

Revival: Experiencing Anew the Manifest Presence of God

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen (Jude 24-25 NASB).

- 1 Let's begin the month by praising God for the sacrificial work of Jesus—the redemptive work that opened the door for us to be able to “stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy” (Jude 24).
- 2 In seeking God's manifest presence, Moses longed to know God's ways (Exodus 33:13). Please pray that every member of your church family will experience a renewed desire to know and better understand the ways of God.
- 3 Pray that every church in America that wholly acknowledges the truth about Jesus' identity, death, burial, and resurrection will continually seek and purpose to experience God's manifest presence (Exodus 33:15).
- 4 Pray that your own church family will experience the kind of revival that sets it apart from the ways of the world. Pray that your congregation will be distinguished within your community by the ongoing, manifest presence of God (Exodus 33:16).
- 5 Just as Moses longed to see the glory of God, pray that your church family's staff and lay leadership will be driven by a passionate desire to experience the kind of glory found only in the manifest presence of God (Exodus 33:18).
- 6 Pray that your entire congregation will understand how God holds Christians accountable individually and corporately when they depart from His presence, purposes, and ways (Ezekiel 36:19).
- 7 At a time when terrorism, domestic violence, financial instability, religious persecution, and wickedness within our culture is rising, pray that Christians will make the connection between their personal and corporate sins and the remedial consequences of losing God's manifest presence (Hebrews 12:4-6).
- 8 Pray that Christians across the country will long for the manifest presence of God more than just His blessings. Pray that we will all see Christ's powerful presence as the only hope for lasting, spiritual victory within our churches and nation (Psalm 44:3; Jeremiah 32:17-18).
- 9 In Matthew 21:12-16, we see Jesus cleansing the temple in Jerusalem. Pray that God will move in a similar way today, bringing purification, prayer, power, perfected praise, and His anointed presence back into the lives of church members.
- 10 Pray that Christians all over the country will purpose to demonstrate their love for Christ without hesitation or question by doing whatever He asks them to do. Pray that everyone will lay down whatever displeases Christ and do that which brings Him the greatest pleasure (John 14:21).
- 11 Before every spiritual awakening in America, the church has acknowledged through prayer its need for the manifest presence of Christ. By crying out to Him today, pray that this same burden will once more arise and be evidenced by the church's pursuit of God through fervent prayer (James 5:16).
- 12 When the manifest presence of God is sensed among church members, they in turn often become burdened for the lost to be saved. Just as Jesus came to seek and save the lost, pray that today's church members will do the same (Luke 19:10).
- 13 During a day when the voice of Christians in America has become extremely weak and often unheard in declaring the truths of the gospel, ask God to so manifest His power within us that boldness and clarity of witness become the norm (Acts 1:8).

- 14** In sensing Christ's holy presence within their personal lives, pray that believers everywhere will be moved to courageously obey the two Great Commandments: loving God with all their hearts and loving their neighbors as they love themselves (Matthew 22:37-40).
- 15** Please pray that God will break the church's love of self, money, and pleasure (2 Timothy 3:2-4). Pray that the church will instead choose to love Jesus, seeking His manifest presence more than the passing pleasures of this world.
- 16** Since in God's presence no wickedness dwells (Psalm 5:4), pray that God will powerfully move across our nation, breaking this country's addiction to sexual immorality and violence (Psalm 11:4-5).
- 17** When we lose our commitment to value God's presence among us, we easily lose our commitment to the things He values, such as the life of a child (Luke 18:16). Pray that Christians will seek to understand through God's Word the things of this life that are important to Him.
- 18** In Deuteronomy 4:29, the Hebrews who had been scattered to other nations because of their sins were told they would find God if they searched for Him with all their heart. Pray that the churches of America who have lost God's manifest presence will seek Him today in the same way.
- 19** Psalm 24:6 mentions a generation of Hebrews who sought the face of God. Please pray that the various generations found in today's church will experience the kind of revival that leaves them identified as generations seeking the face of God.
- 20** When God asked David in Psalm 27:8 to "seek My face," the Psalmist responded from his heart, "Your face, O LORD, I shall seek." Even as David responded so willingly, pray that our churches will eagerly commit to seek God's face.
- 21** First Chronicles 16:11 reads, "Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face continually." Pray that the members of your church family will continually seek God and the strength that He alone provides.
- 22** Men tend to love the darkness of wickedness more than the light of God's holy presence (John 3:19). Pray that Christians in your community will so love God, that the light of His holiness within them will push back the darkness of sin around them.
- 23** When God's people have profaned His name because of their sinful deeds, He has often stepped in to restore the glorious reputation of His holy presence (Ezekiel 36:22). Please pray that God will do everything necessary to see the reputation of His holy name restored in today's church.
- 24** There are many influences in today's world that can lead Christians to spend time thinking about ungodly things. Pray that the members of your church family will habitually set their minds on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God (Colossians 3:1-2).
- 25** Since Christians have become new creatures designed to walk in righteousness and holiness, pray that your Christian friends will lay aside falsehood and walk with minds that are continually focused on the truths of Jesus (Ephesians 4:22-25).
- 26** Living in a world system where everyone is encouraged to become their own god, pray that the church in America will fix its eyes on Jesus and follow His example of selfless obedience to the Father's will (Hebrews 12:1-2).
- 27** Pray that God's grace will abundantly touch every one of your friends today, manifesting in their lives the faith and love found only in Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 1:14).
- 28** Through the powerful work of Christ in our lives, we become "living stones," put together by God to function as His church on earth (1 Peter 2:5). Pray that the "spiritual house" God is building with your church family will reflect the glory of God and the strength of His mighty presence.
- 29** In longing for the manifest presence of Christ, pray that your church family will be neither "useless nor unfruitful" in its knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Also pray that diligence, faith, moral excellence, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love will characterize their walk with Him (2 Peter 1:5-8).
- 30** One evidence of a person's relationship with Jesus is his or her knowledge of His presence and commitment to keep His commandments (1 John 2:3). Pray that Christians all over the country will grow in their commitment to love Jesus by knowing and obeying Him.
- 31** Pray that the church in America will no longer be content holding on to a form of godliness that denies the gospel or seeks for something less than the manifest presence of God (2 Timothy 3:5).