

21 Day Prayer & Devotional Guide





LORD SEND REVIVAL

In 2022, North Metro Church had its first-ever revival. And this revival, called Hunger, has marked our church. The wake of this revival has caused a wave, and it's a wave that has propelled us forward in the years since. Ministries are growing, marriages are being restored in growing numbers, individuals are publicly proclaiming their faith in Jesus through baptism in higher numbers than we've seen in years, people are being healed, and the LORD continues to expand our Gospel reach and Kingdom impact through our various ministries and through our forthcoming Sewell Mill multisite campus. We've already tasted, seen, experienced, and felt revival.

Now, we are asking the LORD to send revival. Again.

As we approach our Hunger Revival, we want to commit - just as we do every year - to hungering after God's words, ways, and worship. This year, our staff has developed a guide to help our church prepare for our Hunger Revival by practicing hungering after God's words, ways, and worship for 21 days leading up to Hunger.

For this guide to be helpful, obtainable, and manageable, each day is meant to take no longer than 10 minutes. In addition, we want to invite you to experience the LORD's word, ways, and worship in diverse ways; so, each day is made up of 1.) a scripture to read, 2.) a prayer prompt, to either reflect on or pray directly, and 3.) a thing to do. Some of the prompts in the, "Things To Do," portion of each day include listening to songs, praying a guided prayer, watching a video, writing a short reflection, or going on a type of prayer walk or related activity.

Links to all of these resources are available on a QR code in the back of this guide.

Introduction to Week 1: Repentance

Revival is an awakening. It's a bringing back to life. It's a major reformation, a seismic spiritual rift, and a widespread renewal. We find countless examples provided in the pages of the Bible and can look to the testimony of Church History to see how this movement has perpetuated and how this tide has billowed, blown, and rolled throughout the centuries, flooding the earth with the knowledge of the LORD as waters fill the seas (Habakkuk 2:14 NIV).

Often, people turn away from the LORD and; in rebellion, seek to do what is right in their own eyes or what will bring them their own sense of perceived happiness, prosperity, pleasure, or success. When this happens, the world looks less like the kingdom of heaven and more like a broken, distorted, and warped version of the LORD's good creation.

Into this, the LORD, time and again, calls His people to repent, to turn from their sin and their evil, and to return to Him in faithfulness and obedience.

And every so often, on the other side of this repentance, especially a mass repentance of many people at one time, the LORD does something profound. The Holy Spirit is poured out upon the people in a particular and powerful way.

And on the other side of this, many come to repentance and return to the LORD, and some even repent and turn to the LORD for the first time.

In the wake of this, individuals are changed, families are changed, churches are changed, communities are changed, cities are changed, countries are changed, and - in some instances - the world is changed.

The LORD moves in power and brings what was dead back to life, what was broken back to restoration, and what was old; new. This is revival.

And it starts with repentance.

Not that we control or initiate it. That is entirely a work of the Holy Spirit. But, as we see throughout the Bible and throughout Church History, when people hear and respond to the Gospel, hear and respond to the call to repentance, and hear and respond to the LORD's leading therein, oftentimes the LORD sends revival.

And revival brings change.

As we begin this series, let us hear and respond to the Gospel, hear and respond to the call to repent, and hear and respond to the LORD's leading.

So may we be faithful in our repentance, for who knows what the LORD might do?

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV

Prayer Prompt

Lord, I pray for revival. And may it begin with me. I repent from what I've done and who I've been, and I return to you.

Thing to Do

Listen to *Lord Send Revival (Live)* by Hillsong Young & Free to help set the tone for the series and for the weeks that follow, leading up to and into Hunger 2024.

A link to the song is available at the back of this guide.

As you continue fasting, our staff and elders pray that the Holy Spirit gives you revelation and perseverance in your fasting.

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?

Psalm 42:1-2 NIV

The way of repentance is not only turning from your sin but also drawing close to the God who deeply loves you. It's not just about getting rid of a habit or action, but replacing it with a better one. It's not just about turning from sin and evil but returning and drawing nearer and nearer to the LORD. Oftentimes, however, we live in a world steeped in distraction and busyness, pulling our attention away from the God who loves us. This is where fasting can be immensely helpful and healthy in our walk with Jesus. The practice of fasting is going without something in order to seek God for some special reason. Whether you are fasting from food, technology, a daily comfort, or something different, it is making room for something better, for what your soul truly thirsts for: the God who loves you. And this is one of the many reasons we have invited our church into this 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting.

Prayer Prompt

God, my soul thirsts for You. If there are places in my soul that do not thirst for You, and instead are satisfied with something less than You, point those out and give me the courage to turn from them. Father, as I seek You, I ask that I would know You more, that I would look like Your Son, Jesus, and that I would be helped by the Holy Spirit.

Thing to Do

Consider fasting from something for these 21 days. Ask God to reveal something to fast from in order to seek Him and thirst for Him for a special reason.

...And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more." John 8:10-11 ESV

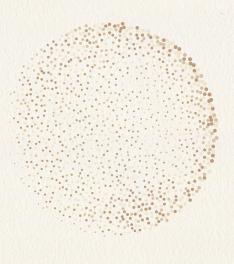
Prayer Prompt

Thank you for Your goodness, your mercy, and your love. I repent for the times I have strayed from Your path and failed to follow Your commandments. Please forgive me of my sins and help me to walk in Your ways.

Thing to Do

Access the Abide app via your phone or computer and follow the guided prayer titled *Leave Your Life of Sin* based on today's passage of scripture.

A link to the Abide guided prayer is available at the back of this guide.



So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance, and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?

Romans 2:3-4 NIV

Prayer Prompt

Father God, help me to see beyond the faults of others and recognize my own shortcomings. Forgive me for any times I've judged others while failing to acknowledge my own mistakes. Teach me to embrace Your kindness and patience as a pathway to repentance and transformation. May Your love guide me to treat others with compassion and understanding.

Thing to Do

Listen to the song *Nothing Else* by Cody Carnes, and thank God for His kindness and mercy that leads you to repentance. During the song, ask God to point out your sin so that you can turn from your ways and return to Him. Take time to apologize to God for the sin in your life and tell Him that you just want Him and nothing else.

A link to the song is available at the back of this guide.



Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

Fames 5:16 ESV

Prayer Prompt

Father, please show me areas of my life where I need to repent and bring people into my life who can help me, hear me, and pray for me.

Thing to Do

Talk to someone! After identifying what you want to repent from, ask a trusted friend to talk with to hold you accountable and to pray for you.

Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

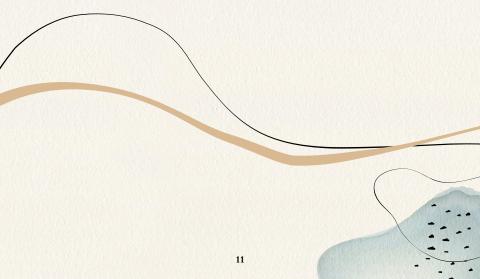
Psalm 34:14 NIV

Prayer Prompt

Father, thank you for the gift of repentance and the countless chances we have to return to your grace and mercy. May my heart and mind chase hard after YOUR peace that surpasses all understanding. May my moments of solitude unearth those habitual thoughts and actions that do not bring you glory, Father.

Thing to Do

On the other side of repentance, there is often a reassurance of peace. As we have focused on repentance this week, in what ways have you felt peace on the other side of repentance? Write your thoughts and feelings in a journal or the notes app on your phone, or share them with a friend or loved one.



Day 7 · Sabbath

Today, take a Sabbath day to worship and rest. As you prepare to gather at church this morning or sometime in the next day or two online or ondemand, we invite you to pray with an attitude and disposition of both repentance over what the LORD has revealed to you this week and gratitude for the LORD's enduring grace and steadfast kindness in forgiving us our sins and cleansing us of our unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

As you do this, we invite you to ask the Holy Spirit to begin to reform, reshape, redeem, renew, and restore those things within you that have been revealed over the past week for His glory. We invite you to ask the Holy Spirit to fill you in abundance and empower you to faithfully follow Jesus as you become more like Him.

Lastly, we invite you to pray that the Holy Spirit would pour out afresh upon us as individuals, as families, as a Church, as a community, and upon the whole earth so that, "the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea (Habakkuk 2:14 NIV)."

Because revival may be precipitated by repentance, but it is ignited by the Spirit.

We'll see you at church. Come ready for a movement of the Spirit.

Introduction to Week 2: The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

In the Old Testament, we see a pattern of revival emerge slowly over Israel's history in the Land. We see that often, after a season of rebellion, a time of perpetrating sin and evil, and a spiral of falling away from the LORD, messengers of the LORD arise to proclaim the LORD's truth, to read the LORD's Word, and to call people to repent and return to the LORD. Sometimes, this is effective. And sometimes, the people persist in their sin and petulance.

However, sometimes, the people hear and obey.

When this happens, it often leads to mass repentance and return to the LORD, as the people pledge their lives and their devotion to Him and commit (or re-commit) to faithfully following Him. And in the aftermath of this, the people and the community are profoundly changed.

There is revival, a coming to life.

However, after some time, time and time again, the people turn away. Their repentance and obedience are too often short-lived, and revival needs to be revived.

The Old Testament prophets recognize and write pointedly about this problem, clearly identifying the culprit and the cause. The issue is the heart. People need new hearts that will love and obey the LORD. In light of this, the prophets predict that one day, the LORD's Spirit will be poured out on His people and they will eventually be given new hearts and new minds and new natures that will, in fact, love and obey Him. And this will ultimately keep revival alive. This will change everything.

Then, in the New Testament, in the early chapters of the Book of Acts, we read that at an event called Pentecost (or in Hebrew, *Shavuot*), an annual religious celebration on the Jewish calendar, Jewish people from all over the

Mediterranean world are all gathered together in the Temple, and there, something profound happens that will change the world forever.

As the people are gathered, making sacrifices and praying prayers, they hear a sound like the rushing of a mighty wind, and, in a dynamic display of power and glory, the Holy Spirit descends upon them. The people gathered there, from various countries and cultures, speaking various languages and dialects, are all suddenly able to speak and understand one another through the power and empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

Because of this, Jesus' disciples are able to stand before this vast crowd from among the nations and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus: that Jesus is the Messiah, the promised and foretold king to bring about the right rule and reign of the LORD upon the earth, offering forgiveness of sin and new life. Then, in keeping with the Old Testament pattern, outlined above, the disciples call the people at Pentecost (*Shavuot*) to repent and turn to Jesus as LORD.

And thousands do.

Thousands of people believe, repent, confess Jesus as Messiah and LORD, and are baptized. This pattern persists throughout the remainder of the early chapters of Acts. As the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the people, just as the prophets of the Old Testament predicted, the people are given new hearts, new minds, and new natures to love and obey the LORD. What's more, they are empowered and emboldened to then take this Good News - this Gospel proclamation - out to the ends of the earth.

This changes everything.

From this point on, throughout the Bible and throughout the history of the Church, we see this same pattern persist, as every moment and movement of revival since has been marked by a particular and powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Throughout the history of the Church, revivals are often ignited when groups of Jesus followers come together in prayer and worship. The Spirit then moves in a particular and powerful way, leading to mass and demonstrative repentance and return, confessions of sin, and expressions of worship. And when this happens; oftentimes, the floodgates break open, and in a profound, powerful, and pronounced way, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon all the people. This often results in many coming to faith in Jesus and subsequent baptism.

This outpouring of the Spirit often crescendos into extended periods of enraptured, sublime worship, drawing people into deeper levels of devotion. It instills people with more fervent faith to endure hardship suffering, and persecution. And it imbues people with more boldness and confidence to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus to others.

This wide impact and these resounding repercussions lead to an aftermath of profound individual, corporate, communal, and sometimes even world change.

And it is all driven by the Holy Spirit, who moves and stirs, equips and empowers, encourages and comforts, and guides and drives people into deeper faith and devotion to the LORD. When this happens, the miraculous happens, the profound happens, and revival happens.

Because the Holy Spirit changes everything.

When the day of Pentecost [the Jewish feast of Shavuot] had come, they were all together in one place. Suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And tongues like fire spreading out appeared to them and settled on each one of them. They were all filled with the [Holy Spirit] and began to speak in other tongues as the [Spirit] enabled them to speak out (Acts 2:1-4 ESV).

Prayer Prompt

Holy Spirit, fill me, guide me, convict me, comfort me, and empower me to do the good You have called me to do for Your glory.

Thing to Do

Watch the video from the Bible Project about the Holy Spirit.

A link to the video is available at the back of this guide.



These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

John 14:25-26 ESV

Prayer Prompt

Holy Spirit,
Equip me to
Learn God's Word and
Prompt me to obey it.

Thing to Do

During the earthly ministry of Jesus, He was physically there to help the disciples navigate all types of terrain: how to respond to the unbelieving, how to teach, how to pray, and how to love. However, His death and resurrection ushered in a new type of help and helper for all believers: the Holy Spirit. With every road we navigate in this life, the Holy Spirit is given to HELP us. He is there to teach us the Word of God, prompt us to remember what it says, and remind us to obey. Ask the Holy Spirit to HELP you navigate all that you encounter by praying this HELP acronym throughout the day.





Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

Matthew 7:7-11 NIV

Prayer Prompt

Father, as we grow in expectation and our prayers for You to send revival grow more fervent, would you continue to increase our faith? You are a good Father who gives good things. Help our hearts to believe this and to be ready for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Thing to Do

A well-known saying, "If you pray for rain, bring an umbrella," prompts us to not only go to God in prayer but to truly and boldly ask in faith, ready to receive God's answer, whatever it might be. Go on a walk outside and talk to God. While you bring your worries, wants, and requests to God, ask Him also to revive and increase your faith.

"And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.

Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days."

Foel 2:28-29 NIV

As part of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit is present throughout the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments. We see the Holy Spirit active in the creation account found in Genesis and also empowering prophets and leaders to carry out the Lord's purposes. In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit was only temporarily poured out on a specific person for a specific mission at a specific time.

However, in the book of Joel, we find a prophetic word about the accessibility of the Holy Spirit in the future. The Holy Spirit will now be poured out upon all people -- men, women, young, and old. This means that *all* Jesus followers -- no matter your age, sex, social status, economic resources, or levels of education -- have a role to play in advancing the kingdom of heaven here on earth.

Prayer Prompt

Father, you have placed me in this moment in history to be an instrument of your work. Give me the courage to follow you and empower me by the Holy Spirit to make your kingdom a reality on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Thing to Do

Take a few minutes to pray and invite the Holy Spirit to speak to you. Then, using the notes app on your phone or a journal, write down everything that the Lord brings to your mind, no matter how reasonable or unconventional it may seem. Continue to pray through this list and ask the Lord to direct and equip you to do His work.

And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Romans 5:5 NIV

Prayer Prompt

Today, Holy Spirit, help me understand and experience your love, and out of the abundance of that, may I overflow with love for others.

Thing to Do

Spend 3 minutes in a time of guided prayer using the Abide app on this scripture passage to reconnect with your Heavenly Father.

A link to the Abide guided prayer is available at the back of this guide.



For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace.

Romans 8:6 NASB

Prayer Prompt

Father God, we praise You. You are our protector. You are our healer. You are good. You are holy. You are sovereign. You are gracious. You never change. You are our savior and a good Father. Lord, allow us to focus on who You are and what You've done, are doing, and will continue to do.

Father, we ask that You help us to center our thoughts on You and who You are. We ask that You help us remain focused on Your kingdom, which will last forever, and not the things of this earth that will fade away. Life is better when we are with You and focused on You, Lord. We love you. Amen.

Thing to Do

Listen to the song Sound Mind by Bryan and Katie Towarlt.

Respond to the song by writing out three things the Holy Spirit is doing in your life or in the life of someone you know.

Ask yourself this question: How often are my daily thoughts centered on the triune God?

A link to the song is available at the back of this guide.



Day 14 · Sabbath

Today, take a Sabbath day to both worship and rest. And as you prepare to gather at church this morning, or sometime in the next day or two online or on-demand, we invite you to pray with a sense of expectancy and excitement over what the LORD has done over the past two weeks and will continue to do moving forward. Pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to give you eyes to see and ears to hear what He is doing; and an eager heart and ready hands to do the good work He has called you to do.

However, we know that nobody does this perfectly. We all sin and fall short of the glory of the LORD (Romans 3:23). And in this, we recognize that failure is frustrating. We know that falling short in following Jesus is discouraging. Yet, we want to encourage you to keep on and to take confidence in the fact that, as a follower of Jesus, the Holy Spirit is doing the work of reforming, reshaping, redeeming, renewing, and restoring you into the image and likeness of Jesus so that you can faithfully follow Him in deeper levels of devotion day by day.

So, as you continually repent and return, we encourage you to continue to walk in the Spirit and live by the Spirit.

And just like last week - and every week of this series - we invite to you pray that the Holy Spirit would pour out afresh upon us as individuals, as families, as a Church, as a community, and upon the whole earth so that, "the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea (Habakkuk 2:14 NIV)."

Because revival may be precipitated by repentance, but it is ignited by the Spirit. And when the Spirit moves in power, we are invited to participate in the movement.

We'll see you at church. Come ready for a movement of the Spirit.

Introduction to Week 3: Change

In the Bible and throughout the history of the Church, on the other side of the Spirit's stirring, mass demonstrative repentance and return, and a particular and powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit; there is often profound personal, corporate, communal, and sometimes even world change.

And from the events of the earliest chapters of the Book of Acts, we see that; after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2, the *Ecclesia* (gathering/Church) of Jesus is born and the *Euangelion* (Good News/Gospel) of Jesus goes out, "to the ends of the earth." And in the first century Greco-Roman world of the New Testament, thousands upon thousands of people are changed. Entire cities are changed. Societies and cultures are changed. And, as scholar C. Kavin Rowe, puts it, "the world is turned upside down." There is a revival of the LORD's right rule and reign upon the earth and an inbreaking of the kingdom of heaven.

Yet, throughout history, the changes onset by revival haven't always remained or had staying power for all people. Because people often still irrevocably return to do what is right in their own eyes, to turn away from the LORD, and to perpetrate and perpetuate sin and evil.

This is when revival is needed most.

However, the LORD, in His kindness and goodness, often moves and stirs in power in the midst of great darkness, depravity, depression, or even destruction to bring about a renewed and reinvigorated movement of the Spirit. To bring about a revival.

And in the impact and aftermath of these revivals, there is—as we have pointed out—profound personal, corporate, communal, and sometimes even world change.

Throughout history, in the wake of revivals, there have been seismic social shifts and cultural reforms. There have been revival movements in which those with no voice have been given a voice, where the marginalized and oppressed have come to be treated as brothers and sisters, where people groups once at odds with one another are reconciled to and united with one another, where corporate sins, societal woes, and cultural evils are called out and justice, righteousness, and holiness correct great error and amend great grievance.

What's more, in the aftermath of certain revivals, entirely new movements and expressions of the Church have been birthed: new denominations, new networks of churches, and new individual churches themselves; sometimes, even in places they weren't before and never thought could be.

More than this, in the aftermath of certain revivals, mission movements have been launched, entire people groups once unreached have been transformed by the *Euangelion* (Good News/Gospel) of Jesus, and generations once considered, "lost," or "hopeless," have been moved to faith in Jesus.

In the aftermath of revival, many are saved.

Revival changes societies. Revival changes cultures. Revival changes countries. Revival changes cities. Revival changes communities. Revival changes churches. And revival changes people.

Revival brings change.

Yet, as we see happen time and time and time and time again in the Bible and throughout the history of the Church, sometimes this change is permanent. Sometimes it is long-lasting. And sometimes, unfortunately, it is short-lived. However, no matter how long the change lasts and how long the impact remains, we still all long for the day when the LORD's presence will fill the earth in fullness again, in the New Heavens and New Earth for all eternity (Revelation 21 and 22), when there will be no more need for revival because we will be fully awake and alive in Him.

Until then, we want to remember the revivals of the past, pray for ongoing revival in the present, and look forward in hope to what other revivals—what other powerful and dynamic movements of the LORD—might take place in the future.

So, as we enter the final week of this series on revival, we invite you to pray for profound personal, corporate, communal, and world change to continue from past revivals, to be brought about afresh and anew in our midst, and to continue on into the future.

Because revival brings change.

I pray that from His glorious riches He would grant you to be strengthened in your inner being with power through His [Spirit], so that Messiah may dwell in your hearts through faith. I pray that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to grasp with all the holy ones what is the width and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Messiah which surpasses knowledge, so you may be filled up with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do far beyond all that we ask or imagine, by means of His power that works in us, to Him be the glory in the community of believers and in Messiah [Jesus] throughout all generations forever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3:16-21 TLV).

Prayer Prompt

Father, thank you for the change you have brought about within me, and Holy Spirit continue to change me, renew me, and restore me to look more like you, Jesus.

Thing to Do

Listen to the song *Open Heaven/River Wild (Live)* by Hillsong Worship as you consider living in light of repentance, a particular and powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the profound personal, corporate, communal, and world change that the LORD brings about in the aftermath of revival.

A link to the song is available at the back of this guide.

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.

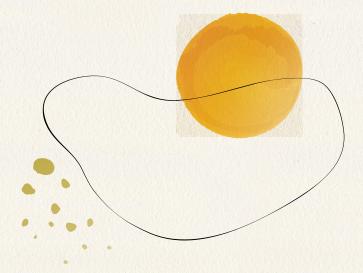
Acts 4:13 NIV

Prayer Prompt

Lord, as I faithfully follow you, Jesus, may that make an impression on others in my life, and may they know You more as I live out Your way in front of them.

Thing to Do

Spend intentional time with Jesus every day. At some point, today or tomorrow, go for a walk and pray that the people in your life will continually see the change in you as you walk out the way of Jesus in front of them.



For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and [the Messiah] will shine on you."

Ephesians 5:8-14 ESV

Prayer Prompt

Lord, where I have walked in darkness, draw me to your light. Where I have been apathetic, reinvigorate my passion for you and Your kingdom. Where I have been asleep, awaken me and stir me to do Your will. Where I have been lifeless, revive me so that I may live the life you have called me to live. Lord send revival in my life and in my family, in my church, in my community, in my country, and in the world.

Thing to Do

Either today or tomorrow, after your alarm goes off in the morning, stay in bed for a moment and pray a prayer before your feet hit the ground. As you wake, commit your day to walking in the light, to living with passion and fervor for the LORD, to having eyes to see and ears to hear what the LORD is leading you to do, and to faithfully following Jesus in an ongoing spirit of revival. Then, "awake, O sleeper," and embrace the day the LORD has given.



You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4:22-24 NIV

This passage encourages believers to leave behind their old ways and embrace a new way of living that aligns with righteousness and holiness, reflecting a transformation in behavior and mindset.

Prayer Prompt

Heavenly Father, I come before You with a heart open to transformation. I recognize that, in my strength, I often fall short and struggle with old habits that do not honor You. I seek Your guidance and strength as I strive to make positive changes in my life. Lord, help me to put off my old self and be renewed in the spirit of my mind. Please grant me the wisdom to discern the areas of my life that need change and the courage to take steps toward a new way of living. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit, so that I may be empowered to adopt new habits that reflect Your love, grace, and holiness.

Thing to Do

Listen to the song *Refiner* by Maverick City Music and thank God for the refining process. While listening to this song, think about the ongoing sanctification and transformation that is taking place in your life through Christ.

A link to the song is available at the back of this guide.

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31 ESV

Prayer Prompt

Father, help me to bring glory to You in everything I do, say, and think. Help me to be a light in this world, proclaiming that You are the light of the world.

Thing to Do

Paul, in 1 Corinthians 10, is trying to point the reader to the reality that, in every moment in life, even the seemingly insignificant, there is an opportunity to give God glory. So, as you walk from one moment to the next, as a form of prayer and meditation, pray the words, "For Your glory..." before you begin a new task, chore, conversation, or project. You'll be surprised at how it can shift your perspective to see that some things we do are worth more than we realize. It's a way of dedicating and sanctifying each moment to God for His glory.





Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

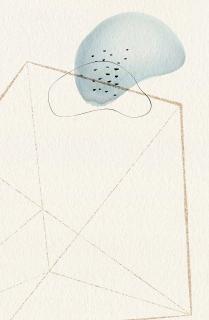
1 Thessalonians 5:23 ESV

Prayer Prompt

In light of all that you have revealed, I have repented from, and You have brought about change within me; Lord, I ask, "What's left?"

Thing to Do

We rarely sit in stillness and silence. And so, today, find a quiet place, set a timer for five minutes, and ask the Lord, in stillness and silence, "What's left?"



Day 21 · Sabbath

Today, take a Sabbath day to both worship and rest. And as you prepare to gather at church this morning, or sometime in the next day or two online or on-demand, we invite you to pray that the LORD brings about the profound personal, corporate, communal, and world change we've discussed. Pray that the LORD would give you the steadfastness, commitment, and devotion to hold to the change He has brought about within you through repentance, return, the stirring of the Holy Spirit, and His ongoing work in you as you faithfully follow Him.

And we invite you, just as we have for every week of this series, to pray that the Holy Spirit would not only continue to pour out afresh upon you; but upon all of our families, all of our churches, all countries, and upon the whole earth so that, "the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea (Habakkuk 2:14 NIV)."

Because revival may be precipitated by repentance, but is ignited by the Spirit. And when the Spirit moves in power, we are invited to participate in the movement and join the revival; knowing that revival brings change.

We'll see you at church. Come ready for revival.



What Now?

What a journey we have been on individually and corporately as a church for the last 21 days. Our hopes would be that the Lord has done something substantial in your heart, your mind, and your life over these past 21 days. But in reality, our aim is that beyond these 21 days, we will continue to be people who ferociously pray, and seek out our Heavenly Father. May prayer continue to be our first response, not our last ditch effort, to everything we encounter in this life.

So let's keep praying. In Philippians 1:19, Paul says, "For I know that through your prayers and the help with the Spirit of Jesus Christ, this will turn out for my deliverance." Paul, while in prison, says that he knows the prayers of the Philippians will bring about his deliverance.

It seems like Paul believes that if the Philippians did not pray for him, he would not be delivered. He believes that prayers are powerful and that things happen when we pray. So, beyond these 21 days, we encourage you to keep praying and to keep pouring your heart out to your Heavenly Father. We hope this resource encouraged you with some practical tools to help you on your way.

In addition, whenever someone asks us what NMC desires for us, we all say the same thing. That is, we want everyone to "live in community, love God, His church, and others, and learn Biblical truth." We want everyone to live in community, which is why we encourage people to join some type of group so they can have people to circle up with and walk through life together. We also encourage people to learn Biblical truth. This primarily happens in a Sunday morning gathering and environments like North Metro Church University.

And then we want people to love God, love His church, and love others. This primarily leads us to serving. So, as we think about what is next for us as a church, what would it look like if every one of us continued to be prayer warriors, people who lived in a Biblical community, learned Biblical truth, loved God, loved others, loved the world? I think we individually would be different, and corporately, God would continue to use us to do incredible things to help people find and follow Jesus.

So now that the 21 days of prayer and fasting are behind us, let's keep praying for the Lord to send revival and do our part. Our part is to be people of prayer who live, learn, and love.

Discover more about living in community, loving God, His church, and others and learning Biblical truth at northmetro.org/nextsteps.



RESOURCES

Access all these resources by visiting northmetro.org/resources or scan the QR code below.

DAY 1

Lord Send Revival (Live) by Hillsong Young & Free

DAY 3

Abide App | Leave Your Life of Sin Prayer

DAY 4

Nothing Else by Cody Carnes

DAY 8

The Bible Project | Understand How the Holy Spirit Works in the Bible

DAY 12

Abide App | Who is the Holy Spirit?

DAY 13

Sound Mind by Bryan & Katie Torwalt

DAY 15

Open Heaven/RiverWild (Live) by Hillsong Worship

DAY 18

Refiner by Maverick City Music



