

PRAYER

The Most Essential Element for Reopening

Every church in America (and across the world) is making decisions about reopening after the recent months of COVID-19. We are developing many practical plans, as we should. But in all of our planning, are we PRAYING? Are we crying out to the head of the Church to give us His mind?

One of God's agendas in these days is for us to come fully, humbly back to Him. The evidence of this return would be increased, extraordinary prayer. Here are some prayer points that could help us. Incorporate these into your personal and corporate prayer times. *What if thousands would humbly pray these prayers together every day across our land?*

FOR OUR PASTORS AND CHURCH LEADERS

- **GOD-INITIATED WISDOM** to know when and how to re-open in the midst of changing reports.
- **COURAGE** to follow God's leadership.
- **BALANCE** to know what to observe regarding the government's suggestions and God's direction.
- **WISDOM** to know what ministries to re-establish and what to temporarily or permanently cancel, particularly as it relates to children, youth, and adult ministries.
- **UNDERSTANDING** to know what God is saying and doing during this time and clarity to communicate God's will to their people.
- **SENSITIVITY** to the needs and concerns of those who are most vulnerable and how to meet them where they are.
- **CREATIVITY** to adapt and change as God directs.
- **PASTORAL CARE** for their flocks to do what they can do to stay in touch and lovingly help them.

FOR OUR PEOPLE

- **HEALING** for those suffering from COVID-19 or others who cannot get needed medical help.
- **INTENTIONALITY** to make the most of these days, not wasting these precious hours that we have been given with our families and with God.
- **LOVE** that would lead us to aggressively minister to our neighbors and those in need.
- **GENEROSITY** to give to the church faithfully and to meet the needs of those who are suffering around us.
- **INTENTIONALITY** that would help every believer increase their prayer life dramatically.
- **UNDERSTANDING** of what God is saying and doing in this season so we can join Him.

FOR OUR NATION AND WORLD

- **WISDOM** for all of our state and national leaders as they make important decisions.
- **DESPERATION** that would cause us to turn from our idols and to God relentlessly.
- **UNITY** to cry out together all across the land with a united cry for revival and awakening. A united, repentant, humble cry is irresistible to God.
- **REVIVAL** for every church across our nation! That God would bring us to life again!
- **SPIRITUAL AWAKENING** for the millions of lost people who are headed to an eternity without Christ. That we would see an invasion of God that would bring the greatest spiritual harvest the world has ever known!