

WHEN GOD COMES

21

REVIVAL ACTS



24-7 PRAYER FOR REVIVAL
24 - 30 July 2023

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Harbour cities
Praying for harbour cities in North 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: 24 JULY 2023

WHEN GOD COMES, THE FAITH, BOLDNESS AND OBEDIENCE OF LEADERS WILL BE EVIDENT

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus. And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. (Acts 4:13-14). So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. (Acts 4:18).

Efforts were made to silence the name of Jesus, but people who walk with Jesus cannot be silenced.

Pray for:

- Our leaders to arise with intimate knowledge of God and walk closely with Him.
- Church leaders in your community to be filled with the Holy Spirit and not to be offended by any criticism or false accusations.

LOS ANGELES – PORT OF LOS ANGELES

But when in their trouble they turned to the LORD God of Israel, and sought Him, He was found by them. (2 Chronicles 15:4).

Los Angeles Metro Area (CA) experienced an average growth rate of 2.11% since the first statistic was recorded in 2001. Port Los Angeles is the largest port in North America. The whole complex covers 30 km² and stretches over 70 km of the coast. The port has 270 quays and 27 terminals. The cargo coming into the port represents approximately 20% of all cargo coming into the United States. The port of Los Angeles is one of the busiest in the world and is the primary port for the region. It handles a large volume of trade between the United States and Asia. Give thanks to the Lord for economic growth in Los Angeles. Crime and gangs (26%) are seen as the most important issue. Pray for the people of Los Angeles that they, despite their circumstances, will refrain from getting involved in crime. Pray for them to find Jesus Christ as the answer to their questions and challenges.

TUESDAY: 25 JULY 2023

WHEN GOD COMES, EVEN PERSECUTION CANNOT STOP THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL

And being let go, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them... (Acts 4:23-24). Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; (The 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: 29-31).

Pray for:

Persecuted missionaries in prison and other believers persecuted for believing in Christ by repeating the prayer: *"Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus."*

PORT OF NEW YORK & NEW JERSEY

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (John 1:12-13).

New York City is the largest city in terms of GDP. For 2023, according to the World Economic Forum, its estimated GDP is \$2.5trn. Its economy is powered by the finance, media and technology industries, as well as its diverse population. The Port of New York & New Jersey is the largest port on the East Coast. The port covers an area of almost 4 km². The port complex is the most important in the USA for reloading cars and one of the most important when reloading goods such as bananas and cocoa. Beverages, vehicles, and plastic are usually imported from the New York & New Jersey ports. The main export products were mainly goods such as wood pulp, plastic, and machinery. Praise the Lord for the economic growth in New York. New York City is facing many big problems, but record levels of homelessness are a concern. Pray for the salvation of the homeless every day. Pray for their family members also to hear and believe the gospel, for it is the saving power of God, in which the righteousness of God is revealed.

WEDNESDAY: 26 JULY 2023

WHEN GOD COMES, RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE RETURN TO THE HOUSE

And he (Ananias) kept back part of the proceeds, his wife (Sapphira) also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself" (Acts 5:2-3). "You have not lied to men but to God." (Acts 5:4c).

Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things. (Acts 5:5). So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things. (Acts 5:11).

The fear of God was evident in the whole congregation.

Pray for:

- The Spirit of the fear of the Lord to return to the House of God that would result in a sudden change of heart, conduct and lifestyle.
- The condition of your own heart and of others who are following Jesus. *Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You. (Psalm 119:11).*
- Believers' conduct with other people daily. *Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one. (Colossians 4:5-6).*
- The lifestyle of believers to testify of our heavenly Father. *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16).*

CALIFORNIA – PORT OF OAKLAND

In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory. (Ephesians 1:13-14).

The economy of the State of California is the largest in the United States, with a \$3.598 trillion gross state product (GSP) as of 2022. It is the largest sub-national economy in the world. The first terminals for container ships were built here. On the Pacific Coast, it was the first important port. The Port of Oakland is ranked among the top three gateways on the West Coast. Located in Oakland, California, on San Francisco Bay, the Port of Oakland encompasses nearly 2,000 acres of waterfront land. The port handles 99 percent of all containerized goods that move through Northern California. It handles more than two million containers annually and is a major gateway for trade with Asia. Thank the Lord for the economic growth in California. One of the most important challenges California is facing is homelessness. Pray for housing that is affordable to people with the lowest incomes. Pray that every word Christians speak will be the absolute truth about God's saving grace and bring the homeless to a closer relationship with Jesus Christ our Saviour.

THURSDAY: 27 JULY 2023

WHEN GOD COMES, THE CITY BECOMES THE CHURCH BUILDING

*And through the hands of the apostles many **signs and wonders** were done among the people. And they were all with **one accord** in Solomon's Porch. (Acts 5:12)*

*And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. (The gathering places became too small for the multitude and the ministry flowed into the streets). **Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.** (Acts 5:14-16).*

The 3,000 believers that were mentioned earlier in the book of Acts became multitudes.

Pray for:

- An increase in the number of people receiving salvation until your whole community is saved.
- The gospel to spill over from church buildings into the community and public gatherings.
- God to show forth His power to result in an increase of people being healed and delivered from unclean spirits.

PORT OF HOUSTON

Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Return to Me," says the LORD of hosts, "and I will return to you," says the LORD of hosts. (Zechariah 1:3).

The Houston economic outlook remains unchanged with inflation continuing at high rates, and a solid core of consumer income and spending remains firm. When considering foreign waterborne tonnage, the Port of Houston is the busiest in America. The 50-mile-long port has over 200 public and private terminals. The port mainly exports crude oil and derived products, as well as organic chemicals. Petroleum, related products, iron, and steel are also imported. Goods mainly come from Mexico, Venezuela, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Algeria. The port is also a major employer, supporting more than 1.2 million jobs in Houston. Houston is known internationally as the home of one of the best medical communities in the world. Thank the Lord our Provider for a stable economy, job creation and excellent health care. Pray for the vulnerable citizens in Houston to hear and see testimonies of Christians and for them to turn their lives over to the Lord Jesus, and to follow Him wholeheartedly.

FRIDAY: 28 JULY 2023

WHEN GOD COMES, THE MENTIONING OF THE NAME OF JESUS WILL OFFEND MANY

Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, (the prison could not contain God's Word) and said, "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life." And when they heard that, they entered the temple early in the morning and taught. But the high priest and those with him came and called the council together, with all the elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. (Acts 5:17-21).

Pray for:

- Ministers of the Word to be filled with boldness to speak God's Word in the face of opposition.
- Angelic assistance in the spreading of the gospel.
- Preachers and evangelists not to become offended by criticism and be afraid of imprisonment or even death.

CANADA – PORT OF VANCOUVER

"Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him." (John 6:27).

The economy of Canada is a highly developed mixed economy, with the world's eighth-largest economy as of 2022, and a nominal GDP of approximately US\$2.221 trillion. Vancouver is the largest port in Canada and the most diversified facility in the entire North America. The port handled 141.2 million tons in 2022. It is the country's maritime trade gateway to 170 nations. It generates 115,300 jobs and \$7 billion in wages. Vancouver Port has rail connections and direct access to key shipping routes, making it a principal gateway to Asia-Pacific trade. Give thanks to the Lord for the economic growth in Canada. The Canadian government is constantly making efforts to attract foreign workers to their country to accelerate its economic growth. Pray for every person involved in government to know the Lord Jesus, and for every individual influencing the economy in any way to have a personal revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ.

SATURDAY: 29 JULY 2023

WHEN GOD COMES, NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO STOP HIM

*And now I say to you, keep away from these men and let them alone; for if this plan or this work is of men, it will come to nothing; **but if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it—lest you even be found to fight against God.**" And they agreed with him, and when they had called for the apostles and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ. (Acts 5:39-42).*

Pray for:

- Divine understanding and discernment for leaders concerning false prophets and false accusations.
- Believers to practice discernment regarding gossip and half-truths
- Courage to speak in the name of Jesus so that the work of the Lord and the spread of the gospel will continue.

ALASKA – PORT OF ALASKA

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23).

Alaska's gross state product (GSP) in 2022 reached \$49.6b, with growth of -1.7% over the 5 years to 2022. Port of Alaska is Alaska's most versatile port handling 5.2 million tons of fuel and freight in 2022, including containers, liquid bulk, dry bulk, break bulk, and cruise ships too. It leverages hundreds of millions of dollars of public and private infrastructure, including more than 125 acres of cargo-handling yard, 3.1 million barrels of liquid fuel storage, 60,000 tons of cement storage, gantry cranes, and a large, skilled workforce. Praise the Lord for the economic growth in Alaska. There are jobs available in many areas, such as healthcare, military, government, and computer technology. Pray for the salvation of every person from other countries who finds a job in Canada. Pray that they would contemplate the meaning of their lives and set their hearts towards Jesus Christ. Ask that they would also walk with integrity in their jobs and be righteous in their ways.

SUNDAY: 30 JULY 2023

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS, DYING FOR CHRIST

When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth. But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord; and they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep. (Acts 7:54-60).

Pray for:

- Believers to follow the example of Jesus and Stephen who did not take offence against their wrongdoers, but rather prayed for them to be forgiven.
- You and other believers whom you know by name to daily take up the cross to follow Jesus in complete surrender (daily choosing His will above your own) and willingness to even die physically for His name.

MEXICO – PORT OF MANZANILLO

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

Mexico's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per Capita reached 10,934.885 USD in Dec 2022, compared with 9,922.196 USD in Dec 2021. The port of Manzanillo is the principal entrance for the handling of imports destined for the inland of the country. On the west coast, this port is considered as the main entrance of container shipping. The main imports handled by the port include general consumer goods such as wax, steel products, spare parts and agricultural products. The principal exports are beer, cars, cement, sugar, copper, steel tubes, carbon, glucose and resin. Thank the Lord for the economic growth in Mexico. Christians in indigenous communities increasingly face hostility due to their refusal to follow ancestral and traditional customs. Neglected rural areas, massive urban shanty towns, and rampant poverty present huge social challenges. Pray for the protection of the Christians and that they will not renounce their faith in Jesus. Pray for the neglected people's salvation and for revival amid their circumstances, so their lives will honour God.
