

Prayer Guide

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 for spiritual revival and awakening. Thank you for joining churches across the South Roanoke Baptist Association as we pray with one heart, seeking God for revival in our churches and spiritual awakening in Eastern NC and beyond.

General Prayer Points

- Pray for families that have lost loved ones as a result of COVID-19 over the past year.
- Pray for healthcare workers and first responders who are weary from treating COVID-19 patients over the past year.
- Pray for people who continue to struggle with the physical and emotional side-effects from contracting COVID-19.
- Pray for churches as they regather post-COVID.
- Pray for pastors, staff ministers, and other church leaders who have had to deal with the stress of leading during the COVID-19 pandemic. Pray for them to be refreshed and empowered by the Holy Spirit as they seek to lead our churches post-COVID.

Revival and Spiritual Awakening Prayer Points

- Ask the Lord to search your heart and reveal any sin in your life that is keeping you from experiencing the fullness of His presence and power.
 - **Psalm 139:23-24 (ESV):** “Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!”
 - **James 4:7-10 (CSB):** “Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be miserable and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.”
- Confess your sin to God and then praise Him for His forgiveness and grace.
 - **1 John 1:8-10 (CSB):** “If we say, ‘We have no sin,’ we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say, ‘We have not sinned,’ we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.”
 - **Psalm 32:1-2 (CSB):** “How joyful is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered! How joyful is a person whom the LORD does not charge with iniquity and in whose spirit is no deceit!”
- Pray for unity in the churches of the South Roanoke Baptist Association (SRBA). Pray for churches that are divided to experience reconciliation. Pray for your own church’s unity. Ask God to show you if you have contributed to division in your church in any way. If so, confess your sin and seek reconciliation with the appropriate people. Pray for a strong spirit of love, unity, and peace within your church and other SRBA churches.
 - **John 13:34-35 (NASB):** “I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another.”
 - **Colossians 3:12-17 (CSB):** “Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint

against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

- Pray that your church and fellow SRBA churches will be wholeheartedly committed to making disciples of all nations to the glory of God.
 - **Matthew 28:18-20 (CSB):** “Jesus came near and said to them, ‘All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’”
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give you and members of your church a burden for the lost people in your community. Ask God to show you the lost people you need to pray for and witness to. Pray for God to open the hearts of lost people in your community to hear the gospel and receive salvation through Jesus Christ.
 - **Matthew 9:36-38 (ESV):** “When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.’”
 - **2 Corinthians 5:14-20 (CSB):** “For the love of Christ compels us, since we have reached this conclusion, that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all so that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for the one who died for them and was raised. From now on, then, we do not know anyone from a worldly perspective. Even if we have known Christ from a worldly perspective, yet now we no longer know him in this way. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come! Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. That is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and he has committed the message of reconciliation to us. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us. We plead on Christ’s behalf, “Be reconciled to God.”
- Spend the remainder of your time crying out to God, begging Him to bring revival and spiritual awakening to Eastern NC and beyond. Close your prayer by praising God for His faithfulness and work.
 - **Hosea 6:1-3 (NKJV):** “Come, and let us return to the LORD; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight. Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, Like the latter and former rain to the earth.”

Bible Translations

Christian Standard Bible (CSB)

English Standard Version (ESV)

New American Standard Bible (NASB)

New King James Version (NKJV)