

FIRESTARTERS 5

PRAYER TOOL

Igniting Prayer for Revival in our City • 5 Minutes to Read • 5 Minutes in Prayer

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THEME VERSE:

*"And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal,
proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb"*

Revelation 22:1

THE GOD OF REVIVAL:

The 1995 Mexico Revival (part 2)

After laboring many decades in Mexico, the missionary David Hogan began seeing glimpses of revival fire in the remote villages he worked at. Gathering the leaders to pray and seek after the Lord, he saw bursts of God's healing power and awe-inspiring presence as they met. Finally, in October of 1995, he called a large gathering of all their pastors, over 200 in all, to a local church. With about 450 in attendance, David saw an escalation of God's power and presence over the course of 3 days.

It was on that third day that God released His Spirit to pour out like a mighty flood of river waters. It included phenomena that impacted even those who were unbelievers and had no interest in what was going on. They could sense the power of the Holy Spirit, and many would fall over as they were overwhelmed by His presence. Other folks - about 30 in all - were brought in to the section set aside for the sick and afflicted, some on stretchers, many having travelled for miles to attend. And on that day, all were healed: those with cancer, those unable to see, those with tumors, and those tormented by demons. It happened as a sovereign work of the Lord, apart from any believers needing to lay hands on them.

This extraordinary visitation of God that day triggered a wave of revival throughout the area. Meetings would continue to be held each week. Miracles and healings flowed freely at these gatherings. God worked outstanding miracles that included the spontaneous creation of organs or body parts. David Hogan himself witnessed and verified 37 people raised from the dead. Some people also received open visions showing the greatness of our Lord, while many simply fell to their knees in deep repentance and confession of sins. As the Gospel was preached, dozens were saved as they trusted in the living Christ. Each month, it was observed and recorded that several hundred people would turn to Jesus for salvation. Over the next few years, God would use David Hogan and his ministry to start hundreds of new churches and to help carry the revival fire across Mexico and to other countries abroad.

THE GOD WHO ANSWERS PRAYERS:

- **HEALING MERCIES.** In the midst of a tough week of Delta variant infection spikes, we've sadly seen many loved ones struggle through the illness. Yet God is still at work to show His power and mercy. One woman's brother was prayed for on Thursday, and God restored his breathing and oxygen levels so that he is able to talk again. Praise God!

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK:

FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CITY:

- **ADJUSTING TO COVID-19 RESURGENCE.** The City of Charlotte's mask mandate is now in effect, requiring masks to be worn indoors regardless of vaccination status against COVID-19. The proclamation mandates that Face Coverings be worn in any indoor public place, business, or establishment within the City of Charlotte. Please pray that everyone will be able to stay healthy and safe as school starts up again soon. Pray for minimal impact upon people's jobs and the local businesses. Also pray that the especially vulnerable populations, like nursing homes, will be protected and maintain good health.

FOR THE ECONOMY AND BUSINESSES:

- **NAVIGATING NEW RESTRICTIONS.** Pray against isolation and fear in the marketplace as COVID-19 trends in the wrong direction and government entities impose added restrictions. Pray that the Lord will give leaders Holy Spirit wisdom and discernment as they deal with uncertainties surrounding plans for the remainder of the year. Pray for creative solutions to mitigate risks and to move ahead in the face of constantly changing marketplace conditions, as they trust the Lord to direct their path.

FOR LOCAL MINISTRIES AND REVIVAL:

- **LOVE LIFE MINISTRY.** Pray for the Love Life ministry which works to promote God's love for all life and to see an end to the abortion-on-demand culture. Please pray for their Youth for Life prayer walk on 9/11 this year, for many young people to come out to take a stand and pray and worship onsite at the Latrobe abortion clinic. Pray also that the ministry will be able to expose the evil of embracing abortion that resulted from Margaret Sanger's campaign of 100 years ago. Finally, pray for protection over the staff in CLT and all of the teams nationally, for a hedge of protection around them and their families spiritually, mentally, physically, and emotionally.
- **REVIVAL.** Revival often begins in the darkest of times for a community or a nation. It starts as God responds to the prayers of the saints and their profound longing for a rescue that only God can bring. Some might say we find ourselves in such a time: a resurging pandemic, crisis on the borders, a divided nation that believes the end always justifies the means, and needless bloodshed in Afganistan caused by unwise American decision-makers. Yet, the question remains: Does the church really believe God can lead the way out of this or is He just a token God to make us feel good about ourselves? Do we desperately cry out to God knowing only He can raise the deadness of the church back to life? We need to come to the end of ourselves and to rediscover the truth that God is all we need. So pray that all the bad news around us will not drive us to be discouraged or depressed. Pray that it will instead stir up a fire in the belly of the church to seek after God like never before: to pray like never before, to set aside decisively all our petty idols, and to trust wholeheartedly in God again. Pray for revival longing to fill our hearts and that one day - soon - God will answer our prayers, pour out His Spirit, and heal our land.

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