believers to return to the Lord
- Church to be a showcase of your redeeming and sustaining love
- Pray for the Lord to strengthen the Bible-believing churches in our area

■ Lost World

All of us must die eventually. Our lives are like water spilled out on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again. But God does not just sweep life away; instead, he devises ways to bring us back when we have been separated from him. 2 Samuel 14:14

- For God to give Christians hearts that break for lost souls
- For God to send laborers into the harvest
- For divine opportunities to share the hope of Christ
- For hearts of stone to turn into flesh
- For scales to fall from blinded eyes
- Pray that the lost would turn to the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation in record numbers

■ Families

"But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15

- Marriages to be restored and fortified
- Broken relationships to be reconciled
- Prodigal children to return home
- Parents to have a growing relationship with the Lord that is caught and taught to their children. Parents would be godly examples of trusting God through this time.
- Children and teens would grow in faith, not fear.
- God would provide for those crippled by reduced income or unemployment

■ Small Business Owners

- God would provide for those crippled by reduced income or unemployment

■ Health Care Workers

- Thank You for their calling and compassion.
- Keep them from all harm ... watch over their lives ... watch over their coming and going. (Psalm 121:5, 7-8)
- Ask God to strengthen and protect health care workers on the front lines, calm fears and anxiety, give them His wisdom in treating patients, guide their steps, hands and thoughts and protect their families
- Give them supernatural rest and unending strength
- Joshua 1:9 — Help them to be strong and courageous, not afraid and not discouraged
- Allow those health care workers who know God to be strong in Him and in His mighty power (Ephesians 6:10) and to be His faithful witness in the hospitals, present the Gospel
- Ask God to provide all medical supplies needed ... protect their families
- Lost health care workers to be saved

■ Police Officers, Firemen, EMTs, Military, National Guard

"Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6

- Military faces challenges as they live and work in close quarters in the US and around the world. USS Roosevelt, an air-craft carrier, had almost 100 test positive for coronavirus.
- Keep our military and front-line responders healthy
- Protect us from the evil one who delights in striking during times of vulnerability
- Protect Matt Rice, Tony Frost, Peyton Landers, Bethanie Rice, William Cantrell

■ Grocery, Truckers and Pharmacy Workers

Grocery: Mark Rickman, Aiden Wagner, Macy Brown

WalMart: Peachy, Kaitlyn Robertson, Ross Parkerson, Derrick McGee

Truckers: Joey Rogers

■ Those Who are Sick with Virus or Other Sickness, Chronic Sickness, Terminal Sickness, Mothers giving Birth Soon, Nursing Homes

- These in our church family or family member
- God give them hope, peace and His presence
- God tells us through the book of James that He still heals.

■ Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones to the Virus or Other Sickness

*... may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us
... comfort your hearts 2 Thessalonians 12:16-17*

- God and His people to give comfort and practical support
- Families in hotspot cities are not allowed to be with their loved one in his hospital.
- Families can't hold funerals or memorials with family and friends

■ Those Who Are Not Infected with the Virus

- Stay home and remain healthy ... help others as able

■ Those Who Are Vulnerable to the Virus due to Age and Underlying Health Conditions

- Stay home, accept help, reach out for help

■ Those Who Are Prone to Anxiety, Depression or Suicide (suicide from financial fallout)

"The thief comes to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10

- Don't let isolation or any emotional distress from quarantine or social distancing trigger a relapse.
- Christians give them encouragement to pray, read God's Word, read testimonies of how God has helped others recover.
- God to show their family how to be supportive

■ News Media