

WHEN GOD COMES

21

REVIVAL ACTS



24-7 PRAYER FOR REVIVAL
10 - 16 July 2023

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Harbour cities
Praying for harbour cities in South America

What would it look like when Jesus comes to visit your community? During these three weeks, 10 - 30 July 2023, we are following the dramatic events that followed the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as described in the book of Acts, chapters 1-8. This passage not only serves as a reflection on what revival looks like but also challenges us on where we stand as individual believers, the local church or the community. Do we need revival or are we living in revival?

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8). The very basic question this passage asks is: Is there an active/effective witness to Jesus in our lives and community?

Thus, our pursuit in prayer for God is to come and transform us as His Church into active/effective witnesses to Christ in our community and society.

MONDAY: 10 JULY 2023

GOD COMES IN RESPONSE TO THE UNITY OF HEART, MIND AND SOUL

*When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with **one accord in one place** (Acts 2:1).*

*Now the multitude of those who believed were of **one heart and one soul**; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common (Acts 4:32).*

*Jesus also prayed in John 17: 20-21, "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; **that they all may be one**, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.*

Pray for:

Believers to gather frequently to wait on God with unity of heart.

Forgiving hearts and humility in families, friendships and fellowship.

Generosity, love and unity to be evident in the lives of the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

BRAZIL – THE PORT OF SANTOS

For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. (1 Timothy 4:10, ESV).

Economic activity is slowing due to weaker private consumption and exports. Real gross domestic product (GDP) is projected to grow by 1.7% in 2023 and 1.2% in 2024. The port of Santos has the largest logistics capacity in Latin America and is Brazil's most modern port. The port's terminals handle solid and liquid cargo in containers and general cargo transport. Give thanks to God their Provider for economic growth. Evangelical Christian churches are popping up everywhere, even in the jungle. Pray for Brazilians to soften their hearts and to realise their need for a Saviour. Ask the Lord to pour out His love into their hearts through His Holy Spirit. Pray for Brazilians to be strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; giving thanks to the Father who has qualified them to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light (Colossians 1:11-12).

TUESDAY: 11 JULY 2023

GOD COMES AND MANIFESTS HIS PRESENCE AMONG HIS PEOPLE

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. (Acts 2:2).

The following extract is from the book, *When God comes* by Bennie Mostert and gives an account of the revival in Worcester in 1860: During one of these prayer meetings, a 15-year-old coloured girl got up and simply said, "O how I love Jesus, " and asked for a song to be sung. All the people present suddenly heard a sound like distant rumbling – it came closer and closer, and the building started to shake. Everybody started praying simultaneously. God's presence filled the place.

Pray for:

Growing expectations for God's manifest presence and spiritual breakthrough in our assemblies.

A growing desire to encounter the work of the Holy Spirit and a hunger for the Word of God.

CHILE – THE PORT OF SAN ANTONIO

Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. (Romans 12:16).

Chile's GDP advanced by a meager 0.3% year-on-year in the third quarter of 2022 and the lower end of its outlook for 2023 stands at 0.5%. The Port of San Antonio also ranks as the 13th busiest port in South America. The well-sheltered port handles all kinds of cargo ranging from general cargo, containers, breakbulk and liquid cargo. Thank the Lord for His favour on Chile's growing economy. Social mores in areas such as divorce and cohabitation are becoming increasingly liberal, while crime, drug abuse, and materialism are also on the rise. One out of seven women is a mother by the age of 14. The Pentecostal church is rampant with disunity; 1,200 groups have been formed out of once-unified organisations. Pray for zeal within the church to evangelise the unreached people groups in the South of Chile. Pray for the culture of division within the Chilean church to be overcome by the unity of the Holy Spirit.

WEDNESDAY: 12 JULY 2023

WHEN GOD COMES, WE BECOME EFFECTIVE WITNESSES

Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:3-4a).

And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; (Holy Spirit with manifested presence responded to the prayer) and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the Word of God with boldness. (Acts 4:31).

Pray for:

Missionaries, evangelists and believers in prison, to be filled with the Holy Spirit and speak the Word of God with boldness.

Young people and children who are exposed to persecution to be filled with the Holy Spirit and be steadfast in their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

PANAMA – PORT PANAMA CITY

But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. (1 Timothy 6:11).

GDP in Panama is expected to reach 65.52 USD Billion by the end of 2023, according to macro models and analysts' expectations. Port Panama City is situated on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and has completed the deepening of its channel and docking areas to 10.97 meters. The Port's primary bulk commodities include dry and wet bulk. Give thanks to the Lord for the positive growing economy of Panama. While many Panamanians have responded positively to the Gospel message, drug cartels plague Panama. Pray for a government that will root out corruption, oppose wickedness, and uphold righteousness. Pray for the people of Panama to completely surrender their lives and businesses to the guidance of God through the Holy Spirit and so become a testimony of His goodness to their business partners, friends and families. Pray for them to hunger for God's Word and thirst for Christ's righteousness in all circumstances.

THURSDAY: 13 JULY 2023

HOLY SPIRIT ENABLES UNBELIEVERS TO HEAR THE GOSPEL IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the Word of God with boldness and began to speak with other tongues (languages), as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:4).

And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. (Acts 2:6).

Pray for:

This gift of the Holy Spirit in areas of the world where the gospel is not known in a local language.

God to give people in the countries mentioned below the desire to embrace Jesus as the Messiah, depending on Him alone for salvation.

- Northern Yemeni Arabs in Yemen - Yemen remains one of the most unreached countries in the world. The Yemeni languages do not have a complete Bible, and only portions of Scripture have been translated into some of their languages.
- Hui in China - They are the largest and most widespread of China's Muslim peoples. Remarkably, they live in nearly all of China's 2,369 counties and municipalities. There are less than 0.1% Christians among them. The complete Bible is available in their language.

PERU – THE PORT OF CALLAO

"Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Execute true justice, show mercy and compassion everyone to his brother. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. Let none of you plan evil in his heart against his brother.'" (Zechariah 7:9-10).

GDP Annual Growth Rate in Peru averaged 3.33 percent from 1980 until 2023. As Peru's biggest and most important port, the Port of Callao is a vital component of the country's commercial network and a major distribution centre for imports and exports. The Port of Callao handles about 20% of Peru's ocean-borne cargo. The port has eight docks and 18 docking facilities that serve container ships, bulk carriers, general cargo ships, and passenger ships. Praise the Lord our Sustainer for the economic growth in Peru. There have been many years of corruption, dictatorship, and threats to security. Over 50% of Peruvians still live in poverty, and 20% in extreme poverty Pray for justice and righteousness for the crushed and oppressed. Pray for the salvation of many Peruvians, both adults and children. Ask that they will have opportunities given to them to be established in full-time jobs.

FRIDAY: 14 JULY 2023

WHEN GOD COMES, THOUSANDS LONG FOR SALVATION

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, (ready to be saved) and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." (Acts 2:37-39).

Pray for:

Unbelieving friends and family members by name, to be convicted by the Word and receive Jesus in their hearts.

The pure, complete gospel to be preached by evangelists, for it is the power of God unto salvation to all who believe (Romans 1:16).

All believers to continually thank our Father for Jesus, the Door, who has redeemed us to God by His blood out of every tribe, tongue, people and nation (Revelation 5:9b).

COLOMBIA – THE PORT OF CARTAGENA

"For the Lord GOD will help Me; therefore I will not be disgraced; therefore I have set My face like a flint, and I know that I will not be ashamed." (Isaiah 50:7).

Foreign direct investment in Colombia increased 26.1% year-on-year in 2021, reaching \$9.85 billion in 2022, equivalent to 2.58% of GDP. The port of Cartagena can accommodate the biggest ships in the world. It is Colombia's main oil port and handles coffee, platinum, fertilizers, textiles, cosmetics, and leather goods. About 60% of exports and 80% of imports from the Region of Murcia are made through the port of Cartagena. More than 40% of the tourism that Cartagena receives is made by its port. Give thanks to the Lord for the economic growth of Colombia. Pray for a wise and courageous government that will take a hard stance against violence, drug cartels, and corruption. Pray for spiritual and physical protection for believers who face threats of violence for their commitments to Christ. Pray for them to hear the voice of the Lord, and to understand His purpose for their lives. Ask for them to have a real and personal encounter with the love of the Father amidst their circumstances.

SATURDAY: 15 JULY 2023

WHEN GOD COMES, HIS MANIFEST PRESENCE DRAWS A MULTITUDE TO THE CONGREGATION

Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. (Acts 2:41).

And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2:47b).

Daily growth is a sign of revival.

Pray for:

A sudden increase in people being saved and added to the church.

Increased wisdom in evangelising and discipleship of new believers.

ARGENTINA – THE PORT OF BUENOS AIRES

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19).

After the pandemic, economic activity has recovered faster than expected, with an increase of 10.4% of GDP in 2021 and 5.2% in 2022. The Port of Buenos Aires is the main port of Argentina. The state-run dock complex – sometimes known as Puerto Novo (New Port) – handles around 2,300 ships, 11,810,000 tonnes of cargo, 1,152,000 TEU, and 1,000,000 passengers. Give thanks to Jehovah-Jireh, the Lord who supplies everything needed for the economic growth in Argentina. Some churches started work among the 500,000 slum dwellers, homeless, and street kids, but more workers are needed. Chinese, Korean, Japanese, and Vietnamese communities continue to grow with only one agency reaching out to them. Pray for Christians to gain a passion for sharing the gospel and ministering the love and salvation of Jesus Christ to the Chinese, Korean, Japanese and Vietnamese communities. Pray for the Kingdom of God to come in signs, wonders and power.

SUNDAY: 16 JULY 2023

WHEN GOD COMES, THE SIMPLE MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL IS PREACHED EVERYWHERE

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine (teaching the Scriptures) and fellowship (sharing and spending time together), in the breaking of bread (communion), and in prayers. (Acts 2:42).

*For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a **discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.** (Hebrews 4:12).*

Pray for:

Sound, simple Biblical truth to be preached and taught in every local congregation in your community.

Believers to spend time in fellowship with humble hearts and love for one another.

A renewed, fresh understanding of the complete work on the Cross.

MEXICO - PORT OF MANZANILLO

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35).

The Mexican economy grew by 3.1% in 2022, after a bounce-back of 4.7% in 2021, and an 8.0% fall in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The economy has recovered its employment and GDP pre-pandemic levels. According to the Mexican Secretariat of Economy, the port is one of the most secure in Mexico and has attracted the most foreign and domestic private investment in the country. The Port is the principal entrance for the handling of imports destined for the centre of the country. Give thanks to the Lord for the economic growth that recovered in Mexico. Neglected rural areas, massive urban shanty towns, and rampant poverty present huge social challenges. Over 15,000 children - often known as "rat children" - live in deplorable conditions on the streets and in the sewers of Mexico City. Pray for these children's salvation, that they will be strengthened in the inner man not to fall into temptations, but to love the Lord their Saviour.
