

## **Prayerwalking and Spiritual Awakening**

Spiritual awakening is an unprecedented move of the Holy Spirit that brings massive amounts of people to Jesus Christ. During this move, the Holy Spirit unleashes His power into the lives of numerous lost people. Because of this, these lost people turn from their sin to Jesus Christ in true faith and repentance of their sin. This work of the Spirit glorifies God and advances God's kingdom in the world.

It has pleased God to unleash spiritual awakening in the world at various times and among various people. This work of the Holy Spirit has taken place in communities, cities, states, and nations. God has even done this work in homes among families. Our God is the unchanging God, (**Malachi 3:6**). The God we worship and love today did these works in the past. He has not changed. The God who did this in the past can do this even today. Our unchanging God has the same ability to awaken sinners in our day.

The hymn says, "Mercy drops 'round us are fallin' but for the showers of blessing we plead." We do see the "mercy drops around us. We do see people come to Jesus Christ in true faith. As we share the gospel, people still turn to Jesus. We rejoice in this.

However, our desire and plea must be for the showers of blessing. We must and ought to desire massive numbers of people coming to Jesus Christ. In our society that grows more and more secular, our cry to God must be for spiritual awakening – powerful moves of the Holy Spirit that will awaken and bring about the conversion of many sinners to Jesus Christ.

In this issue of *Prayerwalking*, I want to encourage you to include praying for spiritual awakening as you prayerwalk.

## The Acts 2 Model

Acts 2 provides us with a model of the kind of awakening that we need in our cities and communities. Pentecost was a unique, one-time event. Yet, it provides us with a model for what happens when there is a fresh and new work of the Spirit among people.

- Spiritual awakening occurs when many people turn from sin to Christ (Acts 2:40). The Word of God reveals that about 3,000 people came to Christ. God is able to save massive amounts of people. God can touch and transform your city or community. He can bring massive amounts of people in your area to Christ in true faith and repentance.
- Spiritual awakening transforms people and churches (Acts 2:41-47).
   The move of the Spirit in Acts 2 transformed both the lost and the saved. When the Holy Spirit unleashes spiritual awakening, it affects the whole of society.
- Spiritual awakening is the result of fervent prayer and faithful witness.
  Fervent prayer (Acts 1:13-14; 2:1, 42)
  Fervent prayer comes before, during, and after spiritual awakening.
  Faithful witness (Acts 2:14-40)

## Scripture Prayers For Spiritual Awakening

Father, I ask in Jesus' name that You would destroy the complacency of the lost in this area. I pray that they will no longer be content in their sin and unbelief. Awaken them to their condition and their need of Jesus Christ (**2 Corinthians 6:2**).

Father, I pray that You would destroy the pride that is keeping the lost of this area from Jesus. Humble them and deeply convict them of their sin. I ask that they will repent and turn to Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5).

Father, Satan has had a grip on the lost in this area long enough. He has used selfrighteousness, pride, ignorance, religiosity, and a host of other evils to continue his grip on the lost. I ask that all these things will be shattered. I ask that his lies will no longer work on the lost of this area. I am pleading for the conversion of thousands and thousands of people here through Jesus. Do this for Your glory (2 Corinthians 10:5).

Father, I plead in Jesus' name that the lost in this area would have a fresh and new concern for their souls. O God, show them their need. I ask that it would be ever before them. Do not let them rest or be content in the lostness. I pray that they would come to Jesus (**John 3:16**).

Father, I pray in Jesus' name that You would destroy the false ideas that the lost here have about Jesus and His Word. I ask they will reject all false ideas and that they will receive the truth (**Proverbs 14:12**).

Father, I plead that You would convince the lost in this area that they are lost, separated from God, and headed to hell. I ask that they will seek Jesus for His salvation (**Romans 3:23**).

Father, by Your almighty power, I ask You to draw the lost in this area to Jesus Christ in true faith and repentance. Call them out of their hardness and indifference to surrender to Jesus Christ (**John 6:44**).

Father, I plead in Jesus' name that You would bind and remove Satan's work

among the lost in this area. He has blinded their eyes to the truth of Jesus and His salvation. Open their eyes to the truth and enable them to repent and believe (2 **Corinthians 4:4**).

Father, I ask that You would open the hearts of the lost in this area. I plead that they will hear the gospel and respond with true repentance and faith in Jesus (Acts 16:14).

Father, I pray that the lost of Mississippi would not neglect the glorious salvation that is available through Your Son. I ask that they will no longer ignore and neglect Jesus and His salvation. Show them their need and enable them to turn to Jesus (**Hebrews 2:1-3**).

Father, I plead that the lost in Mississippi will see that their works are as filthy rags in Your sight. Reveal to them that their works will not save them. Convict them of their total lostness and inability to earn or merit Your salvation. I pray that they will turn to Jesus in true faith (**Isaiah 64:6**).

Father, I ask that the lost in Mississippi will know the burden of their sin. Show them how evil and destructive sin is. I pray that they will turn to Jesus and experience the forgiveness of sin and true salvation (Matthew 11:28-30).

In the name of Jesus, I ask You, Father, to quicken the lost throughout the state of Mississippi. They are dead in sins and trespasses. I pray that You would grant them new life through Jesus Christ. Awaken them and draw them to Jesus by Your almighty power (**Ephesians 2:1**).

Father, I pray that You would uniquely prepare the hearts of the lost in Mississippi to hear Your Word. I ask that You would create within them a heart to hear and receive the truth. Save them by Your power and truth (Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23).

Father, I plead in Jesus' name that You would deliver the lost here from the kingdom of darkness and damnation. I ask that through faith that they would enter into the kingdom of Your dear Son Jesus Christ (**Colossians 1:13**).

Father, I pray in Jesus' name that the lost throughout this area would no longer be content in trusting in themselves and their works. I plead that they will turn to Jesus Christ as their own personal Lord and Savior (Galatians 2:16).

Father, I ask in Jesus' name that You would grant genuine repentance to the lost here. I pray that the lost will hate sin and seek the righteousness that pleases You and comes only through faith in Jesus Christ (Acts 11:8; Luke 13:1-3).

## Faith For Spiritual Awakening

Spiritual awakening appears impossible as you look around. The growth and power of evil combined with the apathy and worldliness of the church can discourage you from praying and believing God for spiritual awakening. How can you cultivate the faith to pray and believe God for spiritual awakening?

- Plead with God to increase your faith so that you can pray and believe God for this powerful work.
- Lift your eyes off the circumstances and focus on the sovereign God. Spiritual awakening is a work of God; God alone can awaken the lost and stir and renew His church. Nothing is impossible for Him; He is able to grant spiritual awakening.
- Confess your struggle. We must pray, "Lord, I believe, help my unbelief."
- Humble yourself before God and ask Him to make you a vessel for spiritual awakening. Ask God to start with you. Plead for Him to stir your heart and life.

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