



PRAYING UP TO PENTECOST
A 50 DAY PRAYER GUIDE

Welcome to Praying Up to Pentecost!

In the Old Testament, there were three biblical feasts the Jewish people observed. One of those was Pentecost, the Feast of the Harvest. It took place 50 days after Passover. It was a day of great celebration as they gave thanks to the Lord for the first fruits of the spring harvest. It was also a time to celebrate the giving of the Law at Mt. Sinai.

It was on the day of Pentecost that the Holy Spirit came in Acts 2, filling those early disciples with the Holy Spirit. As a result, the Word of God was preached to Jews from every nation and the first fruits of a great spiritual harvest were celebrated as 3000 people surrendered their lives to Christ.

Beginning on Easter Sunday, we invite you and your family to join us and others across the nation for Praying Up to Pentecost. During these 50 days of prayer leading up to Pentecost Sunday, we will be seeking God for another great spiritual awakening that will result in a great spiritual harvest of souls. In this guide, you will discover ways to pray together as a family as we cry out to God to revive His Church and pour out His Spirit on our nation once again.

We encourage you to use this time to reestablish the family altar in your homes and seek God as a family. Call the church together to pray using some of the suggested prayer experiences in this guide. Pray for the lost specifically by name on a daily basis. Pray that Pentecost Sunday will be a celebration of a great harvest of souls as many we have prayed for surrender their lives to Christ!

It is time to pray! Join us as we seek God for revival and the next great spiritual awakening; an awakening that will birth the greatest spiritual harvest we have ever experienced in our nation and across the globe!

PRAYING UP TO PENTECOST

“You are to count seven complete weeks starting from the day after the Sabbath, the day you brought the sheaf of the presentation offering. You are to count 50 days until the day after the seventh Sabbath and then present an offering of new grain to the Lord... On that same day you are to make a proclamation and hold a sacred assembly” (Leviticus 23:15-16,21, HCSB).

“When they arrived, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying.... All these were continually united in prayer. ...

“The day of Pentecost had arrived, they were all together in one place” (Acts 1:13-14; 2:1, HCSB).

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Background

Pentecost was the second of three annual feasts in the Hebrew calendar when all men were to come to Jerusalem for a sacred assembly. The three feasts were Passover, Shavuoth (Pentecost), and Sukkoth (Feast of Tabernacles or Booths). Titles used for this feast include: Pentecost (Greek for 50), Shavuoth (Hebrew for weeks), Feast of Weeks, Feast of the Harvest of first fruits, Day of First Fruits.

Each of these three main feasts has significance in God's plan for world redemption. Passover was fulfilled in the sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross as the Lamb of God taking away the sins of the world. Pentecost takes on special meaning as the time when God poured out His Spirit on the church in Jerusalem and 3,000 believed in Jesus Christ and became the first fruits of the church. The Feast of Tabernacles found at least partial prophetic fulfillment when God became flesh and dwelt (tabernacled) among us.

Pentecost was scheduled to occur 50 days following Passover. The wheat harvest began in the spring of the year, so this feast centered on a time of thanksgiving for the first fruits of the harvest. In Jewish history, this feast was also associated with the giving of the Law to Israel at Mt. Sinai.

Through Jeremiah, God said: “‘This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days’—the Lord’s declaration. ‘I will put My teaching within them and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be My people’” (Jeremiah 33:33, HCSB). God promised to write His law on our hearts so that we may obey it out of love for Him, Our celebration of Pentecost will demonstrate gratitude for God's Word, thanksgiving for God's provision for our needs, and prayers for a spiritual harvest as lost people come to place their trust in Jesus Christ.

Some of the Scriptures related to Pentecost and the Feast of Weeks include: Exodus 23:16, Exodus 34:22-24, Leviticus 23:9-22, Numbers 28:26-31, Deuteronomy 16:10-12, Deuteronomy 16:16-17, Acts 1:3-15, and Acts 2:1-47.

Praying Up To Pentecost

Use the daily prayer points to count up the 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. **Gather your family, join with your spouse, or join friends to pray.** Read Leviticus 23:15-16 and 21, and then read Acts 1:13-14 and 2:1. Then use the following daily activities to get your focus on God and to pray for a spiritual harvest for the cause of Christ.

1. **Pray as a family. Let these 50 days be the catalyst for establishing the family altar in your home.**
2. Read a portion of the Psalms for each day.

3. Briefly discuss what God has to say to you through the passage. Ask: How can we apply this Scripture to our lives? or What does this passage tell us about God? About ourselves?
4. Memorize Jeremiah 31:33 during the fifty days.
5. Compile a list of people in your circles of relationships who do not know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. These may be family members, relatives, friends, neighbors, co-workers, classmates at school, or other persons you know in the community. Add to your list daily others who may come to mind. (see Praying for a Spiritual Harvest and Praying for Those Yet to Believe included in this guide)
6. Pray for the America's Prayer Meeting Movement events which are emphasized in the daily prayer points. On the last page is a graphic with all the events and information on each event.
7. Close with a time of prayer. Some of the Scriptures can be a part of your prayer. Include in your prayer time some or all of the following kinds of prayer:
 - **Confession:** Agree with God about your sin and seek forgiveness. Agree with God about the truth of Who He is.
 - **Praise:** Lift up God's name and tell Him how wonderful He is.
 - **Worship:** Express your love to the Lord and express reverence for His holiness.
 - **Thanksgiving:** Thank God for His blessing—both physical and spiritual. Be specific in describing things for which you are grateful.
 - **Petition:** Ask God for things related to your own needs.
 - **Intercession:** Pray for the needs of others. Pray each day for the people on your list who need to know Christ. Ask God to draw them to Himself. Give God permission to use you in their lives in any way He chooses. Use the suggestions for praying for those yet to believe.

The Family Altar

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In Genesis 12:7, *The Lord appeared to Abram and said, 'To your descendants I will give this land. So he built an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him''* (NASB). The altar here, built by Abraham, was a family altar. It was to solidify the promise of generational provision. This is what a family altar does – it preserves the promises of God now and in the next generation. The promises of God cannot and must not stand alone. They demand our response. And prayer, the essence of the altar, is our response. Prayer grasps the promises. Prayer says, “Yes and amen!”

In a survey involving 1,000 churches, parishioners were asked, “Why does the church exist?” Eighty-nine percent responded, “To take care of my family’s and my needs.” It’s the wrong answer. The church is not about us. It is about God. We have everything upside down in our me-first culture. The church cannot take care of personal and family spiritual needs in a one-hour, once-a-week experience.

Without the family altar, Christianity is in danger of becoming a “just-for-Sunday” activity. The family altar marks the home. It invites conversation about the God we serve. It centers us daily. It defines who we are – a family belonging to and representing God. It differentiates us from the world around us. Many of our homes have nothing that sets them apart for the non-practicing Christians next door, except a few religious items. The family altar is a reminder that, “We are the people of God!” Prayer at and around it creates unforgettable expressions that anchor us for a lifetime.

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Praying Up To Pentecost Daily Prayer Points

As you pray with us during the 50 days leading up to Pentecost Sunday, we encourage you to use these daily prayer points. Take time to read the Scripture passage on the calendar and pray it back to God.

Pray for the cities hosting Korean teams May 3-7. Pray for the host churches. Pray for the Korean teams that are coming to those cities. Pray that they will have fresh encounters with God as they pray together. Pray for revival and spiritual awakening to come to the city.

* A special thanks to OneCry for providing prayer points for revival and spiritual awakening from their prayer guide, "Praying for Spiritual Awakening". The full prayer guide is available at onecry.com.

Day 1 Easter Sunday Psalm 119:1-8

Today is Resurrection Sunday! As we begin these 50 days of prayer leading up to Pentecost, let us begin by praising the Lord for the resurrection life we have in Jesus. "Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life." Romans 6:4

Praying for the Church: Pray that we would walk in the newness of life that we have in Christ. Pray that our lives would reflect His joy, His peace, and His presence to a watching world.

Day 2 Psalm 119:9-16

Praying for Revival: Pray that we would be in alignment with all that God desires to do in these days. Ask God to show you where your heart is out of alignment with His.

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Selma AL and Phoenix AZ.

Day 3 Psalm 119:17-24

Praying for the Harvest: Pray for open doors to share the gospel today. Pray for God to help you love the lost, proclaiming Christ in all you do and say.

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: San Diego CA and Miami FL

Day 4 Psalm 119:25-32

Praying for Families: Pray for the restoration and establishment of family altars. "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Tampa Bay FL and Centerville IA

Day 5 Psalm 119:33-40

Praying for Personal Revival: Pray: I bow before You as God. You are in charge of everything. Please give me the desire and power to obey You in every moment. (Daniel 4:34-35; Philippians 2:13) *

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Mountain Home ID and Palos Park/Chicago IL

Day 6 Psalm 119:41-48

Praying for Personal Revival: Pray: I reaffirm that my relationship with You is my first priority. Teach me to stay close to You like Jesus did, rejecting pride which leads to destruction, and embracing humility which leads to abundant life. (John 14:10-11; John 15:1-17; 1 Peter 5:5-6) *

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Indianapolis IN and Nicholasville/Lexington KY

Day 7 Psalm 119:49-56

Praying for Personal Revival: Pray: I submit to the authority of the Bible to guide me. Would You reveal any thought, attitude, or action in my life that does not conform to Scripture and to the image of Jesus? (2 Timothy 3:16; James 1:19-27; Galatians 5:16-24) *

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Corbin KY and Madisonville KY

Day 8 Psalm 119:57-64

Praying for Personal Revival: Pray: I honestly confess my sins before You, naming them specifically before You now and asking for forgiveness. I promise to repent of whatever You show me to be sin, now or in the future. (Joel 2:12-13; 1 John 1:9-10)

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Haverhill MA and Madison ME

Day 9 Psalm 119:65-72

Praying for Personal Revival: Pray: My desire is to be attentive and obedient to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Would You fill me with Your power and fullness? (Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 3:16-19) *

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Dearborn MI and Springfield MO

Day 10 Psalm 119:73-80

Praying for the Harvest: Pray for God to open our eyes to see where He is working and how we can join Him during these days (John 4:35).

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Hillsboro/St. Louis MO and Asheboro NC

Day 11 Psalm 119:81-88

Praying for your neighborhood: Pray for God to help you see your neighbors through His eyes and open doors to begin building relationships with them. (Visit blesseveryhome.com to discover how you can pray for your neighbors by name using their app)

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Charlotte NC and Newton NC

Day 12 Psalm 119:89-96

Praying for your church: Pray that your church will become a house of prayer for the nations; a place where God's people have a love like God's love for the nations.

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Kannapolis NC and Hendersonville NC

Day 13 Psalm 119:97-104

Praying for the Marketplace: Pray for Christians in the marketplace to see the place they work as their mission field. Ask God to give them His heart for those they work with and opportunities to share the Gospel.

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Murphy NC and Kenly NC

Day 14 Psalm 119:105-112

Seeking God's Face: Pray: Please give me a healthy fear of You. Move me to care more about Your opinion than I care about the opinions of others. (Proverbs 1:7; 29:25) *

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Albuquerque NM and Brooklyn NY

Day 15 Psalm 119:113-120

Seeking God's Face: Pray: Show me the depth of my need for You, and shatter my self-sufficiency. (John 15:5; 2 Corinthians 3:5) *

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Cincinnati OH and Lima OH

Day 16 Psalm 119:121-128

Seeking God's Face: Pray: Change my mindset so that prayer becomes my first response in every situation. May I seek You in all things. (Philippians 4:6-7; Matthew 6:33) *

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Cleveland OH and Indiana PA

Day 17 Psalm 119:129-136

Seeking God's Face: Pray: Help me to put all my hope in You. I confess any misplaced trusts, including dependence on military might, political power, or economic strength. (Psalm 43:5; Psalm 20:7) *

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Dallas TX and Houston TX

Day 18 Psalm 119:137-144

Seeking God's Face: Pray: Increase my faith in Your ability to intervene supernaturally in my life and in the world. Would You do miracles by Your Spirit in, through, and around me? (Hebrews 11:6; Mark 9:23) *

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Newport News VA and Bellingham WA

Day 19 Psalm 119:145-152

Seeking God's Face: Pray: Cause the glory and fame of Jesus Christ to become my greatest passion and pursuit. Please send revival to make Jesus known throughout the earth and to fulfill Your promises to exalt Your Son. (Ephesians 1:15-23; Colossians 1:15-20) *

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Delbarton WV and Buffalo NY

Day 20 Psalm 119:153-160

Praying for the Church: Pray for the Church to be one so that the world may believe in Jesus. (John 17:21)
Pray that the walls that divide us would be dismantled.

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Charleston SC and Memphis TN

Day 21 Psalm 119:161-168

Praying for the Church: Pray that your church will actively be mobilized on mission to take the Gospel to the streets of your city and to the ends of the earth.

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Cleveland TN

Day 22 Psalm 119:169-176

Praying for the Church: Pray for a fresh out-pouring of the Holy Spirit of God to fall on your church for the sake of the advancement of the Gospel.

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Selma AL and Phoenix AZ.

Day 23 Psalm 1:1-6

Praying for the Harvest: Pray for the unreached people groups that are your neighbors to hear the Gospel and to come to saving faith in Jesus.

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: San Diego CA and Miami FL

Day 24 Psalm 11:1-7

Prayer for the Nation: Pray for The Rooftop National Encounter in Washington DC. Pray that those participating will receive a fresh vision of God's heart for our nation and a fresh passion to join Jesus in the ways He is at work across our land.

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Tampa Bay FL and Centerville IA

Day 25 Psalm 15:1-5

Pray for Revival: Pray that the Spirit of God will fall on your church and that through repentant prayer, revival will come to God's people.

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Mountain Home ID and Palos Park/Chicago IL

Day 26 Psalm 19:7-14

Pray for the Nation: Today is the National Day of Prayer. Pray that the power of God and the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit will be made evident in and through the prayer gatherings across our nation today.

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Indianapolis IN and Nicholasville/Lexington KY

Day 27 Psalm 25:4-10

Praying for the Harvest: Pray that God will burden the hearts of the people in your community to their need for saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Corbin KY and Madisonville KY

Day 28 Psalm 63:1-8

Praying for the Harvest: Pray that the Spirit of God will empower and enable you and your church to proclaim the Gospel to every person who resides in your town or city.

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Haverhill MA and Madison ME

Day 29 Psalm 67:1-7

Lord, Let Your Kingdom Come: Pray: Help me to be a prayer warrior who perseveres in seeking You day after day, joining in the spiritual battle to see strongholds of the enemy torn down in my life, family, church, community, and nation. (Luke 18:1-8; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5) *

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Dearborn MI and Springfield MO

Day 30 Psalm 78:1-16

Lord, Let Your Kingdom Come: Pray: Send an outpouring of Your Spirit that will rapidly advance the gospel and glory of Jesus Christ throughout the whole earth. (Isaiah 11:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10) *

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Hillsboro/St. Louis MO and Asheboro NC

Day 31 Psalm 78:17-31

Lord, Let Your Kingdom Come: Pray: Please increase the fervency and urgency of my prayers for spiritual awakening, and use me to make prayer contagious to others. (Mark 1:35; 1 Thessalonians 5:17) *

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Charlotte NC and Newton NC

Day 32 Psalm 78:32-39

Lord, Let Your Kingdom Come: Pray: Allow me to influence other believers in my circle of relationships to unite in prayer until our homes and churches become “houses of prayer.” (Mark 11:17; 1 Timothy 2:1-3) *

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Kannapolis NC and Hendersonville NC

Day 33 Psalm 78:40-55

Lord, Let Your Kingdom Come: Pray: Give me faith to believe Your promise to move toward those who move toward You in humility and prayer. Thank You that You will forgive and restore all those who call on Your name. (James 4:6-10; Jeremiah 18:7-10) *

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Murphy NC and Kenly NC

Day 34 Psalm 78:56-72

Praying for this Generation: Praise God for how He is drawing students on college campuses to Himself in these days. Pray that the flames of revival continue spreading to other campuses. Pray that this will be the flame that ignites a spiritual awakening across the nation.

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Albuquerque NM and Brooklyn NY

Day 35 Psalm 93:1-5

Praying for the Church: Pray that the Church will be open to the fresh ways that God is moving among this generation and in churches. Pray that we would position ourselves to be the new wineskins God is desiring to use for His purposes.

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Cincinnati OH and Lima OH

Day 36 Psalm 94:12-23

Praying for Families: Pray that God would turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to the fathers (Malachi 4:6). Pray for the restoration of families.

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Cleveland OH and Indiana PA

Day 37 Psalm 95:1-7

Praying for Prodigals: Pray that God would recapture the hearts of those who have walked away from Jesus and give them a fresh passion to pursue Him wholeheartedly.

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Dallas TX and Houston TX

Day 38 Psalm 96:1-13

Praying for Families: Pray that Christian parents would model for their children a passionate love for the Lord, His Word, and the mission of making disciples.

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Newport News VA and Bellingham WA

Day 39 Psalm 98:1-9

Praying for Families: Pray that families would have fresh encounters with God as they reestablish the family altar, praying together daily.

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Delbarton WV and Buffalo NY

Day 40 Psalm 99:1-9

Praying for Spiritual Awakening: Pray for a spiritual awakening to sweep across our land, drawing 10% to 20% (or more) of those who are lost into the Kingdom of God.

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Charleston SC and Memphis TN

Day 41 Psalm 103:1-22

Praying for the Harvest: Pray for the 49 million 1st generation immigrants in the United States. Pray for God to draw 10% to 20% (or more) of them into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ leading to a spiritual awakening in their countries of origin.

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Cleveland TN

Day 42 Psalm 105:1-11

Praying for the Harvest: Pray for the 21 million in our nation who fit into the category of an unreached people group. Pray for God to draw 10% to 20% (or more) of them into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ leading to a spiritual awakening in their people groups around the globe.

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Pray that the spiritual seeds planted May 3-7 in each city will continue bearing fruit for many years.

Day 43 Psalm 106:1-5

Praying for Fresh Vision: Pray for The National Rooftop Day of Prayer today as Christians across the nation pray over their cities and communities asking God to give a fresh vision of His heart for their cities. For information on The National Rooftop Day of Prayer, contact johnwhaley@therooftop.org.

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Pray that the pastors and churches in each host city would be one, working together as One Body to impact their city with the Gospel.

Day 44 Psalm 111:1-10

Praying for Spiritual Awakening: Pray for the Messianic Call to Prayer led by globalfamily24-7prayer.org May 21-28. As Christians across the globe gather to pray, ask God to pour out His Spirit across the nations.

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Pray that movements of prayer would continue across each host city. Pray that all the churches in each city would become Houses of Prayer for the Nations.

Day 45 Psalm 112:1-10

Praying for Personal Revival: Pray that God would give you a heart that pursues Him daily, repents of sin quickly, and looks for opportunities to join Him in what He is doing where you live, work, and play.

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Pray that the pastors in each host city would meet together on a regular basis to pray for one another and seek God for ways to join Him in His mission in their city.

Day 46 Psalm 128:1-6

Praying for the Church: Pray that churches across America would open their doors on May 24-28 for people to pray for revival and spiritual awakening.

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Pray that what God began to do in the host cities May 3-7 would continue and spread to cities in their states and sweep our nation.

Day 47 Psalm 130:1-8

Praying for the Church: Pray that the Spirit of God would fall fresh on His people who are gathering to pray May 24-28 in church buildings across our nation.

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Pray for our South Korean brothers and sisters who came to pray for our nation May 3-7. Pray that God would bless them and their families. Pray that the winds of revival would blow across South Korea once again.

Day 48 Psalm 148:1-14

Praying for Spiritual Awakening: Pray that God would pour out His Spirit on your state, redeeming the hearts of 10% to 20% (or more) of the lost in your city, county, and state.

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: In hosting the South Koreans, each city invited the presence of God into their cities. Pray that the Church across America will cry out to God, inviting His presence into their cities.

Day 49 Psalm 138:1-8

Praying for the Harvest: Today is the International “Go” Day of Global Evangelism and March for Jesus. Pray for the many who will be sharing the Gospel today and praying in the streets of their cities. Pray that God would manifest His presence across the nations! (see GoMovement.World and TheMarchforJesus.org for more information)

Praying for the 40 Host Cities: Praise God for all that He did and all He is doing in each of these cities and cities across the nation. Praise God for all He is doing in your city. Look for ways to join Him. Even so come, Lord Jesus!

Day 50 Psalm 150

Today is Pentecost Sunday! Celebrate the Lord of the Harvest and pray for Him to send more workers into His harvest field. Celebrate the gift of His Word! Celebrate the Gospel! Pray that we would see a great harvest of souls coming to Jesus across our nation in this season.

“Open your eyes and look at the fields, because they are ready for harvest.” (John 4:35)

PRAYING FOR THOSE YET TO BELIEVE ¹

1. Bring the person to recognize and understand his emptiness and purposelessness in life. Bring him to the end of himself so that he will turn to You.
2. Cause him to hunger and thirst for more in life.
3. Bring him to understand the truth of his condition without Christ and to understand what Christ has done for his salvation.
4. Bring conviction of sin. Allow the consequences of his sin to cause him to desire a different life. Let him become fed up with his life as it is.
5. Jesus, reveal the Father to him.
6. Father, exalt Jesus in his eyes.
7. Father, draw him to Yourself and Your Son Jesus.
8. Guide and create circumstances that create a need, then show Your love through meeting needs through me or others of Your people.
9. Bring godly people into his life that will influence him for Christ.
10. Prepare circumstances in his relationships where a Christian (me if You choose) will have the opportunity to forgive him and thus reveal something of Your mercy.
11. Open his ears to hear Your call.
12. Allow him to see the unity and love of Your people in a way that he is convinced that Jesus must be sent from You. Convince him that Jesus is indeed the Savior of the world.
13. Prepare his life to receive the planting of Your Word.
14. Protect him from Satan's attempts to blind him and steal away the Word that has been sown.
15. Reduce the cares of the world around him that could choke the seed planted.
16. Raise up intercessors in behalf of this person. Guide my praying for him.
17. Reveal to me the time and the way for me to share a witness about You and to tell him about the good news of salvation.
18. Bring him under the hearing and influence of Your Word through teaching or preaching. Create in him an openness to listen.
19. Create opportunities for him to hear a witness for Christ from several different trusted sources. Use the timing and diversity of these witnesses to convince him that You are the Author behind them all.
20. Cause him to recognize his need for a Savior.
21. Lord, do whatever it takes to cause this person to seek after You. Break the hardness of his heart toward You.

1. Claude King, *Final Command Action Manual* (Murfreesboro, TN: Final Command Resources, 2001), 49-50. Used by permission. You have permission to reproduce for use in your church or small group.

Pentecost Prayer Meetings

Consider planning days of corporate prayer during the 50 days as you pray up to Pentecost. Plan for a variety of prayer experiences. The following are some suggestions for your consideration. During these prayer meetings, focus on praying for revival and spiritual awakening.

Prayer Experience Options

- **Concert of Prayer** - Members in small groups (of three or four persons) throughout the room are guided to pray about a variety of topics by the concert of prayer director. The director gives instructions and a topic for prayer. Following a season of prayer a new topic is presented for prayer.
- **Cottage Prayer Meetings** - Members gather in private homes or apartments and use conversational prayer to present their requests to the Lord and surround them with intercession.
- **Congregational Praying** - Members gather in one large group for prayer. One member at a time prays as the congregation listens and joins in agreement.
- **Small Group Praying** - The congregation is divided into small groups of six or eight persons. These use conversational prayer to focus on the prayer emphasis of the evening and/or on requests offered by those in the group.
- **Topical Prepared Praying** - In advance develop a list of topics of concern and assign each topic to a different person who will then lead the group in a corporate prayer for that topic. These could include prayers of confession and repentance.
- **Prayerwalking** - Members in groups of two or three walk and pray “on site with insight” in their neighborhoods or areas of the community of special burden or interest (or Prayer Driving—same focus in a car, van, or bus). As you pray, ask God to open your eyes to what He sees and where He is at work in your area.
- **Prayer Triplets** - Ask members to group themselves into triplets (groups of three). Lead members to identify people in their circles of influence who do not have a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. Take turns identifying a person who needs Christ and then praying together for the person’s salvation. These triplets may want to enter into a short- or long-term covenant to pray for these lost friends, coworkers, family members, and relatives. Triplets can gather periodically to pray or use a conference call weekly to pray together.
- **Praying for Neighbors** - Families meet in their respective homes to join in praying for their neighbors (five neighbors to the left, five to the right, and ten across the street). Use BlessEveryHome.com to discover the names of their neighbors and how to begin developing a prayer, care, share strategy in their neighborhoods.
- **Prayer Vigil (or Watchnight)** - Gather a group to spend the night in prayer. Using other prayer ideas described here, schedule a variety of prayer emphases throughout the night.
- **Watchman Praying** - Enlist members to agree to pray for one hour (probably at home) during the Watchman Prayer Emphasis. Depending on the size of your congregation decide to pray around the clock for one day (24 hours), a weekend (3@24 or 72), or a week (7@24 or 168). Watchmen may sign up for one hour or for the same hour of each day during the emphasis. Provide a prayer guide to help direct the hour of praying in conjunction with the Pentecost Prayer Meeting themes. Provide a printout of watchmen with a contact phone number for each. Ask each watchman to call the person on the list who has agreed to pray the next hour to make sure they are up and on the watch. An hour could be taken for prayer by an individual or by a couple, a family, a class, or a cell group who will agree to meet and pray at the designated time.

