

How to Pray for Transformation in our town

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you” - (Isaiah 60:1-2).

Transformation is the reflection of God’s character coming forth in every way possible. This is what we want in our town. Let us not draw back at such a critical hour. Let us move forward in prevailing, passionate prayer by the grace of God and seek Him for revival and transformation! This is an opportunity that we must grasp now.

Monday: Pray and invite God into our town.

God wants to be invited into Bainbridge. He wants His presence to become so strong that men see themselves as lost and start coming to Him. If God is to increase our spiritual appetite, we must ask Him. First we must be emptied of our own satisfaction and feel the awareness of our emptiness. We are "undone" like Isaiah which will cause a cry from our heart (Isaiah 6:5-8). As God's watchmen, we must call on the Lord and invite Him into our town.

“I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest, and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth” (Isaiah 62:6-7).

Tuesday: Pray for holiness and humility.

God is drawn to holiness and humility. If we want to be change agents in our town, we must be *changed* agents. The humble and poor in spirit He brings to Himself. The biggest thing that stops unity is our pride. We have to make the decision, *“I will not be offended by others.”* God uses humble people. A sincere heart cuts into the frozenness of the world.

“Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?” declares the Lord. “These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit and who tremble at my word” (Isaiah 66:2).

Wednesday: Pray for corporate revival.

It begins with individual obedience and solitary decisions. The most important thing is that we begin. It's not what we do but why we do it. Man is impressed by activity but God is impressed with obedience. We will encounter resistance and get discouraged, but God is focused on us. We must make that commitment ourselves and search out a core group who have that commitment. It starts with a few who won't give up, press on and keep praying and crying out to God month after month with fasting, prayer and humility. This will have a domino effect.

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective" (James 5:16).

Thursday: Pray for unity.

Biblical unity is a majority with God. It's not based on numbers. Unity is a byproduct of relationships. When kingdom connection occurs, we then live under kingdom rule. Where two or three hungry hearts join together in the cause of revival, God is there. The presence of God unites people in a supernatural unity. Leaders must be committed to a community.

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity... For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore" (Psalm 133:1, 3b).

Friday: Pray for fervent prayer among the churches in town.

Breakthrough, fervent prayer releases destiny. It's desperation and humility, a foundation of fervent, persevering prayer when we become desperate for God. People of travailing prayer have a determination with a desperation that says, "We will not let go of you until we hear from you." Allow Him to break and mold you. Pray for our town's destiny. We forget that God is the God of destiny, and we are people of destiny. Prayer has to be more of a priority, and we must hear the trumpet call.

"They all joined together constantly in prayer" (Acts 1:14).

Closing Thoughts...

God's work will always be unique. It's risky, aggressive, and brought about through prayer. It's not predictable and out of our control. There is an unexpectedness of God. We are often fooled by strategy, but we lack God's processing power. You can't format God. We are proud and impatient, but God's approach is to come in through the back door. He shows up, not shows off. There is a flow with the Holy Spirit that is not stage-managed. He is willing to be invited but only on his terms. We must persevere through apathy and not give up. It's not a quick start but a long run. The goal is to love God and direct men and women toward the kingdom.

Challenge: Seek God for personal revival and transformation as well as for our church and our community.