

24-7 Prayer Chain Spiritual Strategy for Worldwide Revival

Stage 1 - Prophetic Intercession

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-Isaiah 44:3-

Friends, I salute you all in the name of our Lord and King Jesus Christ. I am very pleased that you have accepted this global call to prayer; and willing to devote one hour of your daily time to stand in the gap for such a time as this.

Before I begin with our prayer guidelines for this period, I will like to briefly explain Prophetic Intercession. One of the most effective forms of prayer is praying the revealed Word. It is not enough to just pray the Word of God as many do. However, the strategic way to achieve results is to pray the prophetic Word of God. The prophet of old, Isaiah recorded that, “I have set watchmen upon your walls, O Jerusalem, who will never hold their peace day or night; you who [are His servants and by your prayers] put the Lord in remembrance [of His promises], keep not silence, And give Him no rest until He establishes Jerusalem and makes her a praise in the earth” (Isaiah 62:6-7). This is specifically what is meant by Prophetic Intercession. It is a means of persistent prayer by which the intercessor stands in the gap, and puts the Lord in remembrance of His promises. The intercessor comes boldly to the throne of mercy, imploring God to do what He had promise to do. In His sovereign will, Almighty God is not obligated to answer any petition or demands of men.

Our tears, yelling, meditations, fasting, and supplications may be rejected if Almighty God wants to do so. He owes nothing to man; and He absolutely has no obligations to answer man. He is not restricted to the words or deeds of men. However, Almighty God is restricted by His own Word. God is under absolute obligation to act according to what He had said. In fact, this is emphasized in the scriptures, “*God is not a man that He should tell or act a lie, neither the son of man, that He should feel repentance or compunction [for what He has promised]. Has He said and shall He not do it? Or has He spoken and shall He not make it good?*” (Numbers 23:19). This is also re-emphasized by Samuel, “*And also the Strength of Israel will not lie or repent; for He is not a man, that He should repent*” (1 Samuel 15:19). Now, this is great news for the intercessor, because despite the fact that God is not restrained by the word of the intercessor, He is restrained by His own Word. Hence, if the intercessor can tap into the prophetic Word of God, and put Him in remembrance of such promises, then there is an obligation from Heaven to respond to the intercessor. This is not just merely praying the Word of God, but praying according to the promises of God.

My dear friends, has God not promised us a revival? If so then is He not under obligation to send revival, else His Word is of no effect? Has not the Bible said He has magnified His Word above all His name? (Psalm 138:2c). If

all this is true, then surely let the intercessor abide by the command of Isaiah, “keep not silence, And give Him no rest until He establishes...” Are you willing to do so? Is there not a cause to pray without ceasing? Can you not refuse to be silent even when others speak against your commitment to pray? Even a blind man like Barthemeus cried the more and refused to be silent despite criticisms to be quiet. Cannot you and I do the same today in light of our present catastrophe as a church? Is there none to cry out the more? Is there none to stir up him or herself and take hold of God?

This then is prophetic intercession. In the olden days, the priest carries the concerns of the people (nation) to God. It is the ascending word. At that same period, the prophet also carries the Word that comes from God to the people. This is the descending Word. Now, when the descending Word is used together with the ascending word in prayer, it is called prophetic intercession. Praying the concerns of the people or nation, by covenanting with the Word of promise is the kind of prayer that achieves positive results.

Devotional Guidelines for Prayer:

These scriptures have been specifically assigned for us in this particular period of intercession. There are many other promises to plead. However, while in prayer, the Holy Spirit has specially laid these scriptures upon my heart for our purpose. Kindly revise them as you go through this period of prayer.

1. ***For I will pour water upon him who is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground. I will pour My Spirit upon your offspring, and My blessing upon your descendants. (Isaiah 44:3).***

As you intercede for the nations around the World, especially for our churches, kindly remember that your thirst to see revival and the move of God will determine the results. How great is your thirst for the Holy Spirit to sweep across our nations and even more our churches? Are you thirsty for a sudden invasion of the Holy Spirit as it happened in the Upper Room revival? Blessed are they that thirst after righteousness, they shall be filled. Has He said it? Then surely, it shall come to pass if you can go on your knees upon this great promise. Most of our churches are currently dry, and the land is full of iniquity. But there is a promise here to pour water upon the dry grounds. Can you plead for its manifestation today? Can you keep the Lord in remembrance of this promise? Surely, we shall not keep silent, until it is established. Let's pray!!

2. ***And I sought a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none. Therefore have I poured out My indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; their own way have I repaid [by bringing it] upon their own heads, says the Lord God. (Ezekiel 22:30-31).***

About a month ago, the Lord spoke to me in reference to this scripture. I recall this verse from five years ago when God visited me concerning my commission to the nations. However, some months ago I was saddened and discouraged that the Lord has not said anything concerning the commission since He last visited me five years ago. It was a difficult time for me; as I had sacrificed everything for the sake of this call. Yet still, praise be the name of the God that a month ago, He revisited me, and said to me, “...can one person bring revival to a nation?” My response was rather naïve, “...how could this be Lord?” In fact, I thought this question was to imply that my approach was too ambitious and ungodly. Only to find out, I had rather limited God in what He intended to do. The Lord said to me, “...in the midst of my wrath against the nations, I have sought for one man; why do you believe that I need an army to bring an awakening to a nation? If I said one man, is that not enough to seek me until My Word is established? Why have you lost hope in Me.? I Am still seeking for one person, to prove Myself strong to the nations. One man in my sight is a Nation...” This stunned me so much; and truly I have never felt such joy in any other revelation. One man in prayer is a Nation in prayer to God. If one man kneels, a nation has knelt.

Stunning!! He only sought for one person to represent an entire nation in prayer. This is quite the greatest thing the Lord has ever said to me.

I have always been awe struck with John Wesley's proclamation, "Give me one hundred men, filled with the Holy Spirit, and I will take all of England for the Lord..." That was a great statement. However, this is a much divine statement, "One man on his knees, is a nation on its knees..." When one man prays on behalf of a nation, the nation has prayed. Shocking but that is the Word of truth. My philosophy in approaching God has now changed by this divine revelation. I now believe, "Give me one kneeling Christian, and we can have a nationwide revival. Better yet, give me one kneeling Christian to represent every nation of the World in prayer, and we can have a worldwide revival" What more could I say to you my friend? Shall you not go on your knees now and plead the promise? Shall you not tell God today that you are reporting to duty in response to His cry for a person to stand in the gap for the nation? Such a wonderful promise; but who is willing to be persistent, and not keep silent, until it is established? Let's pray!!

3. ***Before [Zion] travailed, she gave birth; before her pain came upon her, she was delivered of a male child. Who has heard of such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall a land ^{be} born in one day? Or shall a nation be brought forth in a moment? For as soon as Zion was in labor, she brought forth her children. Shall I bring to the [moment of] birth and not cause to bring forth? says the Lord. Shall I Who causes to bring forth shut the womb? says your God. (Isaiah 66:7-9)***

The Holy Spirit dropped this Word in my spirit this very morning as it was time to release the outline for our prayer chain. But then, I said to myself, this promise is to Israel, and also it was fulfilled when Israel became a nation after World War II. Nevertheless, the concern of God was not just to make Israel a nation. But to prove that with Him all things are possible. What man sees as impossible is possible with Almighty God. He often does things to make a name for Himself. And this He has done for Israel to assure us that He is capable of making it happen for us as well. Sometimes I had wondered if it was possible for us to have another worldwide spiritual awakening, though it had already been revealed to me. But this great scripture reminds me of how the Holy Spirit suddenly entered the Upper Room, uninvited and unannounced. Before they knew it, He was already there. That is the God of Revival. God will not bring us to the birthing of intercessions, and not cause us to see the manifestation of these prayers. He will not cause us to pray and neglect to answer us. Certainly, what He has done for another generation, He can do for this generation. Let's pray!!

4. ***OH, THAT You would rend the heavens and that You would come down, that the mountains might quake and flow down at Your presence--As when fire kindles the brushwood and the fire causes the waters to boil--to make Your name known to Your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at Your presence! (Isaiah 64:1-2)***

This scripture will act as our adhesive for the previous ones. Our purpose of praying is "to make Your name known to Your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at Your presence." It's time to pray for such a revival and general awakening as has never been known. It is time for the church of Jesus to redeem its honor and be known as the greatest institution on the earth. It is time that the fear of Almighty God grips the nations. May the name of Jesus be glorified among the nations: "the Lord He is the God, the Lord, He is the God." Let's pray!!

Finally

Thank you for taking your time to read this spiritual agenda for our prayer chain. May you be strengthened and blessed with uncommon blessings for this act. May Heaven look down and smile upon you. I pray for spiritual encouragement and peace for you as you go through this period of prayer for the nations. May the generations to come remember you for this good work, even as Nehemiah asked to be remembered for building the walls. AMEN!!