



Praying Toward Pentecost An Association-wide Prayer Initiative for Spiritual Awakening in the Midst of the Coronavirus

After Jesus ascended to heaven, the disciples remained in Jerusalem. According to Acts 1, they went into an upstairs room and were ‘continually in prayer’ (Acts 1:14). Scripture leads us to believe they remained there, praying in one accord, until the Holy Spirit fell in a miraculous way.

This story teaches us that persistent, consistent, unified prayer can move the heart of God. We need such a miracle today as never before. Not just for physical healing, but for spiritual revival and awakening. Will you join churches across the South Roanoke Baptist Association as we pray with one heart, seeking God for physical healing and spiritual repentance and awakening?

General Prayer Points

- Pray for people across the world who are infected with COVID-19. Ask God for a quick end to this pandemic.
- Pray for people whose family members have died from contracting COVID-19.
- Pray for doctors, nurses, EMT’s, police officers, military personnel, and other essential workers (including grocery and retail workers) who are on the frontline of fighting COVID-19. Pray also for the family members of these folks.
- Pray for our local, state, and national government officials as they make crucial decisions during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Pray for church planters and missionaries who are living and ministering in COVID-19 hotspots.
- Pray for local churches to minister effectively and creatively to their communities and membership during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Spiritual Awakening Prayer Points

(Information from “Biblical Prayers for Critical Times” by Dr. Chris Schofield, Office of Prayer, Baptist State Convention of NC)

- Call on the Lord and draw near to Him. Repent and seek personal cleansing.
 - **Isaiah 55:6:** “Seek the Lord while he may be found; call to him while he is near.”
 - **James 4:8:** “Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”
- Seek the Lord for His protection, His great mercy, His grace and restoration for yourself and for others.
 - **Psalms 121:** ¹I lift my eyes toward the mountains. Where will my help come from? ²My help comes from the Lord, ³He will not allow your foot to slip; your Protector will not slumber. ⁴Indeed, the Protector of Israel does not slumber or sleep. ⁵The Lord protects you; the Lord is a shelter right by your side. ⁶The sun will not strike you by day or the moon by night. ⁷The Lord will protect you from all harm; he will protect your life. ⁸The Lord will protect your coming and going both now and forever.
 - **1 Peter 1:3-9:** ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. ⁵You are being guarded by God’s power through faith for a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶You rejoice in this, even though now for a short time, if necessary, you suffer grief in various trials ⁷so that the proven character of your faith—more valuable than gold which, though perishable, is refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him; though not seeing him now, you believe in him, and you rejoice with inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

- Ask the Lord to lead fellow believers to times of confession and repentance before the Lord that He may bring healing to our land
 - **James 5:16:** “Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect.”
 - **James 4:10:** “Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.”
 - **1 Chronicles 7:14:** “if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

- Seek the Lord for boldness for yourself and other believers to speak His message during this crisis and that He would stretch out His hand for physical and spiritual healing.
 - **Acts 4:29:** “And now, Lord, consider their threats, and grant that your servants may speak your word with all boldness”

- Ask the Lord to send times of repentance and refreshing on our nation and on our world.
 - **Acts 3:19:-20:** “Therefore repent and turn back, so that your sins may be wiped out, that seasons of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send Jesus, who has been appointed for you as the Messiah.”