

SERENITY RETREAT
25TH ANNIVERSARY PRAYER GUIDE



40 DAYS OF
Faith

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TRUE SERENITY FOUND IN FAVOR WITH GOD

"My child, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity. Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man." Proverbs 3:1-4

Dear Family,

In our twenty-fifth year, as we prepare to gather to honor the mission, celebrate transformation, and share the vision for the future of Serenity Retreat, we embark once again on forty days of prayer and fasting.

This year, the forty days preceding our **25th Anniversary at The Bell Tower on 34th** are in alignment with an ancient Hebraic path known as the "40 Days of Favor". Together, we are answering a holy invitation to return to the Lord and reconnect with ourselves that we may grow in right relationships with Him, one another, and the very land and resources that He has entrusted to us.

This journey has been walked by God-fearing men and women for millenia in the belief that everyone has the capacity for change and redemption. Because of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we too have confidence that it is not our choices or mistakes that define us, but our ability to repent and turn to Him to be restored. By His Spirit and grace, we are empowered to walk in obedience to His voice that calls us forward—a holy nation set apart to walk in His light and love.

As covenant sons and daughters, we set aside these forty days first and foremost *in pursuit and worship of our King!* It's our deep desire to grow in intimacy with Him, and we know His heart is for our oneness. That's why we are seeking His face in partnership with friends of the ministry this year, honoring various biblical prayer paths to grow us together as one.

As He speaks through His Word, we can expect to be encouraged, traverse uncomfortability or conviction, and be hit with revelation of our own need of His transformation. *Let's all decide right now to lean in and give thanks!* That's what the 40 Days of Favor are all about. We encourage you to feel what you feel, follow Him into wholeness, and consider scheduling a personal session for Transformation Prayer Ministry during this time.

With our annual fundraiser taking place just hours after the Day of Atonement, it is a joy to imagine our great assembly gathered as One, purified and cleansed by the blood of the Lamb. With deep gratitude, we fix our eyes on Him and enter into this season in worship, with thanksgiving for His divine orchestration and twenty-five years of deeply transformative ministry through Serenity Retreat.

Thank you for your sensitivity to His invitation to these 40 Days of Favor. Come expectantly, come in your weakness—come at the beginning, jump in toward the end. It really doesn't matter, *just come, say "yes", and find favor with Him!*

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Transformation: Inviting God's Presence

AN INTRODUCTION

The hunger for the presence of God is growing. Perhaps as in no previous time in the history of the Church, God is moving across our globe at an unprecedented rate. Cities, communities, and whole nations are being impacted by the power of God in ways that most in our generation have not seen before. George Otis, Jr. and The Sentinel Group have been researching and documenting this move of God. When they began researching revival in 1999, they knew of eight communities that were in the midst of society-altering transformation. Today there are more than 250 communities around the globe. From the South Pacific, to the Canadian Arctic, to the heart of Africa—God is up to something.

As people have seen the Transformations videos that document examples of God's powerful work, their hearts have been stirred with a hope that God could do such a thing in their communities. Telling the stories of God's transformation ignites a passion in the hearts of believers to know what it will take for God to come to their communities. Taking a bold step in praying toward that is the heart of this prayer guide.

The Quickening video (produced by The Sentinel Group) sets forth seven core principles of transformation, and seven obstacles or hindrances. These commonalities are distilled from the many places where God has manifested Himself and is clearly at work. They are not quick steps to follow and find "instant revival." They are principles that show how we, as the people of God, can cooperate with the heart of God to invite Him to come into our midst. As George Otis, Jr. states in The Quickening:

*"It is not enough to simply wish for change, or to hope that God will include our community on His revival itinerary. If spiritual transformation is to become a reality in our lives and in our neighborhoods, then hope must give way to faith and commitment. **Our solitary goal must be to prepare the way of the Lord; to ensure that He feels welcome and comfortable in our midst.**" —George Otis, Jr.*

There has been much discussion and much written about the exact definition and indicators of "transformation." For the purposes of this prayer guide, modern-day transformation is when every aspect of society is touched and changed by the presence of God, the Word of God, and the transforming work of the Holy Spirit of God. This will look different in each community. But the commonality will be a culture that has gone from darkness to the transforming power of the gospel on every level of society—replacing evil with righteousness and godly justice.

Humility, repentance, brokenness, holiness, and a desire to seek after God will be the marks of a Church that is revived and transformed. Those biblical principles are built into this prayer guide. These are the heart conditions that please God and attract His presence.

This prayer guide is designed as a tool for personal or group prayer focused on transformation. It is formatted to be used as a companion piece to The Sentinel Group's video, The Quickening. By viewing the video and then embarking on a prayer journey, you will have the core principles of transformation firmly planted in your heart. This guide also can be used without seeing the video because it is ultimately about the work that the Holy Spirit does in an open and receiving heart.

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DAY 1

Bursting Forth from Heaven

EXCERPT

TRANSFORMATION: INVITING GOD'S PRESENCE

"Oh, that you would burst from the heavens and come down! How the mountains would quake in your presence!... When you came down long ago, you did awesome things beyond our highest expectations. And oh, how the mountains quaked! For since the world began, no ear has heard, and no eye has seen a God like you, who works for those who wait for him!" Isaiah 64:1, 3-4

PRAYER FOCUS:

If the very mountains created by God would quake in His presence, imagine how our hearts would tremble at a glimpse of His glory! If the Lord burst forth from the heavens and became fully present in our midst, everything would change instantly. Our concerns in this world would quickly fade as we stood breathless, awestruck, and overwhelmed. We would suddenly realize that our expectations have been far too low, and that God's power and presence can bring even nations in humble submission before Him. As this passage indicates, God works for those who wait for Him, for His glory to be revealed! As we begin on a journey of prayer for transformation, may we turn our hearts toward Him and pray with hope and expectation—and wait for nothing less than His very presence among us.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Worship God as the Glory of all creation. Thank Him that He desires to reveal His presence.
- Acknowledge to God that you desire the revealing of His glory in your life and in the world.
- Repent of the ways you have impatiently walked your own way, with glory for yourself overtaking your desire for God's glory in your life.
- Pray that God will stir within you a deep desire for transformation of your own heart.
- Ask God to fill you with an expectancy for those awesome things beyond your own imagination. Pray that your church will begin crying out for the mountain-quaking presence of God.
- Pray for revival and transformation that changes the very fabric of our churches, cities, and society.
- Pray that the nations of the world will bow in humble submission to God—and be transformed by His glory!

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DAY 2

The Firestorm of Divine Grace

EXCERPT

TRANSFORMATION: INVITING GOD'S PRESENCE

"The time will come," says the LORD, "when the grain and grapes will grow faster than they can be harvested. Then the terraced vineyards on the hills of Israel will drip with sweet wine! I will bring my exiled people of Israel back from the distant lands, and they will rebuild their ruined cities and live in them again..." Amos 9:13-14

PRAYER FOCUS:

The Prophet Amos saw a time coming of complete healing and restoration of the land and of God's people. Imagine fields overflowing with grapes and grains in such abundance that the harvesters cannot keep up. In terms of spiritual harvest, envision masses of people eagerly seeking the fullness of God. Imagine broken-down, desolate cities restored to places of safety and bustling commerce. Think of the joy of families healed, and relationships overflowing with love, honor, and respect. This kind of abundance can only come as the fulfillment of God's promises for hope and healing. This kind of revival and transformation is already happening in many places around the world. Could it be that we will soon enter into what is called "the firestorm of divine grace"? May it be so, Lord—even today!

PRAYER POINTS:

- Worship God as the One who brings all abundance and restoration to His people.
- Acknowledge to God that we are in desperate need of His blessing and healing.
- Ask the Lord to fulfill all His purposes and plans for your life.
- Pray that God will give you the boldness to seek His abundance for your life, your family, and your church.
- Pray that a desire for this kind of healing of the land and cities will be imprinted on your heart.
- Pray that your city and nation will be restored to the fullness of God's glory.
- Pray that God will enlarge your vision, give you hope for the fulfillment of His promises, and begin to prepare you for the firestorm of His divine grace.

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DAY 3

Becoming Kingdom Fruit-Bearers

EXCERPT

TRANSFORMATION: INVITING GOD'S PRESENCE

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful...I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit....This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit..."

John 15:1-2, 5, 8

PRAYER FOCUS:

As we pray toward transformation and all the physical and spiritual abundance it represents, we must remember the source. Transformation cannot happen apart from being intimately connected to Jesus. Jesus desires that we bear much fruit, but to do so we must be connected to Him as the true Vine. In the process of becoming fruitful, we are warned that we will be pruned so that we will bear more abundant fruit. Although pruning can seem painful in the moment, it is for our ever-increasing growth. He also warns that the dead branches will be cut off because they are useless to His Kingdom. It is ultimately by our overflowing fruit that God is honored here on earth. Pray that true transformation will begin with your own intimate connection to Jesus, the Vine. Invite God to do the necessary pruning in your heart—in order to bring Him honor and glory!

PRAYER POINTS:

- Worship Jesus as the true Vine, and God the Father as the Gardener of your soul.
- Recognize your need for God's pruning in your heart, and ask Him to show you areas that need cutting back.
- Invite Jesus to bring a new depth of intimacy and connection with Him as the Vine.
- Pray that your life will begin bearing such abundant fruit that others will see the work of God in your life.
- Pray for abundant fruit in the lives of your pastors and the people of your church.
- Pray that hearts will be stirred to pray for the kind of transformation represented by abundant and overflowing fruit. Pray for hearts to be open to pruning.
- Pray that God will be honored and glorified here on earth through the spiritual fruit of His people.

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DAY 4

Transformation: God's Intended Normalcy

EXCERPT

TRANSFORMATION: INVITING GOD'S PRESENCE

"And the name of the city from that time on will be: THE LORD IS THERE."

Ezekiel 48:35

PRAYER FOCUS:

The Sovereign Lord revealed to Ezekiel an exact description of a restored Jerusalem. He gave detailed measurements of the city gates, along with names according to the tribes of Israel. But the final description is actually the greatest distinguishing characteristic of the city. The restored Jerusalem was to be known from that time on as "The Lord is there." It was a city to be marked profoundly by the presence of the Lord. The fact that the Lord's presence was the greatest identifier of the city is in reality God's intended normalcy. In the heart of God, the desolation that infects our cities and whole regions today is unusual; it is not His intended desire. God's heart is that His presence be real and manifest in every aspect of society. As we begin praying about transformation coming to our lives and our cities, perhaps we need to readjust our understanding of normal. In this world there will never be a "perfect" society, however, we can set our sights and prayers on God's intended normalcy being the identifying mark of our communities.

As we pray, allow the Lord to examine and re-identify what you assumed to be God's intended normalcy for your life, church, and the city where you live.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Worship God as the One whose presence brings transformation to our lives and to our communities. Ask the Lord to reveal to you from the Scripture what His intended normalcy is for you.
- Repent for the ways that you have not really expected the presence of the Lord to be your normalcy.
- As you pray about intended normalcy, pray about redefined expectations for your church.
- Ask the Lord to help you understand His heart for your city, that you might pray according to that truth.
- Pray that others will catch a vision of God's intended normalcy for your city.
- Thank the Lord for His love for you and your city.

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DAY 5

Transformation: God's Heart for Renewal

EXCERPT

TRANSFORMATION: INVITING GOD'S PRESENCE

"Never again will you be called the Godforsaken City or the Desolate Land. Your new name will be the City of God's Delight and the Bride of God, for the LORD delights in you and will claim you as his own."

Isaiah 62:4

PRAYER FOCUS:

The very heart of God is always for restoration and renewal. We see it with each new season of the year; we see it in how He restores and renews those who come to Jesus Christ by faith in His finished work on the Cross. Restoration is His desire for families, churches, and entire cities and regions. Why? Because it is in the very nature of who God is. In the first verses of Isaiah 62, Isaiah says he will not keep silent until God accomplishes His work of renewal and restoration, righteousness, and salvation. Isaiah prays with fervency as he cries out to God for his city. God's heart is exactly the same for your city. That is the heart cry of the prayers in this guide—to facilitate a yearning for God to bring His intended restoration and renewal to our cities. True transformation is when we no longer think of our cities as Godforsaken or desolate, but can clearly identify God's restoring work.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Spend an extended time thanking the Lord for His heart to bring restoration and renewal to you and your city.
- Give to the Lord those areas in your own life that need to have His touch of restoration and renewal.
- Confess to the Lord if there are any ways that you are resisting His renewing work in your life. Be honest.
- Ask the Lord to touch the hearts of pastors in your city with this vision of transformation.
- Pray that the unsaved will be attracted to Christ as they see Him bringing transformation to your city.
- Pray that across your city, Christians will catch a vision of the transformation God wants to bring.
- Commit yourself to continue to cry out until the Lord brings restoration and renewal. As you pray through this prayer guide, settle in your heart your commitment to see transformation come to your life, your family, your church, and your city.

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TRANSFORMATION STORY:

Alamonga, Guatemala

EXCERPT

TRANSFORMATION: INVITING GOD'S PRESENCE

Nestled in the mountains of Guatemala is a village of 19,000 people called Almolonga. But because of the miraculous transformation that has changed the spiritual climate of this small city, it is now known as "The City of God" and "The Valley of Miracles." As you enter Almolonga, there is a banner on the main road that says Jesus is Lord of Almolonga!

Almolonga was once known as a place of crime, drunkenness, and spiritual darkness—and was very hostile to any form of the gospel message of Jesus Christ. Missionaries were driven out, the few Christians were persecuted, and spirit worship dominated the culture. Jails overflowed with criminals, the streets were populated with bars, and the people lived in extreme poverty. Alcohol and other forms of abuse were rampant in the community.

But under death threats, a pastor and his tiny congregation became desperate for God and began to pray with great fervency and faith that God could change their entire community. They humbly invited God to come in His power and glory.

Now Almolonga is a completely transformed community! Some of the evidences of God's mighty work include:

- The four jails are now closed, and the police no longer carry guns.
- They instead carry only whistles to direct traffic.
- The 30-plus bars have nearly all closed, and instead the town is
- filled with more than 30 churches.

- The land has been miraculously healed (according to the promise in 2 Chronicles 7:14—that God will heal the land). Almolonga is now known for producing vegetables of biblical proportions: carrots the size of a man's arm, radishes as large as a fist, cabbages like basketballs. Whereas the people once shipped out four truckloads of vegetables a month, they now ship 40 truckloads a week!
- Even a secular travel guidebook acknowledges the dramatic change by writing, "...the new religion is credited for lowering the rate of alcohol, as well as the area's beautiful crops."

If you walk the streets of Almolonga, you can sense the presence of God everywhere. People are joyfully working and praising God as they go, and everyone has a story of how God has done a miraculous work in his or her life. The marketplace is now full with abundant produce, as well as people whose lives overflow with God's love and joy. God's power to transform even entire communities is undeniable!

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DAY 6

An Awareness of Our Emptiness

EXCERPT

TRANSFORMATION: INVITING GOD'S PRESENCE

"The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life." John 6:63

PRAYER FOCUS:

Jesus spoke these words to His followers who were complaining and considering abandoning the cause. He had just affirmed that He was the living Bread of Life. But they couldn't grasp what He meant. So rather than continue walking with Jesus and discovering the truth of His claim, many decided to desert Jesus that day. But by abandoning Jesus, they soon learned that they could accomplish nothing apart from Christ. Their flesh counted for nothing. His closest disciples chose to stay with Him, and eventually they discovered that Jesus was the life He claimed to be. They went on to walk in the fullness of the Kingdom of God here on earth. Likewise, we must empty ourselves of our own pride and ambitions, and invite the fullness of Christ to flow through us. This is the start of true transformation.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Worship Jesus as the Bread of Life and the fulfillment of all that you need.
- Acknowledge to the Lord the emptiness of your own flesh. Ask Him to make you more aware of your need for life in Him.
- Ask the Lord to empty you of your own self-satisfaction, and in turn increase your spiritual hunger for Him.
- Resolve in your heart and confess before the Lord that you will seek Him alone to fill your heart with hope.
- Pray that the Church will stop looking to programs and man's ideas to fulfill God's Kingdom, and instead offer a heart-cry to God as the only source of hope.
- Pray that the churches in your city will unite in inviting God to come in revival and transformation.
- Invite God to fill your emptiness with *His* fullness.

*Transformation Principle One:
God wants to be invited into our communities.*

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Lectio Divina

AN INTRODUCTION

Lectio Divina, which means “divine reading” in Latin, is a form of listening prayer. In this divine reading, a portion of scripture is read aloud four times as an individual meditates on what the Lord is saying to him or her through His Word.

The Hebrew word for meditate, הָגָה *“hagah”*, means to speak, imagine, groan, study, mutter, utter, roar and ponder. *Lectio Divina* offers a structure for meditating on the Bible while also praying what you hear back to the Lord.

In this practice, you are encouraged to savor a few verses at a time as you navigate through four ordered steps. God’s Word will permeate your spirit, and He will relate with you uniquely as you wait on Him. The end result is true communion with the Lord through His living Word. I sometimes call it “prayer by revelation” because we are asking the Lord to reveal His truth to us and He does!

The Process: Select a portion of scripture to read aloud a total of four times.

- Reading 1: During the first reading, take time to carefully consider the words that are being read, and ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this verse. There is no writing done during this step.
- Reading 2: For the second reading, ask the Lord to highlight a word or phrase from the scripture that He wants you to consider, then write down what He speaks to you.
- Reading 3: For the third reading, ask the Lord for more amplification and insight. He may give you a picture or some sensory perception, a memory, a song, a movie scene, a book etc. He is creative!
- Reading 4: In the final reading, listen for His invitation to you. The questions below may be helpful guides. Once you write down your response, pray it back to Him.
 - Is there some action that He is calling you to take?
 - Is there a specific situation to which this Word applies?
 - How will you carry this Word into your life this week?
 - What is the Lord inviting you to do or to be?

If ever in doubt, use James 3:17 as a guideline. Another good test is to ask yourself if it yields the fruit of the Spirit according to Galatians 5:22?

“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.” —James 3:17

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.” —Galatians 5:22

DAY 7

Psalm 1:1-3

LECTIO DIVINA

INITIAL READING: THE WASHING

As you read through the verses this first time, take time to carefully consider the words, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this verse. No writing yet. Let His Word wash over you—just listen.

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.” Psalm 1:1-3

SECOND READING: WORD OR PHRASE

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FOURTH READING: INVITATION

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DAY 8

Philippians 4:8

LECTIO DIVINA

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“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.” Philippians 4:8

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PREFACE

Waiting on God

BY ANDREW MURRAY

Prior to leaving home for England last year, I had been impressed by the thought of how we need more of God in every area of our Christian life, both personal and public. I had felt we needed to train our people in their worship to wait on God more, and to cultivate a deeper sense of His presence, of direct contact with Him, of complete dependence on Him as a definite aim of our ministry. At a welcome breakfast in Exeter Hall, I simply expressed this thought in connection with all our religious work. I was surprised at the response with which the sentiment was met. I saw that God's Spirit had been working the same desire in many hearts.

The experiences of the past year, both personal and public, have greatly deepened the conviction. I, myself, am only beginning to see the deepest truth concerning God, and our relation to Him, is centered in this waiting on God. I am beginning to see how little in our life and work has been surrounded by the Holy Spirit. The following pages are the outcome of my conviction and of the desire to direct the attention of all God's people to the one great remedy for all our needs. More than half of these meditations were written on board ship; I fear they may come across as somewhat hastily written. I have felt, in looking them over, that I would like to write them over again. But I can't do that now. So I send them out with the prayer that God who loves to use the feeble may send a blessing with them.

The most important thing we need to learn is this: The great lack of our faith is, we do not know God. The answer to every complaint of weakness and failure, the message to every believer or congregation seeking instruction on holiness, is simply this: "What is the matter? If you really believe in God, all will be made right. God is willing and able by the Holy Spirit. Stop expecting the least good from yourself, or the least help from others, and just yield yourself unreservedly to God who is at work in you. He will do it all for you." This sounds so simple, yet it is the truth we know too little.

I feel humbled as I send forth these very defective meditations; I can only cast them on the love of our God. May He use them to draw us all closer to Himself, to learn in practice and experience the blessed art of WAITING ONLY ON GOD.□ May we begin to comprehend what the influence would be of a life fully given, not in thought or imagination or effort, but in the power of the Holy Spirit, to witing only on God.

With this greeting in Christ to all God's saints whom it has been my privilege to meet, and no less to those I have not met, I subscribe myself, your brother and servant,

—Andrew Murray, Wellington, March 3, 1896

EXTRACT FROM ADDRESS IN EXETER HALL

"I have been surprised at nothing more than the letters that have come to me from missionaries and others from all parts of the world, devoted men and women, testifying to the need they feel in their work of being helped to a deeper and a clearer insight into all that Christ could be to them. Let us look to God to reveal Himself among His people in a measure very few have realized.

Let us expect great things of our God. At all our conventions and assemblies too little time is given to waiting on God. Is He not willing to put things right in His own divine way? Has the life of God's people reached the utmost limit of what God is willing to do for them? Surely not. We want to wait on Him; to put away our experiences, however blessed they have been; our conceptions of truth, however sound and scriptural we think they seem; our plans, however needful and suitable they appear, and give God time and place to show us what He could do, what He will do. God has new developments and new resources. He can do new things, unheard of things, hidden things. Let us enlarge our hearts and not limit Him. "When You came down, You did terrible things we looked not for; the mountains flowed down at Your presence." —Andrew Murray, May 31, 1895

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DAY 9

Day 1: The God of Our Salvation

EXCERPT: WAITING ON GOD

"Truly my soul silently waits for God; from Him comes my salvation."

Psalm 62:1

If salvation indeed comes from God and is entirely His work (just as Creation was), it follows that our first and highest duty is to wait on God to complete that work as it pleases Him. Waiting becomes then the only way to experience our full salvation, and the only way to know the God of our salvation. Any difficulty we have in experiencing our full salvation caused by this one thing: the defective knowledge and practice of waiting upon God. All that the church and its members need for the manifestation of the mighty power of God in the world is the return to our true place, that place where we truly belong—both in creation and in redemption—the place of *absolute and unceasing dependence upon God*. You may wonder what elements make up this most blessed and needful waiting upon God, and why this practice is so little cultivated? As we answer those questions we may begin to feel how infinitely desirable it is that the church, that we ourselves, should at any price learn its blessed secret.

The deep need for this waiting on God lies equally in the nature of humankind and in the nature of God. God, as Creator, formed Adam to be a vessel from which His power and goodness would flow. Adam did not have in himself a fountain of life or strength or happiness; the ever-living One was each moment the Communicator to Adam of all that he needed. Adam's glory and blessedness were neither independent nor dependent upon himself, but dependent on the God of infinite riches and love. *Adam had the joy of receiving every moment out of the fullness of God*. This was his blessedness as an unfallen creature.

When Adam fell away from God, he became even more dependent on Him, not less. He had not the slightest hope of recovery from his state of sin or death, except in God through His power and mercy. It is God alone who began the work of redemption; it is God alone who continues that work each moment in each individual believer. Even in the regenerate person there is no power of goodness in oneself; the believer has and can have nothing that is not each moment received. Waiting on God is just as indispensable and must be just as continuous and unbroken as the breathing that maintains one's natural life.

It is only because Christians do not realize their relation to God of absolute poverty and helplessness, that they have no sense of their need of absolute and unceasing dependence, or of the unspeakable blessedness of continual waiting on God. But once a believer begins to sense it and consent to it, then the Holy Spirit gives each moment what God each moment works. Waiting on God becomes the believer's brightest hope and joy. Finally apprehending how God as Infinite Love delights to impart His own nature to His child, how God doesn't grow weary of each moment keeping charge of His child's life and strength, the believer wonders why he or she ever thought of God as anything other than as a God to be waited on all day long. God unceasingly giving and working; His child unceasingly waiting and receiving—this is the blessed life.

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DAY 9

Day 1, continued

"Truly my soul silently waits for God; from Him comes my salvation." First, we wait on God for salvation. Then we learn that salvation merely brings us to God in order to teach us to wait on Him more. And finally we find what is better still, that waiting on God is itself the highest salvation. It is the ascribing to Him the glory of being All; it is the experiencing that He is All to us. May God teach us the blessedness of waiting on Him.

"My soul, wait only on God!"

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For Your Land, Our Stewardship

- Thank You Lord for Serenity Retreat Bellville! From homes to churches, businesses and retreat centers, we thank You for every piece of land that you have marked and set apart for Your people to meet with You and one another.
- We bless the land, everyone and everything on it in the Name of Jesus!
- Father, please reveal all that is in Your heart now for the land that You have entrusted to us. We ask for Your vision that we may rightly steward and establish Your Kingdom purpose in the days ahead.
- Thank You for all who tend the land and all that is on it—we pray that You bless them and their families, and prosper them in every way.
- Lord, we ask for You to prepare us to steward Your vision, and send to us the people and resources that are needed to fulfill it!

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DAY 10

Day 2: The Keynote of Life

EXCERPT: WAITING ON GOD

"I have waited for your salvation, O Lord!" Genesis 49:18

Jacob made this statement while prophesying about the future of his sons: "I have waited for your salvation, O Lord!" What did he mean by these words? They seem to indicate that his expectation—both for himself and for his sons—was from God alone. It was God's salvation he waited for; a salvation that God had promised and that God alone could accomplish. He acknowledged that he and his sons were under God's charge. The Everlasting God would demonstrate through their lives what His saving power could do. Jacob's words point forward to the wonderful story of redemption, which is not yet finished, and to the glorious future in eternity where it is leading. They suggest to us how there is no salvation but God's salvation, and how waiting on God for that—whether for our personal experience or for wider circles—is our first duty, our true blessedness.

Let us ponder the inconceivably glorious salvation God has provided for us in Christ and is even now working to perfect in us by His Spirit. Let us meditate until we somewhat realize that *every aspect of this great salvation, from moment to moment, must be the work of God himself*. God cannot part with his grace or goodness or strength as some external thing that He gives us, like raindrops from heaven. No, God can only give these things and we can only enjoy them as He provides them directly and unceasingly. And the only reason that God does not work His salvation more effectually and continuously is that we do not allow it. We hinder that work, either by our indifference or by our self-effort, so that God cannot do what He would. What is asked of us, in terms of surrender and obedience and desire and trust, is all comprised in this one word: *wait*, wait on God, wait for His salvation. It combines the deep sense of our entire helplessness to work what is divinely good with the perfect assurance that our God will work it all in His divine power.

Again, let us meditate on the glorious salvation God is working out in us, until we grasp the truths that implies. Our heart is the scene of a divine operation more wonderful than the creation of the world. We contribute as little to the work of salvation as we did to creation, except as God works in us to will and to do. God only asks of us to yield, to consent, to wait upon Him, and He will do it all. Let us meditate and be still, until we see how wonderful and right and blessed it is that God alone does all. Then our soul will sink down in deep humility and say: "I have waited for your salvation, O Lord." And the deep blessed background of all our praying and working will be: "Truly my soul waits on God."

The application of this truth to wider circles—to those we labor among or intercede for, to the church of Christ around us or throughout the world—is not difficult. There can be no good but what God works. To wait on God, to be filled with faith that He is at work, and in that faith to pray for His mighty power to come down, is our only wisdom. Oh, may the eyes of our heart be opened to see God at work in ourselves and in others, and to see how blessed it is just to worship and to wait for His salvation!

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DAY 10

Day 2, continued

Our private and public prayers are the chief expression of our relationship to God; it is in prayer that our waiting upon God must first be exercised. Our waiting begins by quieting the activities of nature and being still before God; it bows and seeks to see God in His universal and almighty operation, alone able and always ready to work all good; it yields itself to God in the assurance that He is working and will work in us; it maintains this place of humility and stillness and surrender until the Spirit infuses us with the faith that He will perfect His work. If we pray like this, our waiting will indeed become the strength and the joy of the soul. Life will become one deep blessed cry: "I have waited for your salvation, O Lord."

"My soul, wait only on God!"

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For Our Strategic Partners

- Thank You Lord for those ministries who You have strategically partnered with us to expand the reach of transformation prayer [the mission of your ministry].
 - Take a moment and speak the name of each one: **Transformation Prayer Ministry, Hope & Healing Center, Sugar Creek Baptist Church, Stoller Foundation, The Center for Mighty Marriages & Families, GHPC, Money on the Table, The 714 Initiative, 10 Days Houston**
- We pray that You bless, continually transform and prosper these strategic partners to fulfill all that You've designed for their ministries!
- We ask that you draw to us any new strategic partners that will help to establish Your Kingdom in this season.
- Lord, help us to steward these partnerships well, and strengthen our alignments and strategies for the glory of Your Name!

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DAY 11

Day 3: The True Place of the Creature

EXCERPT: WAITING ON GOD

"These all wait for You, that you may give them their food in due season. What You give them they gather in; You open Your hand, they are filled with good." Psalm 104:27-28

Psalm 104, in praise of the Creator, describes the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the animals of the forest; of man going out to his work until evening; and of the innumerable creatures of the great sea. Then it sums up the relationship of all creation to its Creator, its continuous and universal dependence upon Him with this profound declaration: *"These all wait for You!"* Just as it was God's work to create, so it is His work to maintain. Just as the creature could not create itself, so it cannot provide for itself. The whole of creation is ruled by one unalterable law: *It waits on God!*

This law expresses the one and only reason the creature was brought into existence. God brought creatures to life so that in them He might demonstrate His wisdom, power and goodness, His being each moment their life and happiness by pouring out to them, according to their capacity, the riches of His goodness and power. It is the very place and nature of God to be the continuous supplier of the creature's every need. Likewise, the very place and nature of the creature is only this—to wait upon God and receive from Him what He alone can give, what He delights to give.

If we hope to understand all that *waiting on God* means to the believer, to practice it and to experience its blessedness, then we must first see how very reasonable the call is to wait on God. We must understand how the duty is not an arbitrary command. We must see how it is made necessary by our sin and helplessness. It is simply and truly the restoration to our original destiny and our highest position, to our true place and glory as creatures blessedly dependent on our glorious God.

When our eyes are opened to this precious truth, all nature becomes a preacher, reminding us of the relationship that began in creation but now continues in grace. Psalm 104 teaches us to look upon all life in nature as continually maintained by God. Think of the young lions and the ravens as crying out to God, of the cattle and fish and every insect as waiting on Him to receive their food in due season, and you will see that it is the very nature and glory of God to be waited on. This understanding of how nature waits and that God provides gives new force to the call: *"Wait only on God."* This waiting on God is the very necessity of our being.

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DAY 11

Day 3, continued

"These all wait for You that You may give." It is God who gives all: let this truth settle deeply into our hearts. Even before we fully understand all that it means to wait on God, and even before we have cultivated the habit, let the truth enter our souls: Waiting on God in unceasing and complete dependence on Him is the only true religion in heaven and on earth. Waiting is the one unalterable and comprehensive expression of true relationship to the ever-blessed One in whom we live.

Let us resolve that this will be the main characteristic of our life and worship, a continuous, humble, trustful waiting on God. We may rest assured that God who created us for Himself, in order to give Himself to us, will never disappoint us. By waiting on God we may find rest and joy and strength and the supply of every need.

"My soul, wait only on God!"

INTERCESSION FOR CONTINUED TRANSFORMATION & THE MINISTRY OF SERENITY RETREAT

For Our Gatherings

- Thank You Lord for drawing near as we come before You each morning in these 40 Days. Thank You for hearing and answering our prayers, and growing us together in You!
- Thank You for renewing us daily through repentance, Your Word, and transformational encounters with You. Help us receive and rightly respond to Your Spirit.
- We ask that You restore to us all Your heart for us, our families, churches, Serenity Retreat and our partner ministries.
- Lord, we ask that You continue to order and bless the planning and preparation for the Serenity Retreat 25th Anniversary. Bless, protect, and prosper every Table Host, partner and friend who You've called to gather on October 3rd.
- Align all our plans with heaven that we see Your Kingdom come in every heart through our worship, prayer, testimonies and fundraising we pray!

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DAY 12

Day 4: For Supplies

EXCERPT: WAITING ON GOD

“The Lord upholds all who fall, and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look expectantly to You, and You give them their food in due season.” Psalm 145:14-15

Psalm 104 [which we read yesterday] is a psalm about creation, and the words “These all wait for You” were used in reference to the animal world. Here we have a psalm about the kingdom of God, and the words “The eyes of all look expectantly to You” refer specifically to God’s saints, to all that fall and are bowed down. What the universe and the animals do unconsciously, God’s people are meant to do intelligently and voluntarily. We are meant to be the interpreter of nature. We are meant to prove that there is nothing more noble or more blessed in the exercise of our free will than to use it in waiting on God.

If an army has been sent out to march into enemy territory and the report comes back that it is not advancing, the question would be asked, “What is causing the delay?” The answer very often might be, “Waiting for supplies.” If the stores of provisions or clothing or ammunition have not arrived, the army dare not proceed. It is no different in the Christian life: day by day, at every step, we need our supplies from above. Our greatest need is to cultivate that spirit of dependence on God and of confidence in Him, which refuses to go on without an abundant supply of grace and strength.

You may ask how this is any different from what we do when we pray. The answer is that there may be *much praying with* but little waiting on God. In “praying with” we are often occupied with ourselves, with our own needs and with our own effort in the presentation of them. In waiting on God, our first thought is of the God on whom we wait. As we enter His presence, we feel the need just to be quiet, so that He as God can overshadow us. God longs to reveal Himself, to fill us with Himself. Waiting on God provides time for Him to come to us, in His own way and with divine power.

It is especially at the moment of prayer that we ought to cultivate this spirit of waiting. Before you begin to pray, bow quietly before God and seek to remember and realize who He is, how near He is, how certainly He can and will help. Just be still before Him. Allow the Holy Spirit to stir up in your soul the childlike attitude of absolute dependence and confident expectation. Wait upon God as the Living One, who notices you and who is just longing to work His salvation in you. Wait on God till you know you have met Him, then prayer will become so different.

And when you are praying, allow for intervals of silence, of reverent stillness of soul, in which you yield yourself to God. He may have something He wishes to teach you or to work in you. Waiting on God will become the most blessed part of prayer, and the answer to your prayer will be twice as precious because it is the fruit of close fellowship with the Living One.

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DAY 12

Day 4, continued

God has so ordained it, this harmony of His holy nature with ours, that waiting on Him should be the honor we give Him. Let us do so gladly and truthfully; He will reward us abundantly.

"The eyes of all look expectantly to You, and You give them their food in due season." Dear soul, God provides in nature for the creatures He has made; how much more will He provide in grace for those He has redeemed. Learn to say of every want, of every failure and of every spiritual lack: I have waited too little on God, otherwise He would have given me in due season all I needed.

"My soul, wait only on God!"

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For Prayer Ministers & Volunteers

- Thank You Lord for those You have called to share their own transformation and healing by giving their time to serve at Serenity Retreat. We pray that You bless their obedience today, and that You continually transform and prosper them in every way!
- Lord, we pray for a fresh invitation to those You have called to serve who have felt unable or been unwilling. May they hear Your voice clearly today, have the courage and strength to say "yes" and receive Your blessing!
- We pray for those with committed time to serve this week, that You will fill them with JOY, protect them and their families, prepare their hearts and minds, and provide all they need for Your purpose.

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DAY 13

Day 5: For Instruction

EXCERPT: WAITING ON GOD

"Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day." Psalm 25:4-5

I spoke of an army on the point of entering enemy territory, answering the question as to the cause of delay, *"Waiting for supplies."* The answer might also have been, *"Waiting for Instructions"* or *"Waiting for orders."* If the last dispatch had not given the final orders of the commander-in-chief the army dared not move. This is also true in the Christian life; as great as the need of *waiting for supplies* is that of *waiting for instructions*.

See how beautifully this comes out in Psalm 25. The writer loved God's law above all else, and so he studied that law both day and night. But he came to realize that even this devotion to the law was not enough. For the right spiritual understanding of the truth and for the right personal application of it to his own peculiar circumstances, he needed direct divine teaching.

This particular psalm is a favorite one of many people, perhaps because it expresses our deep longing for divine guidance, along with the childlike confidence that guidance would be given. Study the psalm until your heart is filled with two thoughts—the absolute need and the absolute certainty of divine guidance. Then notice how it is within this connection that he speaks, *"On You I wait all the day."* Waiting for guidance, waiting for instruction, all the day, is a very blessed part of waiting upon God.

The Father in heaven is so interested in His children, and so longs to keep their every step within His will and His love, that He is willing to guide them entirely by His own hand. God knows that we are unable to do what is truly holy and heavenly without His help. God's demands actually become the promises of what He would do in watching over and leading us all day long. It is not only in times of difficulty and perplexity, but also in the common course of everyday life, that we may count on God to teach us *His way* and show us *His path*.

What do we need to do to receive this guidance? One thing: wait for instructions, wait on God. *"On You I wait all the day."* In our times of prayer, we will want to clearly express our sense of need, and our faith in God's promise to help. We will want to admit our ignorance of what God's way may be, and our need for divine light to shine within us. Only then will our way become like the sun, which "shines ever brighter unto the perfect day" (Proverbs 4:18). And we want to wait quietly before God in prayer, until a deep, restful assurance fills us. As the psalm also says, "The humble He teaches His way" (Psalm 25:9).

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DAY 13

Day 5, continued

The special surrender to divine guidance in our times of prayer should cultivate the habit of looking upwards “all the day.” Consider how simple it is to walk all the day in the light of the sun; it can become just as simple and delightful to a soul practiced in waiting on God, to walk all the day in the enjoyment of God’s light and leading. What is needed to live such a life is this: a real knowledge of God as the only source of wisdom and goodness, and a faith in God as ever ready and longing to give us all that we could possibly need. If only we could see our God in His love, if only we could believe that He longs to be gracious, that He waits to be our life and to work His good in us, then this waiting on God would become our highest joy, the natural and spontaneous response of our hearts to His great love and glory.

O God, teach us, above everything else, the blessed lesson that all the day and every moment of it You surround us, doing Your work of love. Remind us that You only ask of us to wait on God. Help us to say, “ON YOU I WAIT ALL THE DAY.”

“My soul, wait only on God!”

INTERCESSION FOR CONTINUED TRANSFORMATION & THE MINISTRY OF SERENITY RETREAT

For Those In Need of Transformation

- Lord, we thank you for those who are pursuing Truth in areas where they are not at peace. We pray for those who have scheduled time to meet with You for Transformation Prayer Ministry, may You bless their journeys to be fruitful and transforming!
- We pray for those who do not yet see their need, and the pain or disconnect it’s causing within themselves or with others—we ask You to bless them by opening their eyes, ears, and hearts to their need for Your transforming Truth today.
- Father, we pray for connectedness and healing within the Body of Christ—that all who are in need of breakthrough in any area of their lives will receive the prayer and ministry they need.

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Transformation Prayer Ministry

AN INTRODUCTION

This section of our 40 Days is based on concepts found in Transformation Prayer Ministry, using excerpts from *The Principles, Purpose, and Process of Transformation Prayer Ministry* by Ed Smith and Joshua Smith (2023, New Creation Publishing, pp 8-9, 27-29, 133-134).

Imagine having a practical, systematic way to partner with God in the beautiful work He's already doing in your heart. That's exactly what Transformation Prayer Ministry (TPM) offers—a gentle framework to help you cooperate more intentionally with the Holy Spirit's transformative presence in your life, since He was sent to guide us into all truth. (John 16:13)

TPM is built on four foundational principles that reveal how God designed us: "we perceive, feel, and do what we have been persuaded to believe is true." Since our beliefs are shaping the very way we do life, God wants us to know His truth experientially, so that we can walk in it. This is why God works so carefully and lovingly through every situation in your life—from ordinary moments to life's most challenging seasons—to expose your need for His perspective (Romans 8:28).

Simply put: "Our purpose is to have God accomplish His purpose. He wants you to know the truth of who He is and who you are in Him. He desires to refine your faith, renew your mind, and transform your life. TPM provides an efficient, fruitful way to cooperate with Him in this transformative work."

Who is Serenity Retreat?

Serenity Retreat creates sacred, safe spaces in order to equip all generations in a prayer process that allows for transformational encounters with God. These life-changing encounters happen through individual prayer sessions, group retreats, and training experiences on our consecrated land in Bellville, Texas, throughout the Greater Houston area, and virtually. As individuals and trained prayer ministers experience personal transformation, the impact among friends, family, and communities is discernable, even dramatic.

While God accomplishes each element of TPM's purpose—refining our faith, renewing our minds, and transforming our lives—we're not passive in this sacred process. We have a beautiful responsibility: to intentionally position ourselves "under His mighty hand" and invite His Spirit to do what He was sent to do. (1 Peter 5:6)

Our goal is to recognize when God has exposed impurities in our faith, giving us the precious opportunity to have Him renew our minds by persuading us of His perspective.

Genuine transformation happens when the Holy Spirit renews our minds with truth—not through our own willpower or trying harder to obey. Transformation comes through submitting to God's Spirit as He works within us.

The beautiful evidence of this transformation is that the transformed person begins to effortlessly express the fruit of God's Spirit. When God's truth takes root in our hearts, we naturally express the fruit of His Spirit (Galatians 5:22). This isn't behavior we're striving to perform—it's the organic overflow of hearts convinced of truth.

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DAY 14

The Great Disconnect

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do." James 1:5-8

PRAYER FOCUS:

The double-minded person James describes isn't someone who is unable to make decisions—it's someone living with two different belief systems. Our heads often know one thing while our hearts believe another, creating instability. Paul knew this struggle intimately. *"I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do... For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing."*, Romans 7:15, 19. Even when we know truth intellectually, lie-based heart beliefs distort our perceptions. We may memorize Scripture and agree with it mentally, but if our hearts haven't been persuaded of these truths, we'll continue to perceive, feel, and act from faulty beliefs. The Lord desires to meet you in those areas where your head knowledge and heart beliefs don't align, offering His truth and full perspective.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Worship the Lord, our Creator, who has made us in His image: body, soul, and spirit.
- Thank God for making us new and for His promise to give us wisdom generously when we ask in faith (James 1:5).
- Ask God to reveal areas where you believe lies that contradict His Word and repent for where you have been double-minded.
- Thank God for His patience when our heart struggles to believe what our head knows is true.
- Thank God for our emotions, ask for courage to lean into difficult emotions, and see them as friends revealing where our perspective may not align with His.
- Ask the Lord to help us position ourselves so that He can persuade us of His truth so we can receive His mind-renewal.
- Pray that as we surrender every aspect of our life, family, ministry, and business to God, that He will amplify our impact in ways we never imagined.

TPM APPLIED:

Do you ever wonder: *Why do I know what's true but still struggle to live it?* Consider Barb's dramatic experience. On her first solo trip to Colorado since her husband's death, she was excited to ride the gondola up the mountain—and then the doors closed. Alone, suspended by a cable high above the earth, her excitement turned to tears.

Her emotions exposed a belief. Although Barb believed the Word of God in her head that He never leaves her, she sat *feeling* utterly abandoned. That day, in the swaying gondola, she applied TPM and uncovered a driving belief that she was totally alone. God's gentle persuasion came swiftly. Yes, she was the only human there, but she is never truly alone. His truth penetrated her heart, and tears of fear became tears of joy.

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DAY 14

The Great Disconnect

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For Transformation Ministry Partners

- Thank You Lord for the individuals, families, and churches who believe and invest in transformation ministry. We ask for You to bless, continually transform and prosper them to fulfill ALL that is in Your heart for their lives, for our city, and beyond—all for the glory of Your Name!
- Lord, we ask for a fresh invitation from You to those You've called to invest in transformation ministry, but who have felt unable or been unwilling to give. May they hear Your voice clearly today, and have the courage and strength to say "yes" and receive Your blessing!
- Lord, we pray that Serenity Retreat will deepen in their relationships with all whom You have called to partner with the ministry. We ask that You will connect the ministry with those who are called to perpetuate transformation prayer in Greater Houston and beyond who they do not yet know.

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DAY 15

The Hidden Driver

"As he thinks in his heart, so is he." Proverbs 23:7

PRAYER FOCUS:

Beliefs, not our circumstances, are the true drivers of our lives. Every experience we have passes through one of two lenses: our limited perspective, or God's full perspective. When we interpret experiences through our limited view, we often form faulty beliefs that feel completely true to us. A harsh word from a parent, a playground rejection, even a minor failure can plant seeds that grows into powerful belief systems. Every negative emotion we feel is experienced because of something we believe. It seems natural to think *"I feel bad because of what happened to me,"* but that's not actually how we've been designed. Our Creator designed our hearts and minds such that what we are persuaded to believe drives our perceptions, emotions, and actions. When we believe a lie or miss the bigger picture, we suffer the consequences—too often leading to anxiety, worry, and/or fear until we see through God's eyes. The beautiful thing is, our Creator also made us unable to change our own heart beliefs. We can't change our hearts, but He can! Our job is to take ownership of our emotions and let them point us to what we believe so we can bring them to God and seek His perspective.

As the Holy Spirit persuades us of His truth in our hearts, we begin to interpret experiences rightly, have proper emotional responses, and bear the fruit of His Spirit without any striving or effort of our own. The destinies that God has set before us depend on the beliefs in our hearts being rooted and established in His truth.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Worship our God for being our Creator and for the ways He created our hearts and emotions.
- Thank God for the full breadth of our emotions, and that they can reveal our need for His perspective.
- Repent for when you have suppressed, medicated, or distracted yourself and devalued your and others' emotions.
- Pray for God to reveal any childhood or other experiences that planted seeds of lie-based thinking.
- Ask for revelation and grace to welcome God's perspective even when it challenges your own long-held beliefs.
- Ask the Lord to continually guide us into all truth and grow our expectation for daily transformation to live a wholehearted, abundant life!
- Pray that the greater Church grows in understanding the power of emotions and principles of transformation, that our families and friendships will become a standard of the renewal and restoration that comes from receiving God's truth.

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DAY 15

The Hidden Driver

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For Our Leadership

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DAY 16

Heart Hijacked by Anger

"You know this, my beloved brothers and sisters. Now everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger; for a man's anger does not bring about the righteousness of God." James 1:19-20

PRAYER FOCUS:

Anger is a normal, God-given emotion we naturally feel when experiencing injustice or unfairness. We might mask anger with words like "frustrated" or "annoyed," but lingering "irritation" carries the same heart posture: we need God's full perspective to view our situations through His lens. James 1:20 is clear: "The anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God." When confronted with a problem we perceive as unjust and we're not yet convinced of God's solution, we attempt to solve it ourselves in various ways. If we stay angry, we're actually trying to solve something with our anger. Deep down, we may believe anger will, 'protect me and give me a voice, or hold someone accountable'. Yet unresolved anger becomes a clog in the spiritual drainpipe, hindering any of us from hearing the Holy Spirit and dulling our desire for His presence.

The Lord gives us a timeframe for experiencing anger and why it is important to let it go, but this letting go is not something we do with our own will power and grit, it is a posture of surrender before the Lord, saying, 'Here I am, what do you want me to know right here?' Ephesians 4:26-27 says, "Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an opportunity." Whether the offense feels overwhelming or barely noticeable, there is freedom available. Let not anger, annoyance, frustration, or irritation, lead us into places of sin and isolation, but into an encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ. Let moments of anger churn our souls toward repentance, where God is ready to meet us with His perfect pruning and perspective.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Worship God for being gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in steadfast love. (Psalm 145:8)
- Thank God for the emotion of anger for injustices but also for His admonition to release the anger.
- Repent for times when you have tried to solve problems with anger instead of trusting God's solutions.
- Ask God for His perspective in any area where irritation, frustration, or anger lingers from an offense.
- Pray for relationships strained by unspoken resentment or anger.
- Ask the Lord to quicken hearts to recognize that unresolved anger potentially harms loved ones and yourself.
- Pray that God would multiply the impact of His people as hearts are freed from anger's grip.

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Heart Hijacked by Anger

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For Your Land, Our Stewardship

- Thank You Lord for Serenity Retreat Bellville! From homes to churches, businesses and retreat centers, we thank You for every piece of land that you have marked and set apart for Your people to meet with You and one another.
- We bless the land, everyone and everything on it in the Name of Jesus!
- Father, please reveal all that is in Your heart now for the land that You have entrusted to us. We ask for Your vision that we may rightly steward and establish Your Kingdom purpose in the days ahead.
- Thank You for all who tend the land and all that is on it—we pray that You bless them and their families, and prosper them in every way.
- Lord, we ask for You to prepare us to steward Your vision, and send to us the people and resources that are needed to fulfill it!

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TRANSFORMATION STORY: DR. EMI B

For Whom My Bell Rings (It's Jesus.)

*"It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer;
And while they are still speaking, I will hear." Isaiah 65:24 NKJV*

I rang the bell.

The Serenity Retreat property is a tranquil and holy plot of land, situated close to the city, yet with such a (beautifully) distant atmosphere. In this space, God's kingdom meets earth. Its grounds are much what I envision when praying the Lord's Prayer, 'thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.' Between the serene landscape, delightful food, and genuinely hospitable servants of Christ, who were a profound blessing on my healing retreat, 24 hours left me with the location's namesake... *serenity*.

Initially, I heard about TPM when seeking deliverance on my journey to healing from a life marred by the weight and hurt of sin, both my own and that which was a shadow over my early life. I had not previously heard of TPM until I came to the foot of the cross, crumbling, looking on the internet for a ministry that could reach my soul more deeply than I had ever needed to go before.

Christ has already healed and delivered me from so much in the years I've spent following Him, sometimes in just a touch. But my heart still had straggling weeds of anxiety, discontentment, and frustration, leaving heavy rocks on days I desperately wanted peace.

During my prayer sessions, I set down the shields of lies related to a performance-based perspective of measuring myself, and exchanged those rocks in the pit of my heart for peace and the shimmer of Christ in me. The new sheen was guided by prayer ministers who led me through the process with gentle care, and His presence in those moments was palpable.

I rang the bell because of that moment, where I could set down the weight of the false armor, hand it over to the Lord of all, and cry at His feet in gratitude for His beauty. Even after years of tearing down the walls of lies I had amassed from a worldly life lived far from Him, there was residue deep within that needed to be yanked from the bitter root. I could not be more grateful for and inspired by this place, for the people who lit the hours with their souls in conversation and gracious love.

Serenity Retreat helped restore parts of my soul, providing an inner ambience of joy and a glimpse of paradise. Where else can you feel in just 24 hours as if you'd walked in the glory of Eden for years? I'm not sure, but this is one of those places.

When you step into peace, freely given in exchange for our sorrow, anxiety, and earthly wounds, you can be reminded that it is by grace and His blood alone that such deeply transformative experiences with our Creator exist. Through prayer, through communion 1:1 with the Lord, through contact with His beauty in the greenery and still waters of His creation, and the fellowship with those we will one day call sisters and brothers in the majesty of eternity, we find spiritual nourishment and connection.

For now, until that eternity is at my hands (by His sacrifice!), I know I can find serenity right here.

And so I rang the bell, a symbolic act of surrender and gratitude. It was my way of acknowledging the healing and transformation I had experienced, as well as my commitment to continue on this spiritual journey in relationship with my Savior. It is indeed for Jesus Christ that my bell rings.

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DAY 17

The Good Part

"But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

Luke 10:41-42

PRAYER FOCUS:

Martha was doing good things—serving, working, making everything perfect for Jesus. Yet Jesus said Mary had chosen what was better. The difference wasn't in their activities but in their positioning. Mary positioned herself to receive rather than achieve. This reveals the beautiful heart of transformation: it's not something we accomplish through effort or determination—it's something we receive as the Holy Spirit does His refining work of persuading our hearts of His truth. Our part in the process involves recognizing when God provides opportunities (often when our emotions reveal where we need His perspective), positioning ourselves at His feet, and being willing to receive whatever truth He wants to communicate. We are not forcing, managing emotions, or telling ourselves the truth. Mary didn't analyze Jesus' words or figure out how to apply them. She simply received them from Someone she trusted completely. When we position ourselves like Mary, we're saying: "Holy Spirit, I can't convince myself of Your truth, but I trust You to persuade my heart. I can't transform myself, but I'm willing to let You do Your transforming work in me."

PRAYER POINTS:

- Worship God for who He is and the way He is always ready to persuade our hearts of His truth and perspective.
- Give thanks for the story of Mary and Martha and ask the Lord for the desire to sit at His feet.
- Thank the Lord for His assurance that His love and acceptance are never withdrawn.
- Repent for times when you have chosen busyness and achievement over positioning yourself to receive from Him.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal deeper truths about how you see yourself, others, or God—and any areas where you struggle to trust Him without overanalyzing or leaning on your own understanding.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit brings to mind specific relationships or situations where you've been striving in "Martha mode," and invite Him to show you how to receive His peace and perspective right there in the midst of those circumstances.
- Pray that God's church would be people who lean into "the good part" of sitting at Jesus' feet and receiving whatever He has for them.

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DAY 17

The Good Part

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For Our Strategic Partners

- Thank You Lord for those ministries who You have strategically partnered with us to expand the reach of transformation prayer [the mission of your ministry].
 - Take a moment and speak the name of each one: ***Transformation Prayer Ministry, Hope & Healing Center, Sugar Creek Baptist Church, Stoller Foundation, The Center for Mighty Marriages & Families, GHPC, Money on the Table, The 714 Initiative, 10 Days Houston***
- We pray that You continually bless, transform, and prosper these strategic partners to fulfill all that You've designed for their ministries!
- We ask that you draw to us any new strategic partners that will help to establish Your Kingdom in this season.
- Lord, help us to steward these partnerships well, and strengthen our alignments and strategies for the glory of Your Name!

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DAY 18

Welcome to the Fire

"In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ," 1 Peter 1:6-7

PRAYER FOCUS:

Peter is clear that trials are not optional—they will come. While going through the refiner's fire is never pleasant, there is always a purpose. Trials test our faith, either proving it is pure or exposing impurities that need to be addressed. Your faith, tested and stretched, is "much more precious than gold that perishes." The refiner's fire doesn't create impurities in gold—it simply exposes what was already there so it can be removed. In the same way, trials don't create the false beliefs or limited perspectives in our hearts; they bring them to the surface where God can lovingly address them. Whether pain is coming from a lie-based belief or truth-based belief, the answer is the same—you are in need of God's perspective. When trials come, we have two options: we can grit our teeth and endure until it passes, leaving us unchanged but emotionally drained, or we can cooperate with God's refining work by asking, "What do You want to show me, Lord?" and being willing to sit with Him in the difficulty rather than trying to escape it. The difference is profound—one produces genuine transformation that makes Christ's reflection more visible in your life and fruit of the Spirit effortless!

PRAYER POINTS:

- Worship God for being our refiner in the various trials He allows into our lives.
- Thank God that He is committed to the purity of our faith in every trial we face.
- Repent for times when you have tried to escape trials instead of cooperating with God's refining work.
- Ask the Lord to help us see current trials through His eyes rather than through our own limited perspective so we don't resist the trial, but lean into what God is doing.
- Pray for those walking through trials, that they would see His hand in them and remember that He never takes His eyes off them.
- Pray that as a body of believers, we would learn to ask "What do You want to show us, Lord?" in our trials rather than simply enduring them, trusting that You are doing beautiful refining work in each of our hearts.
- Pray for parents to model walking through the refining process well, so their children understand that God remains a loving Father even when He allows difficult things for faith-refinement.

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DAY 18

Welcome to the Fire

INTERCESSION FOR CONTINUED TRANSFORMATION
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For Our Gatherings

- Thank You Lord for drawing near as we come before You each morning in these 40 Days, for hearing and answering our prayers, and growing us together in You!
- Thank You for renewing us daily through repentance, Your Word, and transformational encounters with You. Help us receive and rightly respond to Your Spirit!
- We ask that You restore to us all Your heart for us, our families, churches, Serenity Retreat and our partner ministries.
- Lord, we ask that You continue to order and bless the planning and preparation for the Serenity Retreat 25th Anniversary. Bless, protect, and prosper every Table Host, partner and friend who You've called to gather on October 3rd.
- Align all our plans with heaven that we see Your Kingdom come in every heart through our worship, prayer, testimonies and fundraising we pray!

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DAY 19

Lasting Mind Makeover

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:2

PRAYER FOCUS:

The Holy Spirit was sent to guide us into all truth through divine persuasion, not self-effort. Notice that Romans 12:2 doesn't say "transform yourself by renewing your mind." It says "be transformed" by the renewing of your mind. That passive voice matters—this is something that happens to us, not something we accomplish. Sometimes our pain comes from true experiences, like the death of a loved one, where we need God's fuller perspective. When we realize and rest in the truth that He is already carrying our sorrows, as Isaiah 53:4 promises: "Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried," we no longer need to bear our own burdens.

Other times, our pain comes from lies we've believed about ourselves, God, or our circumstances. In both cases, we need what the Greeks called "metanoia"—literally "a change of mind." This describes a complete transformation of thinking and perspective when we're divinely persuaded of His truth, rather than trying to convince ourselves or relying on others' well-meaning efforts.

Through prayer, we can uncover the specific lies we've been believing and confess them to the Lord. When we're truly ready to receive His perspective, He grants it freely—He's never withholding anything from us. When His truth persuades our hearts, something miraculous happens: the lie no longer feels true. This isn't positive thinking or Scripture memorization. This is the Holy Spirit doing what only He can do—convincing us at the heart level that God's perspective is reality for us.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Worship God as the spirit of Truth and for sending His Spirit to guide us into all truth.
- Thank Him for renewing our minds by His Spirit when we're ready to receive His truth.
- Repent for times when you have tried to transform your own thinking through self-effort instead of positioning yourself to receive His truth.
- Ask the Spirit to reveal any areas where we may have reasons for not being willing to receive His divine persuasion.
- Ask the Spirit to reveal what His heavenly perspective looks like regarding any truth-based pain anyone here is carrying.
- Ask God to grant us a metanoia experience where His truth moves from our head to our heart, transforming how we see the situations causing pain.
- Pray that believers everywhere would understand the difference between self-effort and Spirit-led transformation and be open to the Spirit's work in their lives.

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DAY 19

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For Prayer Ministers & Volunteers

- Thank You Lord for those You have called to share their own transformation and healing by giving their time to serve at Serenity Retreat. We pray that You bless their obedience today, and that You continually transform and prosper them in every way!
- Lord, we pray for a fresh invitation to those You have called to serve who have felt unable or been unwilling. May they hear Your voice clearly today, have the courage and strength to say “yes” and receive Your blessing!
- We pray for those with committed time to serve this week, that You will fill them with JOY, protect them and their families, prepare their hearts and minds, and provide all they need for Your purpose.

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DAY 20

Life of Continual Transformation

"Then you will experience for yourselves the truth, and the truth will free you." John 8:32

PRAYER FOCUS:

God isn't interested in behavior modification; He wants heart transformation that is a natural outcome of His divine persuasion. True transformation will cause us to bear God's fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, and kindness spontaneously with no striving involved. When the Holy Spirit persuades our hearts of truth, freedom follows effortlessly. The lies we believed no longer feel true, and God's truth resonates deeply within us. This is how we recognize an authentic encounter with Christ—a change of thought and subsequent transformation always follow. When your heart is convinced of God's love for you and His truth about you, it transforms how you see Him, yourself, and others. Your relationships experience someone whose peace isn't dependent on circumstances, whose love flows from fullness rather than need. The Holy Spirit wants to show you areas where He desires to replace striving with receiving, where His truth about His love can take deeper root in your heart and produce lasting transformation.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Worship God for being a good Father who delights in persuading our hearts of His truth.
- Thank God for the transformation He's already accomplished in our lives and ask for more fruit to be evident so He is glorified.
- Repent for times when you have tried to produce change through self-effort rather than receiving His transforming work.
- Request wisdom to recognize when we're operating from striving verses when we're flowing from His life within us and the grace to allow God's refining work in those areas.
- Pray that others will see the transformation in us and become curious to understand how they can experience it, too.
- Ask for a deep desire for more transformation so that God may be glorified in our lives.
- Pray that the transformation happening within us would impact in powerful ways our families, churches, spheres of influence, workplace and communities .

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DAY 20

Life of Continual Transformation

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For Those In Need of Transformation

- Lord, we thank you for those who are pursuing Truth in areas where they are not at peace. We pray for those who have scheduled time to meet with You for Transformation Prayer Ministry, may You bless their journeys to be fruitful and transforming!
- We pray for those who do not yet see their need, and the pain or disconnect it's causing within themselves or with others—we ask You to bless them by opening their eyes, ears, and hearts to their need for Your transforming Truth today.
- Father, we pray for connectedness and healing within the Body of Christ—that all who are in need of breakthrough in any area of their lives will receive the prayer and ministry they need.

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Heal My Land

TRANSFORMATION PRAYER GUIDE AN INTRODUCTION

Amazing as it may seem, it's happening! Imagine coral reefs that were once dying now coming back to life—to the amazement of the scientific world. Imagine once unproductive fields now yielding crops of “biblical proportions” in shortened growing cycles. Imagine 15,000 caribou suddenly appearing on land that had been rededicated back to God. Imagine a toxic stream being completely healed and cleansed after people in a village repented of generations of sin. These amazing stories are documented examples of how God is introducing the literal fulfillment of His promise to believers in 2 Chronicles 7:14: *“Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and **heal their land.**”* (NLT)

Perhaps for too long we have relegated this Scriptural promise to being a figurative and not a literal healing of the land and the ecology. Many have assumed the promise was meant for a different people in a different time. But as God continues to cascade His transforming and healing work across our globe, we must awaken to the reality of His undeniable handiwork. If God is ready to demonstrate His glory through transformation of communities and literal healing of the land, how do we align ourselves with His purposes?

These amazing stories are documented in the Transformation videos (produced by The Sentinel Group; see pages 69–71) to inspire us to reconsider our assumptions about God's creation and our relationship to the Creator. They compel us to recalculate the power of repentance, seeking God, and turning from sin—and its impact on our cities and nation. God is calling to us to join Him in ushering His manifest presence into our communities with revival fire, resulting in salvation of unbelievers and a reawakening of believers into passionate pursuit of God. The result is the literal transformation of entire societies and the restoration of our land back to its Genesis purpose.

It is important that we not focus solely on the stories and miracles of transformation, as wonderful as they are. It is not about wonderful ministries and programs, as necessary as they may be. It is about Him! It is about stepping into line with God's greater purpose and plan for our lives, for our cities, and for the world that He created.

This prayer guide is designed to help you with greater awareness and understanding of Scriptural principles about healing of the land. As you pray, you will be challenged with fundamental truths about God's conditional promises that may at times seem uncomfortable. You will pray through God's intended purposes for His creation, and then what we have done to defile the land. You will be asked to submit your heart to a lifestyle of repentance. You may feel boldly confronted with the biblical truth of our desperate need to “inquire of the Lord.” You will be encouraged to begin engaging with the use of powerful spiritual weapons. It is time that we embrace the truth about the true conditions of our churches and communities, and then step fully into God's prescribed plan to remedy our fallen world.

It is our prayer that as you pray for the next year, you will catch God's heart for your city and your land. If you are faithful in your prayers and walk in humility and honesty, in the end you will most likely be “ruined” for the plans and purposes of God. You will become a passionate voice for restoration and healing, and accept nothing less. You will walk in amazement at the awesome power of God!

The LORD replied, “Look at the nations and be amazed! Watch and be astounded at what I will do! For I am doing something in your own day, something you wouldn't believe even if someone told you about it.” Habakkuk 1:5 (NLT)

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SECTION OVERVIEW

God's Intended Purposes for the Land

EXCERPT: HEAL MY LAND

Much attention has been given in recent years to issues regarding the care of the earth. There are many views about the ecology of the earth, ranging from complete disregard of the value of creation, to elevating the earth to a place of worship over its Creator. In the storm of controversy over a proper perspective of stewardship of the earth, we need to have God's perspective. It is stated pretty clearly in Psalm 105:1-2: *"The earth is the LORD's and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him. For he laid the earth's foundation on the seas and built it on the ocean depths."* God made the earth, and He designed it with an intended purpose and destiny. The God who created this world and placed in it all creatures and His highest creation, man, is a personal God. He desires personal involvement, not only with man, but with His creation. Within this tri-part relationship of God, man, and the land, God has an intended purpose and destiny He wants to see fulfilled through His creation. Sin, however, entered into this pure and pristine world, and not only defiled the land, but fractured the relationship between God, man, and the land.

God's desire is to use His people of covenant to bring back at least a portion of those purposes and destinies for lands, nations and peoples. 2 Chronicles 7:14, although spoken directly to the nation of Israel regarding their land and relationship, gives us a model for a very strategic truth. "If human beings live in covenant relationship with God (i.e. love God and obey Him), the earth will be blessed and flourish. If human beings break covenant relations with God (i.e. reject God and disobey Him), the earth will be cursed and will languish." (Earth's Enduring Testimony, The call to rededicate the earth to the Glory of God, by G.J. Wiese).

In many locations around the world, this very thing is happening. When God's people take seriously God's covenant mandate between Himself, His people, and His creation, the earth is being restored and healed. This is not a statement of "Kingdom now" theology or some sort of triumphalism. We know that the ultimate healing of the earth will happen when Christ makes a new heaven and a new earth (Revelation 21), but we can experience a "foretaste" of that in our times if we will begin to view our world from a different perspective. From the place of our restored covenant relationship with God and His creation, we can live in a way that affects the world for His glory.

As we pray for transformation and healing of our land, we must begin by understanding God's intended purposes for His creation.

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DAY 21

God's Intended Purpose for His Creation

EXCERPT: HEAL MY LAND

"By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth...For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast." Psalm 33:6, 9

PRAYER FOCUS:

How quickly we can lose the awe, wonder, and amazement of God's creation around us. As we busy ourselves with daily tasks and responsibilities, our awareness of the magnificent splendor of creation can become casual and routine. Rarely do we notice the intricate detail of the leaves on the trees or the glorious beauty of a songbird. But the creation that we may "glance over" was brought forth by the very breath of the Lord. It was created out of nothing by the simple, but powerful, word of our God. *"He spoke, and it was done."* Every molecule, every grain of sand, every land mass, and every planet is the result of the intentional and purposeful act of God. We need a fresh realization of the tremendous miracle that is set before us. With purpose and intentionality, God Almighty created the earth—and it was good. We do not worship the creation, but we certainly need to regain a proper biblical wonder and respect for God's intentions in creation.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Worship the Lord as the One who made everything by the power of the word of His mouth.
- Confess the ways you have taken for granted the wonders of His creation.
- Take time this week to be more intentional about noticing the glory of what God has created.
- Ask the Lord to open your eyes to see and appreciate His creation in new ways. Ask Him to fill you with joy!
- Pray that the people of God will come to a fresh and biblical appreciation of the creation, seeing God's hand all around them. Day 6: Pray that churches and church leadership will appreciate the creative power of God.
- Ask God to make this a new way of life for you, that you will walk in a new awareness of His glorious creation.

INTERCESSION FOR CONTINUED TRANSFORMATION & THE MINISTRY OF SERENITY RETREAT

For Transformation Ministry Partners

- Thank You Lord for the individuals, families, and churches who believe and invest in transformation ministry. We ask for You to bless, continually transform and prosper them to fulfill ALL that is in Your heart for their lives, for our city, and beyond—all for the glory of Your Name!
- Lord, we ask for a fresh invitation from You to those You've called to invest in transformation ministry, but who have felt unable or been unwilling to give. May they hear Your voice clearly today, and have the courage and strength to say "yes" and receive Your blessing!
- Lord, we pray that Serenity Retreat will deepen in their relationships with all whom You have called to partner with the ministry. We ask that You will connect the ministry with those who are called to perpetuate transformation prayer in Greater Houston and beyond who they do not yet know.

DAY 22

It Belongs to Him!

EXCERPT: HEAL MY LAND

"The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him. For he laid the earth's foundation on the seas and built it on the ocean depths." Psalm 24:1-2

PRAYER FOCUS:

Ownership of the earth is not in question! The Lord declaratively states that the earth, everything in it, and all of us belong to Him. But our tendency is to claim ownership ourselves. We quickly become possessive of the things around us, beginning at infancy. Our possessiveness grows throughout our lives, and the words "me" and "mine" quickly become common expressions. Eventually we claim ownership of houses, land, and even other people. Yet the truth of the Word of God is that all of this—everything and everyone—does not belong to us; it belongs to Him! As the rightful Creator of all things, God is the sole owner of the earth. But He invites us into ownership and stewardship with Him, as indicated in God's promise to "heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14). Understanding this truth should revolutionize the way we think about all of life. It should force us to re-interpret our relationships, the purpose of our lives, and our relationship with the rest of His creation. This should stir a new honor and respect for all that belongs to God, and a desire that it be healed to glorify Him.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Worship the Lord as the One who owns all things.
- Confess to the Lord the ways you have not acknowledged His ownership over your life.
- Repent before the Lord of the inclination of your heart toward selfish possessiveness.
- Ask the Lord to do a work in your heart that will "wean you away" from the power of possessing.
- Pray that God will stir in you a greater honor and respect for all that belongs to Him.
- Pray that pastors and ministry leaders will recognize that even their ministries are not their own.
- Ask the Lord to give you a greater vision for healing of the land in a way that glorifies Him.

INTERCESSION FOR CONTINUED TRANSFORMATION & THE MINISTRY OF SERENITY RETREAT

For Our Leadership

- Thank You Lord for those you have called to govern and lead Serenity Retreat, the ministries represented on the call, our homes, bosses, and churches. We honor our leaders this morning and ask that You will bless them today!
- If there is anything that needs addressed in our relationships with leaders, we ask that You show us. Give us the grace and courage to obey what You are saying that we may honor You and our leaders in spirit and truth.
- Lord, we pray for leaders who are in need of renewal and restoration. We thank You for Your grace that abounds to them, and pray You will restore them and their relationships with You and others. Speak to them today, heal, and strengthen them we pray.
- Lord, we pray for our leaders to flourish with Your wisdom! May You continually transform and prosper them to fulfill all that is in Your heart. Refresh them and align them with Your "right now" vision for all they govern today.

DAY 23

God Intends the Earth to Declare His Glory

EXCERPT: HEAL MY LAND

“The heavens tell of the glory of God. The skies display his marvelous craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. They speak without a sound or a word; their voice is silent in the skies; yet their message has gone out to all the earth, and their words to all the world...” Psalm 19:1-4

PRAYER FOCUS:

Creation is so vast and powerful that the heavens actually speak to the entire world of God’s glory. The skies are a stage that display the marvelous things that God has crafted by His own hand. The heavens are not an accident at the hands of some cosmic evolution. God was purposeful as He created the canopy of the heavens that fill the earth. As new galaxies are being discovered, their increasing vastness and beauty adds to an already overwhelming presentation of God’s glory. The heavens and the earth are not simply inanimate objects floating through endless space; they are actually a wonderfully designed choir that sings out the greatness and majesty of our mighty and loving God. As David wrote about creation in this Psalm, he was led to a new self-examination and humility before the greatness of such an almighty and glorious God. As you examine the skies tonight, invite God to do a new work of awe and humility in your life as well.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Bow in worship before the greatness of our God.
- Have you stopped hearing the voice of God’s creation declaring His glory? Examine your own heart.
- Ask the Lord to forgive you for the ways your hearing has been dulled by the noise of this world.
- In prayer, submit yourself to God’s work to restore your ability to see and declare His glory.
- Pray that believers in your community will submit themselves to this path of humility and brokenness demonstrated in Psalm 19.
- Pray that pastors will frequently declare God’s glory.
- Pray for a renewed desire to see creation through new eyes of appreciation and awe.

INTERCESSION FOR CONTINUED TRANSFORMATION & THE MINISTRY OF SERENITY RETREAT

For Your Land, Our Stewardship

- Thank You Lord for Serenity Retreat Bellville! From homes to churches, businesses and retreat centers, we thank You for every piece of land that you have marked and set apart for Your people to meet with You and one another.
- We bless the land, everyone and everything on it in the Name of Jesus!
- Father, please reveal all that is in Your heart now for the land that You have entrusted to us. We ask for Your vision that we may rightly steward and establish Your Kingdom purpose in the days ahead.
- Thank You for all who tend the land and all that is on it—we pray that You bless them and their families, and prosper them in every way.
- Lord, we ask for You to prepare us to steward Your vision, and send to us the people and resources that are needed to fulfill it!

DAY 24

God Intends for the Blessing of Man

EXCERPT: HEAL MY LAND

“He sends the springs into the valleys; they flow among the hills. They give drink to every beast of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst. By them the birds of the heavens have their home; they sing among the branches. He waters the hills from His upper chambers; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of Your works. He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, and vegetation for the service of man, that he may bring forth food from the earth, and wine that makes glad the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread which strengthens man’s heart.” Psalm 104: 10-15

PRAYER FOCUS:

Man is God’s most beloved part of creation. God created the earth for His glory, and men and women are to be the recipients of His overflowing blessings of springs of water, along with a variety of animals, fruit, vegetation, and other abundance. As God’s people remain faithful to His commands and purposes, God will use creation to support and bless their lives. From the patterns of weather to the crops and grasses of the field to the creatures God has made, all are intended to work together in harmony when in right relationship with their Creator. God’s desire and intention is that the earth support, sustain, and bless the people He has made. When the earth does not adequately support His creation, then we can assume that God’s people are out of alignment with His purposes. God’s blessings are contingent on man’s heart.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Praise God for the abundance of His creation.
- Worship the Lord for His heart to bless His creation.
- Ask the Lord to open your heart to see His creation from a perspective of His purposes and intentions.
- Ask the Lord to forgive you for ways you have taken God’s creation and blessing for granted.
- Pray for believers to gain a new understanding of God’s purposes in living in right relationship with Him.
- Pray that churches in your city will come together to seek God’s purpose for their city and land.
- Begin to ask the Lord for a new vision of how He would bring transformation and healing to your city and land.

SEE FULL RESOURCE AT GHPC.US

DAY 24

God Intends for the Blessing of Man

INTERCESSION FOR CONTINUED TRANSFORMATION
& THE MINISTRY OF SERENITY RETREAT

For Our Strategic Partners

- Thank You Lord for those ministries who You have strategically partnered with us to expand the reach of transformation prayer [the mission of your ministry].
 - Take a moment and speak the name of each one: **Transformation Prayer Ministry, Hope & Healing Center, Sugar Creek Baptist Church, Stoller Foundation, The Center for Mighty Marriages & Families, GHPC, Money on the Table, The 714 Initiative, 10 Days Houston**
- We pray that You continually bless, transform, and prosper these strategic partners to fulfill all that You've designed for their ministries!
- We ask that you draw to us any new strategic partners that will help to establish Your Kingdom in this season.
- Lord, help us to steward these partnerships well, and strengthen our alignments and strategies for the glory of Your Name!

DAY 25

God's Covenant of Peace

EXCERPT: HEAL MY LAND

"I will make a covenant of peace with them and drive away the dangerous animals from the land. Then my people will be able to camp safely in the wildest places and sleep in the woods without fear. I will cause my people and their homes around my holy hill to be a blessing. And I will send showers, showers of blessings, which will come just when they are needed." Ezekiel 34:25-26

PRAYER FOCUS:

God so desires to be in relationship with His people, providing peace, safety, and showers of blessings. He offers a covenant of peace that reflects a place of safety in the land, even in the wilderness. But God's covenants are conditional in that we play a role in their fulfillment. Prior to this promise of peace, God speaks directly to the spiritual leaders who have allowed their people to live as scattered sheep. They have stood by and preserved their own lives while people in their care are weak, sick, lost, and prey for wild animals. Leaders are accountable to lead their people into places of safety and blessings through restored relationship with God. Then our homes will reflect God's blessings to our communities, and we will be overwhelmed with God's gracious provisions in exact proportion to our needs.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Worship God as the Restorer of peace and the Provider of blessings.
- Repent for not being broken over those who live outside of relationship with God as hurt and lost sheep.
- Invite God to renew His covenant of peace in your life by revealing how to live in right relationship with Him.
- Pray that the leaders in your church will take seriously their role in the spiritual care of your congregation.
- Pray for restored relationships with God for those in your church, family, and circle of friends.
- Pray that the homes of believers in your community will be known as holy places of hope and peace.
- Invite God to pour out His showers of blessings at just the moment when you need them! Acknowledge that He can be trusted to provide for all your needs.

INTERCESSION FOR CONTINUED TRANSFORMATION & THE MINISTRY OF SERENITY RETREAT

For Our Gatherings

- Thank You Lord for drawing near as we come before You each morning in these 40 Days, for hearing and answering our prayers, and growing us together in You!
- Thank You for renewing us daily through repentance, Your Word, and transformational encounters with You. Help us receive and rightly respond to Your Spirit!
- We ask that You restore to us all Your heart for us, our families, churches, Serenity Retreat and our partner ministries.
- Lord, we ask that You continue to order and bless the planning and preparation for the Serenity Retreat 25th Anniversary. Bless, protect, and prosper every Table Host, partner and friend who You've called to gather on October 3rd.
- Align all our plans with heaven that we see Your Kingdom come in every heart through our worship, prayer, testimonies and fundraising we pray!

DAY 26

God's Covenant of Awesome Power

EXCERPT: HEAL MY LAND

"Then the LORD replied, "All right. This is the covenant I am going to make with you. I will perform wonders that have never been done before anywhere in all the earth or in any nation. And all the people around you will see the power of the LORD—the awesome power I will display through you. Your responsibility is to obey all the commands I am giving you today..." Exodus 34:10-11

PRAYER FOCUS:

If God's intended purposes for His people are to pour out His blessing and bring healing to His land, then we can be assured that the world will be astounded when He moves His mighty hand. When God promises to use His awesome power and perform wonders, we can only hang on for the ride! What God desires to do in the healing of the land cannot be envisioned or even "helped along" by man. When God demonstrates those wonders never seen before, only He will get the glory and credit. Our role is to humble ourselves in obedience to Him. God's covenant promise in this passage is in response to Moses desperately pleading with Him for forgiveness of iniquity and sins. There are places in the world today that are eyewitnesses to God's healing and restoring of His creation because they are living in covenant with God. If our unbelief and disobedience are holding Him back, may we find ourselves, as Moses did, falling on our faces and worshiping Him with all our hearts!

PRAYER POINTS:

- Praise God for His awesome power and display of mighty wonders throughout creation.
- Repent of any places of unbelief in your heart.
- Invite God to show you areas of disobedience in your life, and then determine to walk in right relationship.
- Ask God to increase your vision to pray toward His wondrous works that will display His glory.
- Pray that believers in your church will grasp a vision for God's power beyond what they can see now.
- Pray that leaders in your church will pursue God with passionate and repentant hearts.
- Pray that your community will one day be a "showcase" for God's awesome power and wondrous works.

INTERCESSION FOR CONTINUED TRANSFORMATION & THE MINISTRY OF SERENITY RETREAT

For Prayer Ministers & Volunteers

- Thank You Lord for those You have called to share their own transformation and healing by giving their time to serve at Serenity Retreat. We pray that You bless their obedience today, and that You continually transform and prosper them in every way!
- Lord, we pray for a fresh invitation to those You have called to serve who have felt unable or been unwilling. May they hear Your voice clearly today, have the courage and strength to say "yes" and receive Your blessing!
- We pray for those with committed time to serve this week, that You will fill them with JOY, protect them and their families, prepare their hearts and minds, and provide all they need for Your purpose.

DAY 27

God's Covenant of Unfailing Love

EXCERPT: HEAL MY LAND

"If you listen to these regulations and obey them faithfully, the LORD your God will keep his covenant of unfailing love with you, as he solemnly promised your ancestors. He will love you and bless you and make you into a great nation. He will give you many children and give fertility to your land and your animals.... You will be blessed above all nations of the earth." Deuteronomy 7:12-14

PRAYER FOCUS:

As God prepared the Israelites to occupy the land, He made it clear that He was choosing to love them and honor them. In previous verses (vs. 7-8), He reminds the people that they were not selected for His lavish love because they were a great nation or even the smallest of nations. It was simply because the Lord loved them and was keeping His covenant. A covenant is defined as "a promise under seal between two or more parties specifically for the performance of some action." That means that a fulfilled covenant must have the actions of two parties—God and His people. God promises His unfailing love and blessings—even in the land—when we obey His regulations faithfully. If we desire to see our land healed, we will commit ourselves to seek God with all our hearts, that we might walk in radical obedience and intimate fellowship with Him. The outpouring of His lavish love is worth keeping covenant with Him!

PRAYER POINTS:

- Praise God for His lavish love for us.
- Repent of the ways that you have not walked in full covenant with the Lord.
- Invite God to give you a new awareness of His lavish love for you.
- Thank God that He pours out His love, healing, and restoration through His Son Jesus Christ.
- Commit to the Lord that you will be a demonstration of His lavish love to others.
- Ask God to reveal to leaders in your church about the need to live in right covenant with God and all His commands.
- Invite the Lord to bring healing and restoration to your land and community by showing you how to live in restored covenant with Him.

INTERCESSION FOR CONTINUED TRANSFORMATION & THE MINISTRY OF SERENITY RETREAT

For Those In Need of Transformation

- Lord, we thank you for those who are pursuing Truth in areas where they are not at peace. We pray for those who have scheduled time to meet with You for Transformation Prayer Ministry, may You bless their journeys to be fruitful and transforming!
- We pray for those who do not yet see their need, and the pain or disconnect it's causing within themselves or with others—we ask You to bless them by opening their eyes, ears, and hearts to their need for Your transforming Truth today.
- Father, we pray for connectedness and healing within the Body of Christ—that all who are in need of breakthrough in any area of their lives will receive the prayer and ministry they need.

DAY 28



LECTIO DIVINA

INITIAL READING: THE WASHING

As you read through the verses this first time, take time to carefully consider the words, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this verse. No writing yet. Let His Word wash over you—just listen.

Scripture

SECOND READING: WORD OR PHRASE

This time as you read through the verses, ask the Lord to highlight a word or phrase from the scripture that He wants you to consider. He will cause some part of the scripture to stand out to you a little bit more than the rest. Don't think too hard about it—just write down what you think He is highlighting.

Scripture

THIRD READING: AMPLIFICATION

This time as you read the verses, ask the Lord for more amplification and insight.

As you pray over this verse and wait on the Lord, He may give you a picture in your mind's eye, or some sensory perception, a memory, a song, a movie scene, or even another verse.

Scripture

DAY 28



LECTIO DIVINA

FOURTH READING: INVITATION

This last time, as you read through the verses, be intentional to listen. He may want to give you direction in some area of your life. Is there some action that He is calling you to take? Is there a specific situation to which this word applies? How will you carry this word into your life this week? What is the Lord inviting you to do or to be? Write down your response and pray it back to Him.

Scripture

SUBSTACK: DAILYMONEYONTHE TABLE

DAY 29



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DAY 30

Covering Our Ministries

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you." Matthew 6:33

PRAYER MINISTERS & VOLUNTEERS:

- Thank You Lord for those You have called to share their own transformation and healing by giving their time to serve at Serenity Retreat. We pray that You will bless their obedience today, and that You continually transform and prosper them in every way!
- Lord, we pray for a fresh invitation to those You have called to serve who have felt unable or been unwilling. May they hear Your voice clearly today, have the courage and strength to say "yes" and receive Your blessing!
- We pray for those with committed time to serve this week, that You will fill them with JOY, protect them and their families, prepare their hearts and minds, and provide all they need for Your purpose.

FOR TRANSFORMATION MINISTRY PARTNERS:

- Thank You Lord for the individuals, families, and churches who believe and invest in transformation ministry. We ask for You to bless, continually transform and prosper them to fulfill ALL that is in Your heart for their lives, for our city, and beyond—all for the glory of Your Name!
- Lord, we ask for a fresh invitation from You to those You've called to invest in transformation ministry, but who have felt unable or been unwilling to give. May they hear Your voice clearly today, and have the courage and strength to say "yes" and receive Your blessing!
- Lord, we pray that Serenity Retreat will deepen in their relationships with all whom You have called to partner with the ministry. We ask that You will connect the ministry with those who are called to perpetuate transformation prayer in Greater Houston and beyond who they do not yet know.

FOR THOSE IN NEED OF TRANSFORMATION:

- Lord, we thank you for those who are pursuing Truth in areas where they are not at peace. We pray for those who have scheduled time to meet with You for Transformation Prayer Ministry, may You bless their journeys to be fruitful and transforming!
- We pray for those who do not yet see their need, and the pain or disconnect it's causing within themselves or with others—we ask You to bless them by opening their eyes, ears, and hearts to their need for Your transforming Truth today.
- Father, we pray for connectedness and healing within the Body of Christ—that all who are in need of breakthrough in any area of their lives will receive the prayer and ministry they need.

FOR OUR LEADERSHIP:

- Thank You Lord for those you have called to govern and lead Serenity Retreat, the ministries represented on the call, our homes, bosses, and churches. We honor our leaders this morning and ask that You will bless them today!
- If there is anything that needs addressed in our relationships with leaders, we ask that You show us. Give us the grace and courage to obey what You are saying that we may honor You and our leaders in spirit and truth.
- Lord, we pray for leaders who are in need of renewal and restoration. We thank You for Your grace that abounds to them, and pray You will restore them and their relationships with You and others. Speak to them today, heal, and strengthen them we pray.
- Lord, we pray for our leaders to flourish with Your wisdom! May You continually transform and prosper them to fulfill all that is in Your heart. Refresh them and align them with Your "right now" vision for all they govern today.

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- We bless the land, everyone and everything on it in the Name of Jesus!
- Father, please reveal all that is in Your heart now for the land that You have entrusted to us. We ask for Your vision that we may rightly steward and establish Your Kingdom purpose in the days ahead.
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FOR OUR GATHERINGS:

- Thank You Lord for drawing near as we come before You each morning in these 40 Days, for hearing and answering our prayers, and growing us together in You!
- Thank You for renewing us daily through repentance, Your Word, and transformational encounters with You. Help us receive and rightly respond to Your Spirit!
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- Lord, we ask that You continue to order and bless the planning and preparation for the Serenity Retreat 25th Anniversary. Bless, protect, and prosper every Table Host, partner and friend who You've called to gather on October 3rd.
- Align all our plans with heaven that we see Your Kingdom come in every heart through our worship, prayer, testimonies and fundraising we pray!

Longing for His Kingdom

AN INTRODUCTION

Longing is a powerful theme woven throughout the Bible, reflecting humanity's deep desire for spiritual fulfillment and divine connection. It encompasses the desire for full maturity in faith, the eager anticipation of a harvest that will bring in people from every nation, tribe, and language, the profound hope for unity within the Body of Christ, and the unwavering belief in the fulfillment of all God's promises.

Ultimately, this yearning culminates in the heartfelt desire for the return of Our Lord Jesus Christ, signaling the completion of our spiritual journey and the realization of His triumph over sin and death. This longing is not a passive emotion but an active, transformative force—the compelling of God's love that spurs believers to seek God's truth, live according to His commandments, and work tirelessly to advance His kingdom on earth.

Last year during 10 Days, we once again saw massive growth in the Body in the most difficult places among some of the least reached people groups. We believe, based on the testimony of many, that God is releasing grace to bring many millions into the kingdom of God. God is hearing and answering our prayers to prepare the way just as He promised! Jesus, Our Great Intercessor, who ever lives to make intercession for us, invites us to join Him in yearning for and hastening His return as all things are aligned to His perfect design.

So, pressing forward toward that goal, each day is focused on longing for an unfulfilled part of God's plan, a promise that we are still waiting for. One Day, One Region highlights a particular region and its 110 strategic cities where representatives of 95% of the remaining unreached peoples live. Days 9 & 10 highlight additional cities in the Americas and Caribbean, home to diaspora groups and major sending bases for missionaries.

Pray not only for yourself, but also for your community, your state and nation, and for every people and place that God's Kingdom comes and His will is done on earth as in Heaven.

"The Spirit and the bride say, Come! Let the one who hears say, Come! And let the one who is thirsty come, and the one who desires the water of life drink freely." Revelation 22:17

10 Days Movement is an annual rhythm rooted in longing for the Lord's return. It is an opportunity for cities and communities to go deeper by fasting, prayer, and repentance, as we together wait on and work with God in partnership to bring the story of history to its proper conclusion. The power of His love, experienced now through the Holy Spirit, compels us to press forward toward the goal.

SEE FULL RESOURCE: 10DAYS.NET
LOCAL GATHERINGS: 10DAYSHOUSTON.COM

DAY 31

Humble Yourself

EXCERPT: LONGING FOR HIS KINGDOM

"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."

James 4:10

ADORATION:

Lord Jesus Christ, Name Above All, You didn't consider equality with God a thing to be grasped but humbled Yourself and took on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death on a cross, and now You have been exalted to the highest place.

[Phil. 2:5-9]

We humble ourselves under Your authority and acknowledge that You are worthy to receive all praise, honor, glory, and worship. You willingly became Sacrificial Servant and now are the Sovereign Savior; the Lamb that was slain is now the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. Take Your rightful place on the throne of my heart as I lay down my life before You, a living sacrifice. [Rom. 12:1-2]

REPENTANCE:

Forgive me for self-seeking, selfishness, and exalting myself. Forgive me for putting anything or anyone before You. Show me anything I have held onto aside from You or anything I have refused from You; empower me to walk fully in Your ways.

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER:

"All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, 'God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.' Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time." 1 Peter 5:5-6 NIV

1. Pray for humility that opens hearts to God and His ways toward salvation and transformation of cities and nations.
2. Pray the light of the gospel, in the South Pacific/Southeast Asia—and among those connected to this region in Houston, banishes all darkness, including pride, idolatry, hatred, and materialism.

CRY FOR THE HARVEST:

As the most diverse city in the United States, Houston is a true "Gateway to the World". During these 10 Days of Awe, we pray for the salvation of those in the lands listed below, and all located in Greater Houston right now who are from there or connected with them today! May we walk in heightened sensitivity and boldness in the Holy Spirit to share the good news of Jesus as we intersect with people from these unreached people groups and lands.

110 Cities Region: South Pacific/Southeast Asia
Region Statistics: 737 Million Population;
750 Unreached and 299 Frontier People Groups

Focus City: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Other Cities in Region: Phnom Penh, Cambodia;
Vientiane, Laos; Bangkok, Thailand; Hanoi and
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Yangon, Myanmar;
Jakarta, Bandung, Medan, Banjarmasin,
Makassar, and Surabaya, Indonesia.

PUT FEET TO YOUR PRAYERS:

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12:1-2 NIV

As Jesus humbled Himself, look for ways to yield your "rights" and offer yourself to God for His purposes:

- Practice 5-10 minutes of listening to the Lord without speaking, distractions, or noises
- Call or message a friend today to give God the praise for one thing He has done. Romans 1:21
- Practice telling your testimony in under three minutes: Share with one person today. 1 Peter 3:15
- Reach out to someone who has harmed you to offer forgiveness. Or reach out and apologize to someone you have hurt.

SEE FULL RESOURCE AT 10DAYS.NET

DAY 32

Press to Full Maturity

EXCERPT: LONGING FOR HIS KINGDOM

"Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment."

Hebrews 6:1-2

ADORATION:

Abba Father, You wove me together in my mother's womb and You have prepared good works ahead of time for me to walk in them. You are at work in me both to will and to do Your good pleasure. Thank You for Holy Spirit who lives in me to teach and guide me.

Jesus, thank You for interceding for me and walking with me. [Psalm 139:13; Phil. 2:13; John 16:13; Hebrews 7:25]

REPENTANCE:

Forgive me for becoming weary in well-doing but help me walk worthy of Your call and occupy for Your Kingdom until You return. [Gal. 6:9; Col. 1:9-10; Luke 19:13]

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER:

"That your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations." Psalm 67:2

1. Pray for leaders to identify and train the next generation of church leaders so as to pass on the vision and ability to multiply fruitful fellowships of disciples.
2. Pray for God to give them supernatural wisdom, courage, faith, protection and perseverance as they risk their lives for the Gospel.

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110 Cities Region: Northeast Asia

Region Statistics: 1.643 Billion Population;
520 Unreached and 285 Frontier People Groups

Focus City: Xining, China

Other Cities in Region: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia;
Tokyo, Japan; Pyongyang, North
Korea; Beijing, Guangzhou, Kunming, Chengdu,
Hohhot, Wuhan, and Nanning, China.

PUT FEET TO YOUR PRAYERS:

"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others."
2 Timothy 2:2

We grow as we teach others; look for someone to encourage in their walk with Jesus.

- Practice 5-10 minutes of listening to the Lord without speaking, distractions, or noises
- Ask God specifically what steps you need to take toward greater maturity in your walk with Jesus and write out your plan to take them.
- Ask Jesus to open your eyes to someone around you who needs encouragement and say it out loud to them. [Eph. 5:15-21]

SEE FULL RESOURCE: 10DAYS.NET

LOCAL GATHERINGS: 10DAYSHOUSTON.COM

DAY 33

Ripe for Harvest

EXCERPT: LONGING FOR HIS KINGDOM

"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." Matthew 9:37-38

ADORATION:

Lord of the Harvest, You assure me that ripe harvest is ready in the lives of those around me. Your heart is that none should perish. May the compelling of Your love drive me and Your Spirit empower me with just the right words at just the right time with just the right person. [2 Peter 3:9; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; Mark 13:11]

REPENTANCE:

Forgive me when I shrink back from sharing Your good news. Forgive me for not opening my eyes to see the opportunities You give me to reap. Instill in me a deep longing for the full harvest. [Rom. 1:16; John 4:35]

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER:

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1

1. Pray that the people groups of this megacity will be in awe of the Lord for His creation and realize that He is the only one worthy of worship and devotion.
2. Pray for unity amongst Jesus followers to carry the message far and near, being disciples and becoming effective disciple-makers.

CRY FOR THE HARVEST:

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CRY FOR THE HARVEST:

110 Cities Region: South Asia
Region Statistics: 1.907 Billion Population;
3,442 Unreached and 2,926 Frontier People Groups

Focus City: Srinagar, India
Other Cities in Region: Dhaka, Chittagong, Bangladesh; Ahmadabad, Amritsar, Asansol, Bangalore, Bhopal, Delhi, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kanpur, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, Patna, Prayagraj, Siliguri, Srinagar, Surat, and Varanasi, India; Kathmandu, Nepal.

PUT FEET TO YOUR PRAYERS:

"As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work." John 9:4.

"Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus, the source and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that lay before Him endured a cross and despised the shame and has sat down at the right hand of God's throne." Hebrews 12:1-2

Ask God how to be as fruitful as possible as you join Him in the Great Harvest.

- Practice listening to God and only doing what He is showing you to do today.
- Pray along with Disciple Keys today for the ripe harvest to be fully reaped:
www.disciplekeys.world/disciplekeys-pray/

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DAY 34

That None Perish

EXCERPT: LONGING FOR HIS KINGDOM

"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9

ADORATION:

Father God, You so loved the world that You gave Your Only Son, Jesus. Jesus, Savior and Deliverer, You came to seek and save the lost. Shepherd of the sheep, You leave the 99 to search for the one lost sheep. Thank You for Your unrelenting, faithful love. [John 3:16; Luke 19:10; Luke 15:4]

REPENTANCE:

Forgive me for not fully appreciating the high cost You were willing to pay for my salvation. Forgive me for not valuing the souls of others as You do and working in urgency to reach them. [Mark 8:35-36; Phil. 2:5-8]

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER:

"Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the Lord; exult before him!" Psalm 68:4

1. Pray that as Jesus followers sing worship to Him, that darkness hides and hearts open to Jesus' goodness and love.
2. Pray for those suffering for righteousness' sake not to fear, but to persevere, praying for their enemies, doing good, and trusting God to protect and deliver them.

CRY FOR THE HARVEST:

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CRY FOR THE HARVEST:

110 Cities Region: Central Asia
Region Statistics: 311.2 Million Population;
397 Unreached and 294 Frontier People Groups

Focus City: Tehran, Iran
Other Cities in Region: Islamabad, Quetta, Karachi, Peshawar, and Multan, Pakistan; Isfahan, Shiraz, Mashhad, Karaj, Kermanshah, Tabriz, Qom, and Ahvaz, Iran; Kabul, Afghanistan; Baku, Azerbaijan; Almaty, Kazakhstan; Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan; Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

PUT FEET TO YOUR PRAYERS:

"Then they said to one another, 'We are not doing right. This is a day of good news, and we are keeping silent; if we wait until morning light, punishment will overtake us.'" 2 Kings 7:9

"Rescue those being taken off to death, and save those stumbling toward slaughter. If you say, "But we didn't know about this," won't He who weighs hearts consider it? Won't He who protects your life know? Won't He repay a person according to His work?" Proverbs 24:11-12

Knowing God intimately is true life and we are called to make Him known to others with urgency.

- Practice 5-10 minutes of listening to the Lord without speaking, distractions, or noises
- Ask God to point out 5 people in your sphere of influence who do not yet follow Jesus; record their names and pray for them daily during 10 Days, looking for opportunities to share the gospel.
- Choose one Frontier People Group (FPG) to pray for daily. The biggest gaps in the fulfillment of the Great Commission are represented by the FPGs. Joshua Project data shows 4,908 Frontier People Groups with total population 1,958,831,000. Visit <https://joshuaproject.net/frontier> for lists and other resources.

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DAY 35

A House Divided

EXCERPT: LONGING FOR HIS KINGDOM

“And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, ‘Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand.’” Matthew 12:25

ADORATION:

Lord God Almighty, You are One. Lord Jesus Christ, You are the only Way, Truth and Life. You are a perfect unity in diversity and You call us into Your oneness.

REPENTANCE:

Forgive us for considering ourselves above others and failing to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace as You have instructed. Forgive us for partisanship, spirits of division and disunity. Forgive us for not celebrating the beauty of the unique contribution each makes to Your Body.

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER:

“In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria. The Assyrians will go to Egypt and the Egyptians to Assyria. The Egyptians and Assyrians will worship together. In that day Israel will be the third, along with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing on the earth. The Lord Almighty will bless them, saying, ‘Blessed be Egypt my people, Assyria my handiwork, and Israel my inheritance.’” Isaiah 19:23–25

1. Pray for the existing divisions between Jew, Arab, and Christian, male and female, and between denominations to experience reconciliation in Jesus and for the Isaiah 19 Highway to be fulfilled across North Africa/Middle East, bringing salvation and peace through Jesus Christ.
2. Pray for Spirit-led wisdom for the underground house churches sending teams to the peoples in this diverse region of the world and for exceeding fruitfulness despite great opposition..

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110 Cities Region: Middle East/North Africa
Region Statistics: 415.4 Million Population;
391 Unreached and 246 Frontier People Groups

Focus City: Beirut, Lebanon

Other Cities in Region: Algiers, Algeria; Cairo, Egypt; Tripoli, Libya; Nouakchott, Mauritania; Rabat & Marrakech, Morocco; Muskat, Oman; Dubai, UAE; Tunis, Tunisia; Sa’na, Yemen; Mecca, Medina & Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Mosul, Basra, & Baghdad, Iraq; Amman, Jordan; Beirut, Lebanon; Homs & Damascus, Syria; Jerusalem, Israel.

PUT FEET TO YOUR PRAYERS:

“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: ‘May those who love you be secure.’” Psalm 122:6

By praying for the peace of Jerusalem, we not only ask for the protection of the city and its inhabitants, but we also pray for the fulfillment of God’s promises and the coming of Jesus, our Messiah.

- Practice 5–10 minutes of listening to the Lord without speaking, distractions, or noises
- 10 Days falls during the Days of Awe in the Hebrew calendar; use this time as an opportunity for self-reflection, repentance, restitution (making things right), and charity drawing inspiration from this tradition based in Scripture.
- Ask God how you could concretely demonstrate love toward the Arabs, Jews and Israelis in your own community and follow through on His instructions.

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DAY 36

One New Man

EXCERPT: LONGING FOR HIS KINGDOM

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28

ADORATION:

Jehovah Shalom, God Our Peace, You freely give Your love to us even while we were Your enemies. You are One God in Three Persons; help us enter into that oneness for Your glory.

REPENTANCE:

Forgive us for sowing division and strife among brothers, for not submitting ourselves to one another in You. Forgive us looking down on others different than us. [Eph. 5:21, Phil. 2:3-4, 1 Pet. 5:5]

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER:

"For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility."
Ephesians 2:14-16

1. Pray for Jesus followers to be ambassadors of reconciliation, bringing healing and true shalom to their communities through the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
2. Pray for Jesus followers to be skilled at living out and sharing the Gospel so that multiplying fellowships of disciple makers result.

CRY FOR THE HARVEST:

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110 Cities Region: Eastern & Southern Africa
Region Statistics: 652.4 Million Population;
374 Unreached and 195 Frontier People Groups

Focus City: Mogadishu, Somalia
Other Cities in Region: Khartoum, Sudan; Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania; Djibouti, Djibouti; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Mombasa, Kenya.

PUT FEET TO YOUR PRAYERS:

"After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: 'Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.'" Revelation 7:9-10

God calls us to support one another in our Christian walk, recognizing that we are all equal in the eyes of God and have a responsibility to care for one another's needs. One day every tongue, tribe and nation will worship God as one.

- Practice 5-10 minutes of listening to the Lord without speaking, distractions, or noises
- Initiate a conversation with someone from a different culture or ethnic background, and offer to share the love of Jesus and pray for whatever needs they may have.
- Research what other people groups live nearby and pray for those that do not yet know Jesus. If possible, prayerwalk a place in your city where these people groups live.

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DAY 37

Partner With God

EXCERPT: LONGING FOR HIS KINGDOM

“Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.” Philippians 2:12–13

ADORATION:

Jehovah Jireh, Our Provider, You generously meet our needs. You own the cattle on a thousand hills and need nothing. Yet, I can offer You my praise and worship as a gift of gratitude for Your goodness in so many ways. You lack nothing for accomplishing Your purposes. Thank You for inviting me to join hands with You in Your work!

REPENTANCE:

Forgive me for any failure to listen to You and partner with You in Your work. Forgive me for not giving as I have received. Forgive me for doubting Your ability to call and empower me to accomplish what You assign to me. [Phil. 4:12–13; Luke 1:37; Matt. 10:5–8]

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER:

“For God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you showed for His name when you served the saints—and you continue to serve them. Now we want each of you to demonstrate the same diligence for the final realization of your hope, so that you won’t become lazy but will be imitators of those who inherit the promises through faith and perseverance.” Hebrews 6:10–12

1. Pray believers are diligent to imitate those with faith and perseverance that experience the fulfillment of God’s promises—including the coming of His Kingdom of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
2. Pray for freedom from corruption and greed as believers’ serve the saints through generosity to meet the desperate needs across West Africa.

CRY FOR THE HARVEST:

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110 Cities Region: West & Central Africa
Region Statistics: 619.6 Million Population;
457 Unreached and 174 Frontier People Groups

Focus City: N’Djamena, Chad
Other Cities in Region: Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso;
Conakry, Guinea; Bamako, Mali; Ibadan,
Kano, & Lagos, Nigeria; and Dakar, Senegal.

PUT FEET TO YOUR PRAYERS:

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” 1 Peter 2:9

Trusting God’s guidance and obeying His commands position us to be showcase windows displaying His goodness and glory to the watching world.

- Practice 5–10 minutes of listening to the Lord without speaking, distractions, or noises.
- Ask God to highlight a specific need in your community and how you can make a difference; follow through with His instructions.
- What do you have in your hand? Partner with God to sow sacrificially into needs beyond your own today, trusting God to bring back to you a harvest.

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DAY 38

Yes and Amen!

EXCERPT: LONGING FOR HIS KINGDOM

"But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not 'Yes' and 'No.' For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me and Silas and Timothy—was not 'Yes' and 'No,' but in him it has always been 'Yes.' For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ. And so through him the 'Amen' is spoken by us to the glory of God. Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come." 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

ADORATION:

Faithful God, El Hanne'eman, thank You for the incredible privilege of being Your child through Jesus Christ! Praise You for your unwavering faithfulness, and commitment to honor all Your promises. A mother and father may forget their child, but You have engraved us on the palms of Your hands. You will never leave nor forsake us and nothing can separate us from Your love.

REPENTANCE:

Forgive me for doubting Your willingness and ability to fulfill Your promises. Forgive me for hesitating to partner with You in bringing them to pass in Your power and timing. You give me the great privilege to labor alongside You; forgive me when I become tired and help me learn to find my rest in You.

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER:

"Remember your word to your servant, for you have given me hope. My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life." Psalm 119:49-50

1. Pray for every Jesus follower to live in light of the hope of the Gospel despite suffering. Ask God for their focus to always be on Christ, knowing His promises are sure.
2. Pray for 30, 60 and 100 fold harvest as believers sow the good seed of the Word throughout Europe/Eurasia's communities especially among the least-reached.

CRY FOR THE HARVEST:

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110 Cities Region: Europe/Eurasia
Region Statistics: 329.1 Million Population;
258 Unreached and 141 Frontier People Groups

Focus City: Gaziantep, Turkey
Other Cities in Region: Kazan, Moscow, Russia;
Ankara, Diyarbakir, Istanbul, and Antalya,
Türkiye; Paris, France; Athens, Greece; London,
United Kingdom.

PUT FEET TO YOUR PRAYERS:

"Therefore the Lord waits [expectantly] and longs to be gracious to you, And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the Lord is a God of justice; Blessed (happy, fortunate) are all those who long for Him [since He will never fail them]." Isaiah 30:18

Our godly expectation will be met in due time with God's perfect gift.

- What promises of God are you nurturing by faith? Spend 10-15 minutes today praying into those hopes and dreams. Pray for your own circle of relationships, for your wider community, and for the whole earth to be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.
- Listen to God and follow His direction to surprise someone that needs encouragement with an unexpected gift.

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DAY 39

Return of The King

EXCERPT: LONGING FOR HIS KINGDOM

"For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." Philippians 3:20

ADORATION:

Jehovah Shammah, the Lord who is there, I praise You as Mighty God, full of love and compassion, who has not left us without hope. In love You sent Lord Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. Now Jesus You are the Name Above Every Name. You were the Lamb who was slain, but You are returning as Lion of the Tribe of Judah. We long to see You, Our Soon Coming King! [Ephesians 1]

REPENTANCE:

Forgive us for forgetting or ignoring Your Return as we busily go about our lives. Forgive us for taking for granted so great a salvation and failing to share with others Your great gift of love. Forgive us for not diligently occupying for Your Kingdom until You return. [Hebrews 2:3; Proverbs 11:30; Luke 19:13]

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER:

"For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him." Isaiah 30:18

1. Pray for the justice system in Central and South America to be free of corruption, power struggles, and greed.
2. Pray for the stronghold of deception to be broken and for Biblical truth to reign in these regions.

CRY FOR THE HARVEST:

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110 Cities Region: Central & South America
Region Statistics: 623.5 Million Population;
109 Unreached and 56 Frontier People Groups

Focus City: Buenos Aires, Argentina
Other Cities in Region: Sao Paulo, Brazil; Havana, Cuba; Mexico City, Mexico; Lima, Peru; Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Santiago, Chile.

PUT FEET TO YOUR PRAYERS:

"So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas, and said to them, 'Engage in business until I come.'" Luke 19:3

Actively use the gifts and abilities God has given each of us to serve Him and further His kingdom among our families, communities, and the world while we wait for His return.

- Find a high point nearby and spend time there today proclaiming Jesus' worthiness to be worshiped over the surrounding communities and people. Ask God how He sees all this?
- Spend 15 minutes listening to God about your own part of the world. What is He showing you to do to make a difference concretely as You eagerly wait for His return?
- Spend time imagining the return of the Lord, and what His rule and reign will be like, what it will be like to stand before Him face to face.

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DAY 40

Face to Face

EXCERPT: LONGING FOR HIS KINGDOM

"I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!" Job 19:25-27

ADORATION:

Everlasting One, El Olam, praise You for Your unchangeable, unshakeable existence! You spoke the worlds into existence and hold them now by Your mighty word of power. There is no lack with You! You are the Master of the Household, managing all things in order and perfect balance. You will bring to full completion Your excellent plan.

REPENTANCE:

Forgive me for being shaken by suffering or doubting Your promise to return. Forgive me for not leaning into all Your promises with assurance of faith. Cultivate in me a deep longing to see You face to face.

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER:

"As for me, I will be vindicated and will see your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness." Psalm 17:15

1. Pray for those in North America and the Caribbean to cry out in humility for forgiveness for pursuing everything except You for fulfillment. Cause every people to long to know, love and walk continually with You, Jesus.
2. Pray for the church to break free of the world's grasp to serve Jesus in boldness, completely awakening from its cultural lullaby.

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110 Cities Region: North America & Caribbean
Region Statistics: 424.2 Million Population;
170 Unreached and 58 Frontier People Groups

Focus City: Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas USA
Other Cities in Region: United States cities: New York City, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Boston, and Miami.
Canadian cities: Toronto, and Vancouver.

PUT FEET TO YOUR PRAYERS:

"And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." 2 Corinthians 3:18

We become like what we are beholding. In light of eternity, our greatest danger is letting the urgent things crowd out the truly important.

- Today ask God to help you walk in conversational relationship with Him continually beholding His face. For more, check out the book [Waiting on God: A 31-Day Adventure Into the Heart of God](#) by Andrew Murray and Collin Millar.
- As 10 Days ends, spend some time journaling and planning how you can maintain the Spirit of Prayer, watching and waiting for His return, in your daily life.

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