

Facebook Comments from Past Participants

Incredible devotionals. I couldn't wait to do the next one each day. What a glorious experience!!!

I'm looking forward to doing this again! Phenomenal!

This is exciting to read and fills me with hope.

I just finished my last day. What a blessing! To God be the glory!!

I'm looking forward to participating again in Michigan. Last year made such a change in my prayer life.

Already incredible!

I loved doing this and thinking about all the others joining in around our country. Looking forward to joining again next year.

Wonderful devotional. It has been a blessing. I will repeat.

Have SO appreciated these devotions and the challenge to pray. This is my 2nd year and it has been a huge blessing each time.

Such a great idea and so doable!

This will be my third year praying with you all. So blessed.

Praying for our nation was such a great start to the year.

I am amazed how quickly these 50 days have passed by. I am thankful to know we serve a mighty God who hears our prayers.

It has been such a blessing to be praying with so many. Thank you.

I have been blessed in my own walk as I prayed these 50 days!! All glory to our Almighty God!!!

We love the book. So profound!

What a total transformation this has been. The journey brought growth in the Lord. Amazing!

This is such a great idea and so needed. Joining from Texas.

It has blessed me tremendously as we bow down and ask His blessing on our nation.

This has been a great journey! Our prayer team at church is doing this together. Those daily writings are so good.

It's been a blessing completing this with our Women at War group.

I did this last year. Very powerful. I will participate again.

I am loving this study and prayer nudges! It is so strengthening to know that all the Psalms are being prayed back to the Father daily.

This has been one of the best studies I have participated in.

I can't even begin to describe what I feel today with it being the last day. This is my third year with you. It has been AMAZING!

This is a great program and a fantastic way to end one year and begin the new one!

I've been wanting to do something like this but didn't know how. Thank you for standing in the gap.

This is my second year going through this devotional. It has been such a blessing both times.

Thank you for organizing this beautiful time of intercession. It's been an honor to participate these three years.

My husband and I have been deeply blessed by participating again in this prayer project! What a wonderful experience!

Thank you for allowing me to partake in this challenge. Look forward to being a part of it again.

What a blessing this book has been. It is extremely well-written and biblically sound. May God use this project to transform our country.

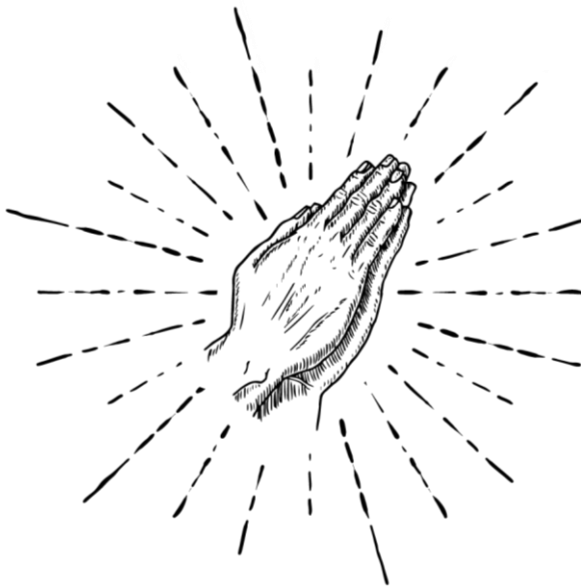
One of the most purposeful actions I have seen being encouraged in a while. Count me in.

I am so excited to do this! Can't wait to see what our Father does.

Thank you so much for preparing this powerful resource! A mighty work is on the horizon.

If We Will... Then He Will

*A 50 State Prayer Project
for Revival*



A Three Strand Cord





Prayer
lays hold of
God's plan and
becomes the link
between **His will**
and its accomplishment
on earth.

- Elisabeth Elliot

We thought it was just lunch. But God had something more in mind.

We are three friends from church who simply decided to get together for lunch over the Memorial Day weekend of 2021. 15 minutes into lunch, one of us said she had been asking the Lord for a couple of friends to help with an idea she believed He had given her. She shared a plan to organize prayer warriors from each State to pray for revival in America. We said “Let’s do it!” The flame was lit.

We felt this was too overwhelming a job for three ordinary women from South Dakota. But if it was the Lord’s will, He could make it happen. And He did, in miraculous ways! He tapped each one of our unique personalities, giftings and backgrounds to bring this to fruition. After only 7 weeks, with over 70 hours of meetings and countless hours of writing and rewriting, the original rough draft of this manuscript was complete.

We have been truly astounded and humbled at the response this project has received over the past three years. Not only are thousands of prayer warriors participating from every State in our nation, but our website has been visited by people from over 50 countries around the world. Be encouraged. The world is hungering for revival.

In response to input from past participants, this 2024 edition has been expanded to include 81 full hymn scores and lyrics. However, a free, full copy of this manuscript is available on our website for viewing, downloading or printing. Though we have copyrighted this material, we give you total freedom to reproduce it free of charge. However, you are not permitted to financially profit from its reproduction nor alter its content in any way without prior written permission. You can contact us by visiting our website: ifwewill.com or sending an email to dawn@ifwewill.com.

May Almighty God use these words to stir hearts and bring revival to this nation and around the world, for His kingdom and His glory.

A Three Strand Cord (Ecclesiastes 4:12)

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THE PURPOSE

If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

II Chronicles 7:14

“If We Will...Then He Will”

If we will...then He will. What does that mean?

Many of us are feeling a growing unsettledness in our hearts. We are disturbed by the increasing immorality, division, and violence we see in our nation, and there doesn't seem to be an easy answer. We are growing fearful of the potential seismic shift in our futures.

We want our nation, our land to be healed. And that is what God promises to do, right? Yes, but it is an “If...then” proposition. “*If* we will...*then* He will.” So what needs to happen *first*?

II Chronicles 7:14 tells us we *first* must humble ourselves, pray, seek His face and turn from our wicked ways. Only then will He forgive our sin and heal our land.

“If We Will...Then He Will” is a grassroots prayer project for revival that was birthed from a desire to bring repentance and renewal to the hearts of His people, those of us called by His name.

This is not motivated by politics or church affiliation. It is simply a call to His people to turn from *our* wicked ways and implore Him to heal our land. The plan prepares intercessors from all 50 states to pray for 50 days for His people and for our nation.

How? It begins on December 1 with 31 days of preparation for spiritual battle. This is followed by a time of prayer and fasting on January 1, New Year’s Day. Then for 50 days - January 2 through February 20 - prayer warriors from all 50 states will be led in interceding on behalf of God’s people, our nation and our world.

This is not a passive project. We have a real enemy, and we need to learn how to seriously and effectively engage in battle against him and “the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms” (Ephesians 6:12 NIV). Therefore, there are 31 days of preparation for spiritual warfare, as well as a time of prayer and fasting, prior to our 50 days of intercession.

Why 50 days of prayer? The 50-day plan has specific and unique daily rotating reading assignments in Psalms for intercessors in each of the 50 states. The result is that the *entire* book of Psalms is lifted to the Lord by intercessors all across our nation *each and every day* for 50 days. Each prayer warrior will also seek the Lord daily, asking Him for the petitions He desires we bring before Him in prayer. The details are laid out on the following pages.

There is real hope for a new beginning, but only if we do it God’s way. Together, this is our journey back to Him, back to our “first love” (Revelation 2:4). Only then will we be enabled to turn from our wicked ways. And only then will He heal our land.

THE PROBLEM

*All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one,
to his own way;...* Isaiah 53:6a

How Did We Get Here??

We watch in both horror and disbelief. From airplanes being used as instruments of terror on September 11, to our cities being set on fire, to sin being proudly celebrated in our streets and the exploding issues of drugs and human trafficking, we think “How did we get here??”

The answer is simple. We decided to follow our own human nature. We went astray, turning away from God and His way, His truth. We have become “lovers of self...lovers of money...lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God” (II Timothy 3:2-4 ESV).

In the thousands of years of human history, a cycle of civilization has repeated itself over and over again. People find themselves in misery. Out of desperation, they cry out to God and experience a spiritual awakening. Delivery from misery brings liberty. Liberty, in turn, produces abundance. But sadly, abundance greatly diminishes the perception of a need for God. People begin doing what is right in their own eyes. The culture devolves into decadence as people seek more and more pleasure. And as sure as the sun rises and sets, cultures and people end up again in misery.

If we look at American history, we find a similar pattern. The great revivals of the 1700's led to great courage which bought freedom. The new nation, while not perfect, was established on Judeo-Christian values. Our founding documents reflected the founders' respect for God's moral standards. References to their dependence on Almighty God were frequent. For example, our first President, George Washington, declared "It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor." ¹

Our nation's history is filled with examples of God's protection and favor. But the resulting abundance and prosperity have predictably led to decadence. It now feels as if we are in moral freefall and headed back into misery. How sadly predictable we are.

As a nation, we have continued to turn away from God and His principles as laid out in His Word. Many believe that we have "outgrown" a belief in God, declaring we don't need God - or anyone else for that matter - telling us what to do. They claim there are no moral absolutes, no real right nor wrong. They proclaim freedom to follow their own personal moral compass, free to do whatever feels right in their own eyes.

Right in their own eyes? Where have we heard that concept before? It is repeated numerous times throughout Scripture as the Bible describes a rebellious, "stiff-necked" people turning away from God, time and time again. And predictably, it always ends up in disaster. Those who profess to be wise become fools (Romans 1:22).

So where do we go from here? Can we stop a repeat of the cycle? Yes, but only if we experience spiritual renewal. Read on to learn more about God's way to bring that about.

THE PLAN

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II Chronicles 7:14

What Can We Do About It?

II Chronicles 7:14 is a core verse that we will return to again and again. It is a concise description of God's prescription for the cure we desire, both for ourselves and our nation.

This remedy was given by God to Solomon following the dedication of Solomon's magnificent temple. Much like our nation, Israel had experienced an historic height of power and prosperity. So why did God choose that time to tell Solomon that His people needed to turn from

their wicked ways? Because God knows human nature. He knows that, in the midst of peace and prosperity, even we, His people, can feel as though we really don't need Him, and we end up going astray, going our own way. In His love and mercy, God outlines His way for us to come back to Him.

What is God's prescription? It is pretty straightforward. It requires *our* humbling; *our* earnest prayer, seeking God with *our* whole heart, and turning from *our* wicked ways. Ouch.

We tend to think that *other* people need to stop being such sinners. Why can't *they* just turn from *their* wicked ways so we can all be blessed by God and live together in peace and harmony? Like the fairy tale, we just want to live happily ever after. We are tempted to point the finger at other people and say *their* sin is to blame. But God says it's *our* sin.

Many of us don't want to talk or even think about sin. We know the Word says "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). But we don't *really* believe that. Most of us agree we aren't perfect, but we aren't all that bad, are we? We've all made "mistakes" as we call them. But we often knew right from wrong when we chose to do wrong. Why? Because we rationalized it wasn't really all that wrong? Because we thought we could get away with it? Because everyone else did it? Or maybe just because it made us feel good?

But then the reality of our foolish and willful choices set in. The little seeds of sin, those things that felt right in our own eyes, took root in our hearts and grew until they were full blown, full grown. Then came the reaping: the broken hearts and relationships, the damaged spiritual, emotional or physical health. That wasn't part of our fairy tale. We ignored the truth that sin is pleasurable only for a season (Hebrews 11:25 KJV), but then come the consequences.

Unfortunately, there's more cold, hard truth we prefer to ignore: "Judgment must begin at the house of God" (1 Peter 4:17 KJV). God's anger is particularly kindled against us, His people. Why? Because He paid the ultimate price with His life to redeem us. He opened our eyes to the truth and we experienced His grace and His goodness. And yet, in so many ways, we have chosen to turn our back on Him and go astray, go our own way. How?

Many of us as His people have lost our desire to be distinctive, to be set apart, to please Him alone. We find ourselves more focused on personal happiness and less on personal holiness. We may be choosing the comfort of lukewarm so we can straddle that fence – just enough repentance to get to heaven but just enough sin to feel good here. Many of us who call ourselves Christians are either secretly or openly in addiction to the pleasures of food, alcohol, pornography or other sexual immoralities. There now is very little difference in the moral metrics between “Christians” and the world. Is it because we have deposed God Almighty and elevated our pleasures to reign on the throne of our lives? Is that why our culture suddenly feels like a run-away train? Are *our* compromises to blame?

Some of us have bought and repeat the lie that people don’t need to turn from their sin because “God will understand.” Some even go so far as to teach that what we used to call sin isn’t even sin anymore. In an attempt to embrace the sinner, some of us have ended up endorsing the sin. And some have even joined in rebuking and mocking those who remain true to God’s Word.

Jesus joins the world in calling us hypocrites; we may honor Him with our mouths, but our hearts are far from Him; we worship Him in vain and our teachings are just human rules (Matthew 15:7-9 NIV). No wonder we fear judgment is just around the corner. Because it is.

What can we do about it? God has a remedy. He is bringing us to a recognition of our need for spiritual re-awakening. That may be why you are reading this right now. You may be sensing a desperation, a fear that our world of comfort and ease is quickly falling away. This fear helps turn us from the foolishness of our ways and return to the wisdom of His ways.

“If We Will...Then He Will” helps us “turn” and “return” together:

Part I consists of 31 days of preparation. Why? Because we are preparing for battle. Part I begins December 1 and ends on New Year’s Eve. Each day, we will read and meditate on a different chapter of Proverbs. Why Proverbs? Because two of the greatest deficiencies in our nation are wisdom and the distinction between right and wrong. We need training and reinforcement in both areas before we head into battle.

We also will be looking at several verses for instruction, including II Chronicles 7:14 and James 5:16, and topics such as the armor of God. The purpose of this preparation is to make us more fit and effective prayer warriors for our 50 days of intercession to follow.

Part II of this program is a time of prayer and fasting on New Year's Day, January 1. This day immediately precedes the 50 days of intercession. What this time of prayer and fasting will look like for you is just between you and the Lord. No one else needs to know what you are doing; but the Lord will know and promises to hear (Matthew 6:18 NIV).

Part III consists of 50 days of intercession, starting on January 2 and ending on February 20. We will be reading the book of Psalms together as a catalyst to remind us of God's greatness, of our neediness, and of His faithfulness to answer those who cry out to Him in repentance and desperate dependence. Each daily rotating reading in Psalms will then be followed by our praises and petitions as He leads us in intercession each day.

As each rotating division in Psalms is lifted to the Lord each day from each State, the *entire* book of Psalms will be read to the Lord *each and every day* for 50 days. Additionally, by the end of the 50 days, each prayer warrior will have read the entire book of Psalms.

We can expect Him not only to hear, but also to answer our prayers. Why? Because He says so. But there also are many amazing stories in our nation's history of when He has miraculously answered our prayers. The detailed story of General Patton's prayer is just one of many such examples scattered throughout the pages of our history as a nation. May you be encouraged as you read the following historical account.