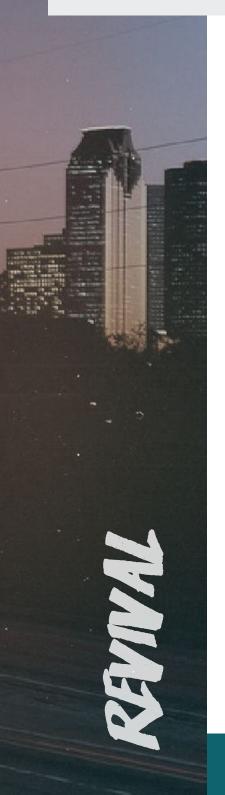


"Whenever God determines to do a great work, he first sets his people to pray." —Charles Spurgeon

"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." 2 Chronicles 7:14



TODAY'S DEVOTIONAL:

Houston has never experienced a true revival. O how our city needs it! There is so much sin, brokenness, pain, and heartache in our city!

The problem is not with the non-Christians. The problem is the failure of the church to be the church.

Here is God's word to us: "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" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

If my people who are called by my name. We belong to God. We are his! We are much-loved, blood-bought, fully-adopted, completely-forgiven followers of the Lord Jesus Christ! This is our identity!

Humble themselves. We admit that God is God and we are not. We no longer live for ourselves but for Christ. We resolve to lie low and exalt the Lord.

Pray. Every great move of God begins with prayer. We will never see transformation in our city apart from prayer. Much prayer, much power. Little prayer, little power.

Seek my face. Yes, we seek God's hand because we need him. But first we seek God's face because we love him.

Turn from their wicked ways. Without confession and repentance there is no revival. Right now ask the Lord: "Lord, is there anything in my life that needs to go?"

If we do these five things, then we have the sure promise of God: He will hear from heaven. He will forgive our sin. He will heal our city.

TODAY'S PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE:

Lord, may the church in Houston rise up and be the church! O God, give us grace to believe that what you say here in your Holy Word is true for us. May we hear and obey!

TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

Lord, we are begging you to give us the souls of lost people! Lost people on our street! Lost people where we work and play and study! Lost people all over our city! O God, give us Houston!

