

**Prayers for Transformation of the Church
and Spiritual Awakening of Our World
from the Prophets**



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Probably the best way to use these prayers is to pray through them a few at a time using a paperclip to keep track of where you stop each time. The written verses should serve as a framework on which you build the specifics. One caution: Just reading through the prayers may be interesting but it is not prayer and will not bring any changes.

The need for revival/transformation has perhaps never been greater in the whole short history of our nation. We are reeling under the judgments of God and are just a shell of the mighty nation we once were. Our courts can be bought and justice can be delayed indefinitely if one has enough money. The courts display a bias against Christianity using huge fines and long sentences to punish what is almost overlooked in others. Our lawmakers have found the way to entrench themselves as the nobility of the land by emptying the public treasury and borrowing against the respect and goodwill generated by our forefathers. They have sold our country to others for a few years of luxurious living. The godless media is busy calling evil good and good evil. Our schools are armed camps where kids are taught that man is god and how to sin safely. Our medical system is overwhelmed with incurable diseases and skyrocketing costs.

At the same time the Body of Christ is mostly asleep, caught in the traditions of yesterday or copying methods and programs that seemed to have worked somewhere else. She endures a "scandal a week" as dishonesty, immorality and greed of her leaders are exposed. Her debts for buildings, entertainment and other luxuries mimics the national debt and siphons off funds needed to send the gospel to the whole world. Her denominations are pitted against each other and against themselves.

I exhort you to use the words and prayers the prophets used as they tried to call their nation to repentance. They knew the judgment of God was either coming or underway and they saw the devastation it would bring. God gave them words fit for such an hour. We can use those words to call out to God and ask Him to revive the church and save our nation.

A transformed Body of Christ is the answer to virtually all the problems we see around us. God's desire is a "House of Prayer for all the nations." Will you be a part of that house of prayer? Let the Lord burden you with His desire for revival of the church which has to come before a spiritual awakening will come to our land. Add to these written words those prayers the Holy Spirit will release in your own spirit. Pray fervently now or our country will continue to pay dearly in the days ahead. Your Spirit inspired prayers can make a major difference.

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JEREMIAH

As you pray these first few prayers, remember that our Father is just as interested in positioning you in your right place in the kingdom as He was in positioning Jeremiah. He has placed the Holy Spirit inside you and is training, equipping and empowering you to accomplish kingdom works that no one else can do. So, come back to this first page often and pray these prayers for yourself, spouse, children, and friends. My comments about the verses are in normal type and the prayers from the verses are in bold type.

Chapter 1

This prayer does not ask for an exalted position - just the proper position for each of us.

Lord, set us apart and assign us to our proper position to the nation, as You did Jeremiah. 5

Often the job God designs for us is not what or where we would have chosen. Looking back later we will see that each kingdom job was designed to develop us, protect us and at the same time really did fit who God was changing us to be.

Don't let us make excuses. Send us wherever You want and speak through us Your message. Keep us from being afraid and deliver us from those who oppose us. 7-8

Ask the Lord to touch you and fill your mouth with His proper word for each moment. His words build up those around us and bring conviction to those in sin.

Touch us and put Your words in our mouths. 9

We bring the light and life of Jesus to every place we go. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil.

Set us over the nation to root out, pull down and to build up and plant exactly as You direct. 10

This is a short but extremely important verse. God will perform His word. As you pray through His word, you can expect to see Him in action.

Lord, hasten to perform the words You have given and are giving us. 12

More than ever, we need to stand and speak the words God is giving us. Expect criticism. The devil will always oppose, if he can, the work of God. Submit to God, resist the devil and press on in the strength, peace and anointing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Cause us to boldly speak all You tell us. Make us strong enough to withstand criticism and opposition. No matter how much the devil fights us, make us victorious in Your name. 17-19

Chapter 2

In troubling times, people find the things they have trusted and essentially worshipped - such as jobs, other people, health and good looks - are unable to deliver them. During these times they are often willing to let us introduce them to the real source of all help, the true and living God. Our job is to be alert and ready when God identifies people that He is drawing to Jesus.

As trouble comes to our nation, make us successful in speaking to those who have previously turned their back to You and wouldn't listen. 27

Chapter 3

More than ever, pastors are tempted to copy the world's methods and techniques to try and be successful. When they do this, the flock is manipulated and fed the world's knowledge and understanding. Pray for pastors to have God's heart and to do things His way.

Give to the church pastors after Your own heart and cause them to feed Your flock with knowledge and

understanding. 15

During my whole life, our country has consistently walked away from God and embraced greater and greater sin. This happened because the church was essentially asleep or just "playing church" instead of being salt and light. Revival in the church is the first step towards repentance and awakening in our land.

Cause our country to repent of years of disobedience and sin. 25

Chapter 4

Everything that made our nation great - like our honesty, morality, justice systems, family focus, compassion and our generosity - is being undermined. If the foundations are destroyed, the country will crumble. Revival in the church and spiritual awakening in the land is our only hope.

Merciful Father, turn our nation to You and away from sin before we are destroyed. 1

We are tempted to become discouraged and complacent and give up. We hear thoughts like, "What possible difference can you make?" The most important thing for us to do is to get close to Jesus and start praying fervently. From there, Jesus will work in our lives to make us powerful and effective in the kingdom. Soon, He will begin to do the same things in those around us. Remember, pray first and then do the tasks He assigns.

Move through the church and make sure all of us are actively involved in kingdom work. Use our church buildings and our homes in the most productive way to advance Your kingdom. Don't let us get tied up in things that hinder Your work. 3

There is still time to turn the tide and escape the destruction that is underway in our land.

Make sure the church prays and cries out so our land can be spared destruction. 8

We should feel the same anguish Jeremiah felt as we see families destroyed by divorce, babies aborted for convenience, justice perverted for money and a constant stream of godlessness pouring from the media. Pray that God will open our eyes and set the church to praying.

Cause us to be moved deeply by the destruction of families across our land. Make our nation see how foolish it is to reject You before it's too late. 19-20, 22

Chapter 5

The devil tells us our lives won't make a difference. This verse shows the importance and impact of one person who truly obeys the Lord and allows Him to work through his life.

Raise up men and women who serve and obey You, Lord, so You can pardon our land. 1

Every time life got easy for Israel, they ran into immorality and idolatry. America is doing the same thing and we are all tempted to relax and enjoy the good life.

Father, forgive us as a nation for taking the bounty You have given and using it to indulge in more sin. Cause us, even in plenty, to be pure and not go after what is not our own. 7-8

When we are yielded and God is speaking His words through us, the words should burn in the hearts of those who hear them.

Make Your words in my mouth like fire that sets ablaze the hearts of those who listen to me. 14

We have gone from being the biggest lender nation to being the biggest debtor nation. God is literally taking the abundance of the nation and giving it to others because we won't repent.

Cause our nation to repent before You have to take our abundance and give it to others. 17

Chapter 6

Years of pep talks, "sermonets" and motivational moments - coupled with the absence of words like "sin" and "repent" have left many Christians trapped in life-destroying sin patterns that never get fixed.

Keep the church from offering partial solutions and speaking peace when the need is cleansing and repentance. 14

Chapter 7

Because the Jews would not obey God, they ended up in all kinds of sin and God was very angry with them. It is essential for us to obey God.

Cause us to obey Your voice and walk in all the ways You command. As we do this, make things to go well for us. 23

Chapter 9

It is not too late yet. Keep praying our nation will repent and turn to the Lord.

Cause our nation to hear Your voice as You call our land to repentance. Don't let us wait until it is too late. 12

We are either walking in God's ways or the world's ways.

Don't let us walk after our own ideas or the ways of the world. 14

I was thinking last night about what God might do to bring judgment on our country. I realized that it isn't that He has to do something; rather, He has to stop doing some things. There are so many potential disasters poised and ready to go off and God is graciously preventing most of them. All He has to do is lift His hand a bit and big trouble begins.

Here are a few things that could happen. There are tons of chemical warfare gases in aging containers stored around the country. They are too fragile to move and almost impossible to safely destroy. When some of them begin to rupture and leak, many people could die. Nuclear contamination is showing up in more and more places. Nuclear weapon, chemical weapon and possibly biological weapon know-how and possibly weapons themselves are in the hands of third world countries. They could be smuggled into our country and used. Water sources continue to diminish and become more polluted. Several parts of our country are overdue for big earthquakes. Growing air traffic has pushed traffic control equipment beyond its limits.

We have a bankrupt country that is hopelessly in debt. Only the past good reputation of our country and the far reaching impact the collapse of our economy will have keeps the world from calling in our debt. We have created a welfare state where we pay people more not to work and have babies than we do our average workers. However, we no longer have the money to keep paying. When the welfare payments stop or reduce significantly, rioting in the streets begins. Severe rioting will shut down business and soon the economy will stop. At this point the government will step in with a virtual police state that is supposedly temporary but never goes away.

Our government openly approves and promotes homosexuality and lesbianism while at the same time encouraging the disintegration of the traditional family. Recently unclassified documents show our government exposed orphans, prisoners, mental patients and illegal aliens to nuclear tests. It also plotted and perhaps tested biological and chemical weapons on innocent victims. We have allowed and even funded the deaths of 30 million babies through abortions. Heartless businesses even look for commercial uses for the aborted babies to make more money.

It is only an extremely merciful and longsuffering God, a thin line of intercessors and the prayers of our godly forefathers which are staying God's awesome arm of judgment. No country has had more light, more Bibles and more churches. However, we are responsible for that light and thus deserve even greater judgment. Also, no nation is spreading more filth into the world than we are.

Do you see how overdue and deserved judgment is? I put these paragraphs near the front to help give you a greater sense of urgency as you pray these prayers.

When our relationship with God is right, there is ongoing excitement because we regularly see God at work in and around us.

So reveal Yourself to us that we are more excited about our relationship with You than anything else in the world. 24

Chapter 10

A lost world groping for truth makes up theories about how life came into existence and establishes its own customs, holidays and traditions. Christians know Jesus, who is truth, and see through the emptiness of most traditions and focus on getting their information from God's word, the Bible.

Keep us from learning the ways of the world. Don't let us make decisions based on horoscopes or positions of the moon or stars. Keep us from blindly accepting godless customs of lost people. 2-3

Ultimately, we are coming to a showdown between real Christianity and satan worship. All the false religions and cults the devil has used to lure people away from a personal relationship with Jesus will be exposed as false. People will have to make a clear choice whether to follow the devil and his antichrist or the Lord Jesus Christ.

Cause so-called gods that are not real to be forgotten. Cause religions that are not true Christianity to be exposed as false. 11

It is time for pastors who are not true believers to be removed from places of leadership. It is also time for those who are building their own empires to repent or be removed. The Lord is raising up those after His own heart to shepherd His flock. We need to fervently pray for our godly pastors.

Give us pastors that are wise and seek You, Lord. Cause the church to prosper and don't let any of the flock be scattered. Work powerfully in the hearts of those pastors who are off track so they are restored. If they will not repent, quickly remove them from leadership positions. 21

The Father is constantly correcting and disciplining His own. As He purifies our relationship with Him, He can use us to help others avoid eternal punishment in hell.

Correct us gently, Lord. Strongly resist those who continually refuse to know You and try to prevent others from knowing You. Work through Your church to reach as many of the lost as possible before Your wrath is poured out on the earth. 24-25

Chapter 11

As we as individuals and as churches obey the Lord, He will speak through us to call the whole nation to repentance.

Ensure that we obey Your voice and do all You command. Cause the whole nation to hear from You through Your church. 4, 6

Chapter 12

There is a lot of wickedness that can be cut off if we get our prayer work done.

Keep us from giving up even though the wicked seem to prosper and be in control for a time. Lord, please cut off the prosperity of the wicked and take away the ease of those who deal in treachery. 1

The verse is saying, "If the church can barely hold her own with the current problems she faces, what will she do when it really gets bad?" The verse makes me cry out to the Lord and ask Him to get me and you ready.

Lord, in this time of relative peace and security, get me ready for the pressures of the last days. See to it that I walk in your strength, wisdom and power. Use me to help others do the same. 5

Chapter 13

If we cling to Jesus and abide in Him, we will be a praise and glory to Him in the earth.

Keep us tightly knit to You, Lord, and cause us to be a praise and a glory to You throughout the whole earth. 11

Chapter 14

It builds our faith if we can give God a reason why He should answer our prayer. The reason why He should cleanse the church is because she is to be the bride of His Son, Jesus. Also, His reputation is tied up with His church.

Lord, though we don't deserve it, cleanse Your church and send revival and spiritual awakening to our land for Your sake and for Jesus' sake. 7

Chapter 15

If we are right with God so He doesn't have to resist us, we are free to help those in trouble who are now ready to talk about their relationship with God.

Cause us believers to get our lives and finances in order so that when trouble comes we are free to minister to those who turn to us for help. 11

The devil uses people to oppose our kingdom work. We are not fighting people, but the spiritual forces using them. We submit to God, resist the devil, stand our ground and pray.

Protect us from the intense opposition of those satanic forces who are against us. Deliver us out of their hands. 20-21

Chapter 16

These verses talk about God doing things that cause people from all over the earth to come to know Him. Let's ask Him to do those things now.

Jesus, cause multitudes to know You from all over the earth. Make them see that You are the Lord. 19, 21

Chapter 17

Ask the Lord to change you in any area where you are trusting in men. Ask Him to see to it that you trust Him alone and hope in Him.

Keep us from trusting in the strength or wisdom of men. Ensure we trust You completely. Make us like a tree planted by a river that is always green and fruitful. 5-8

The first thing a new believer gets is a new heart and the old heart dies. However, old habit patterns built into our flesh while we were lost often make us think we still have an old wicked, deceitful heart.

Father, make us know You have removed our old, wicked, deceitful heart and given us a new heart that is like You. Check out every area of our life and make us like Jesus. Heal us and save us for You are our praise. 9-10

True physical, emotional, mental and spiritual healing can come only from the Lord.

Jesus, heal me in the deepest depths of my soul and body. Save me completely from every bad habit, stronghold and sin. You are my praise. 14

Chapter 22

God wants the world to hear Him. Your prayers are needed because God waits until His people pray.

Cause the whole earth to hear and respond positively to You, Jesus. 29

Chapter 23

Even though God may seem far off at times, He is always near. He is also always hearing the prayers of believers even though He sometimes delays the answer so He can answer "bigger and better."

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be very near to Your people and those who are coming to know You. Fill the heaven and the earth with Your nearness and presence. 23-24

When our Lord gives us a word to share, we are to share it faithfully. We can also expect it to hit its mark and accomplish God's purpose.

Cause us to speak Your word faithfully. Make Your word in us like a fire that burns up trash but also warms the hearts of people. Make Your word in us like a hammer that knocks down strongholds that resist You but also builds up and equips the saints. 28-29

Chapter 24

It's been over 130 years since revival swept through our nation. There have been small turnings, but we desperately need a major turning back to God. Keep praying. Hopefully we are getting close to revival.

Cause our nation to return to You with all their hearts. 7

Chapter 26

If our nation doesn't repent and turn back to God, there is no hope of escaping the destruction underway in our country.

Give our country the grace to listen to Your word and repent so You can cut off the evil that has been let loose in our land. 3

Chapter 29

You are where you are for a purpose. Pray fervently for your city to turn to the Lord. If God could change hearts of the wicked kings of Babylon, He can change the hearts of leaders in your city.

Father, in Jesus' name I pray for the peace of this city in which I live. Make it into a strong center for Christianity with just and honest leaders. Root out strongholds of sin. Cause the righteous to prosper. Send revival to this city. 7

As you are spending time with our Lord, you are finding Him. He is using your prayers and your obedience to change others.

Cause Your desires for the church to be fulfilled. Set us to praying. Hear us and give us exactly what we need. Ensure we fully find You and know You with all our hearts. Raise us up as Your people and cut off the enemy's work. Gather believers from all the wilderness places they are in and bring them into alive, vibrant congregations. Make sure we listen to those who come with a word from You. 11-14, 19

Chapter 30

What holds your family or your church captive? Our Lord is interested in setting captives free.

Set Your church free from every form of captivity. Pull down every stronghold that keeps Your people from knowing and doing Your will. 3, 8

Healing of the nation follows healing of the church.

Restore the health of Your church and heal her wounds. Use her powerfully to turn our nation back to

You. Cut off those demonic forces that have been loosed in our country and drive them out. 16-17

God wants all men to be saved and to come to know the truth. Our prayers are instrumental in allowing a great multiplication of believers to begin.

Multiply believers all over the earth. Fill them with thanksgiving and joy. Especially reach the children and teenagers of the world and ensure they are disciplined in healthy churches. Make them know they are Yours and that You live in them. 19-20, 22

The plagues and wrath of the tribulation are part of the plan to protect and deliver the bride of Christ.

Father, move with mighty power to protect and equip Your Son's bride. 34

Chapter 31

When the verses speak about Israel or Zion, I immediately think "church" and focus the prayers on the church.

Build up the church in this day. Give the people grace to turn to You and find You. 4, 6

When the church is full of life, like it is during times of revival, multitudes of lost people come flooding in to get their lives healed and to find real peace and joy for their hearts. When they really see Jesus in the church, they come running to Him.

Make the church a place of healing and life for the whole world. Bring about a time when millions come and have their mourning turned to joy and their sorrow into rejoicing. Cause the multitudes to find the comfort of knowing You. Fill all the believers to overflowing with Your goodness and life. 9, 13-14

Our grief over the hurt and sin in the world should lead us to fervent prayers asking God to intervene and send revival.

Lord, don't let us ever stop watching and praying for revival. Cause those who weep and pray for revival to see the day of harvest and rejoice. 16-17

God has been watching over you since before your birth and is using you to build His kingdom.

Watch over Your church to build her up and plant her all over the earth. 28

Jesus has placed in our heart the desire to know Him deeply and intimately. The more we know and love Him, the more fully we demonstrate His life and love to a lost world.

Jesus, You live in our hearts. Come forth in the lives of believers more fully than ever before in the history of the church. Cause us to know Your will and join You in what You are doing. Ensure we repent and turn from all our sins. 33-34

Chapter 32

First, God spoke to Jeremiah, then He sent a confirmation. He is willing to confirm what He is saying to you. When we know God is speaking, we must act on what He says.

Make sure we know when we are hearing a word from You. Give us confirmations and then do through us what You want done. 8-9

We look at our lives and wonder if God can ever straighten us out enough to trust us with His power. The truth is, He is able and we will see His mighty power expressed through us in these last days.

Do what is necessary in us so Your great power can be released through us into this sick and dying world. 17

The more we see and experience God, the more we will be able to help others come to know His love and

escape His wrath.

Open our eyes to see and experience You, the Great and Mighty God. Give us Your great counsel and do Your mighty works through us. 18-19

Just as God moved with signs and wonders and great power to deliver Israel from Egypt, let's pray that He will do all that is necessary to deliver the church from her bondage to worldly ways and things.

Lord, move through Your church with great power and outstretched arm. Do many signs and wonders through Your people. Make what You have spoken come to pass. 20 - 21

In 2 Chronicles 7:14, the Lord gives us four steps to releasing His power in healing our cities. Once we take these steps, then God goes to work to hear our prayer, forgive our sins and heal our land.

Step 1: "HUMBLE THEMSELVES"

This could involve fasting. It certainly requires recognizing we are in trouble and that, despite all we have done, the church is in more desperate need of revival than ever. Often, the church seems to skip this step.

Step 2: "PRAY"

There is not a more powerful way to pray than to pray God's word back to Him. Use these written prayers or get your own from Scripture and spend much time with God.

Step 3: "SEEK MY FACE"

Seek that real, intimate, personal relationship that God has available for you. Ask Him to bring you into it.

Step 4: "TURN FROM WICKED WAYS"

Ask the Holy Spirit to identify every area of unconfessed sin.

Ask our Father to put His finger on everything in our lives that is full of self and less than God's best. Confess it as a wicked way and repent i.e. change your mind..

After doing the above, turn on your spiritual radar and watch for ways God will use you and work in those around you to bring revival. Continually thank Him for what He is doing.

As believers we know that transferring someone out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God's Son and giving that person a new heart and a new nature is a bigger miracle than curing AIDS. However, when God works through the church to cure the incurable and fix the "unfixable," many are then ready for the bigger miracle of salvation.

Show the world through us that nothing is too difficult for You. Make the church the one place on earth where AIDS and other "incurable" diseases can be cured. 27

As you read verse 33, you sense more sadness than anger in God's voice as He speaks of those who turn their back to Him. This makes me want to ask Him to so work in my heart that I don't turn my back on Him or refuse to obey Him.

Father, don't let us in any way ignore You or resist Your instructions. In any area where we have not listened, cause us to hear and obey. 33

Many immature, undisciplined believers have wandered away from real Christianity into cults or churches that look good on the outside, but are spiritually dead.

Lord, gather believers out of every cult and dead church they have wandered into and place them in live, worshipping churches. 37

Jesus prayed in John Chapter 17 for unity among believers and that prayer will be answered. We need to pray for unity under Christ's leadership and be willing to cooperate as the Lord changes our minds where necessary.

Bring Your church into unity and give us one heart to fulfill Your commission to make disciples all over the earth. Cause us to revere You and bring our families much good. Give us great success as we obey. 39-41

I keep praying and watching for the day when God's mighty power is more fully demonstrated through His church.

Lord, bring us to the place where Your mighty promises of answered prayer and works of power are regularly experienced by all believers. 42

Chapter 33

The instructions are clear: "Call on me and I will show..." Let's be those who call.

Lord, I call on You and ask You to answer me and the body and tell us great and mighty things that we don't yet know. 3

All over our nation there is tremendous need for healing and cleansing because of all the damage done by our sin.

Heal us and reveal to us an abundance of peace and truth. Set our cities free from all the things that hold them in captivity. Rebuild the spiritual strength of our nation and cleanse us from sin. 6-8

We will be those who see the church become a praise and glory to God all over the earth. We need to pray because we are not there yet.

Cause the church to bring joy, praise and honor to You from all the nations of the earth. Cause the lost to fear and tremble as they see all the blessings You pour out on and through Your church. 9

There is a harvest of Gentiles and a harvest of Jews yet to come in these last days.

Hasten to bring forth the promised harvest that is to occur in the last days. 14

Chapter 42

In this chapter, the Jews asked for directions from God and then refused to follow them. Jesus provides us with directions day by day as we walk in fellowship with Him and obey Him.

You are the Way, show us where to walk and what to do. 3

Once we know what God wants, we must respond in obedience quickly. This bunch did not and they paid with their lives.

Cause us to obey You no matter what the cost. Make sure we wait until we clearly know what You want us to do. 6-7

Jeremiah gave them God's word of warning. We have words of warning that we need to be delivering to lost people today.

Make us to be those who clearly warn people of the danger of not obeying what You say. 21-22

Chapter 48

Here are two traps to avoid. One is using God's work to enrich or benefit ourselves instead of the kingdom. The second is to become complacent in our salvation and useless in the kingdom. There is a war underway and it is not time to loaf and goof off.

Keep us from doing Your work deceitfully. Don't let us settle down and become complacent and useless. Lord, use the tests and trials of our past to significantly improve our usefulness and effectiveness for

You. 10-11

Chapter 50

Soon, (perhaps very soon) we will see the Jews coming to Jesus in large numbers. Our prayers can hasten this day.

Hasten the day when the Jews turn to You. Cause them to weep, seek and find You. 4

Chapter 51

Almost all the stuff practiced today by the godless cults came from ancient Babylon. All will be exposed and eventually destroyed in the last days.

Lord, hasten the day when all the evil religions that have flowed out of Babylon are destroyed. 47, 52

ISAIAH

Chapter 1

Our prayers are useless if we refuse to deal with sin in our lives or if we refuse to do what God wants us to do.

Cut off faithless, showy, pretend prayers within the church. Cause us to repent, be cleansed and turn from evil. Teach us to obey You. Work in us so we make godly decisions, care for the oppressed and provide for orphans and widows. 15-17

God is willing and eager to wash away our sins if we repent and confess.

Tell us where we have sinned and what is required for us to be cleansed. Make us into willing and obedient servants, Lord. 18-19

An observant Isaiah could write the same verse about many of the leaders in our country today.

Don't let our country refuse You and rebel against You. Remove leaders who are rebellious, dishonest and seeking their own gain. Raise up those who will obey You and truly care for the fatherless and widows. 23

Godless, dishonest, political judges can quickly undermine the confidence people have in our laws and legal system. When the legal system fails, a dictator usually is chosen to "restore order." We are probably much closer to this than we think.

Restore our judicial system so it delivers fair, timely justice for all. Raise up godly counselors and mediators who can fairly settle most matters without going to court. 26

We either repent as a nation or reap the destruction we deserve.

Strongly call to repentance those who have forsaken You. 28

Chapter 2

In the last days, the church will be awesome all over the world. Let's pray for this.

Establish the church and make her powerful in every nation on earth. Bring people from every nation into Your church and disciple them in Your ways and paths. 2-3

Twenty-one years in the Air Force helping develop weapons of war makes me eager to see the day of real peace after Jesus returns.

Hasten the day of Your return when true peace shall fill the earth. 4

First the church must walk in the light and then the nation has a chance .

Cause the church and then our nation to walk in Your light. 5

Judgment and change starts in the church.

Pour out a genuine humility within Your church and across our land. Cause us to exalt You. Cause those who are proud, lofty and arrogant to repent and humble themselves before You have to bring them down. 11-12

Man's best is not the answer. Only God can get it right the first time and every time. It's time we started really listening to Him instead of the "news."

Take the focus of the church off men and cause us to listen to and follow You, Lord. 22

Chapter 3

A leading secular magazine recently predicted that wars of the future would be fought over water. We take it for granted here in the U.S. but God may have to "turn off the faucet" if we continue to plunge into sin and turn away from God.

Cause our nation to repent before You have to cut off our abundance of food and pure water. Turn the people to You so You can give us godly, wise leaders. 1-4

We are virtually in the day of "no respect" or lawlessness and it is very scary.

Father, save us from the day when there is no respect for life, authority or the rights of others. 5

The seeds sown by a godly person bring many blessings.

Continue to protect and make things go well for the righteous. 10

A focus on outward beauty led to pride which led to severe correction by God.

Take away our worship of outward beauty and cause us to respect and admire those filled with Your life. 16-24

Chapter 5

The only hope of lost people is the prayers and witness of believers.

Work powerfully through Your church to rescue those caught up in alcohol, drugs and immorality. Cause them to find real life in You. Bring a great harvest out of those currently headed for hell. 11-14

Pray that we will do a much better job of presenting a true picture of who God is.

Lord, cause the lost world to see how just, holy and righteous You are. 16

When I read these verses, I immediately think of the media. They consistently call evil good and good evil. Our teachers, political leaders and judges are often doing the same.

Correct those who call evil good and good evil and substitute darkness for light and bitter for sweet. Confound those who are wise in their own eyes and think they know all the answers. Set free those who are addicted to alcohol and drugs. Expose those who cheat the righteous for a bribe. Greatly reduce the numbers of those who ignore Your word and despise You. 20-24

Chapter 6

When Isaiah saw the Lord, it changed his life forever. We need to more clearly and fully see the Lord. Let's pray for that for one other.

Cause Your people to see Your awesome majesty, beauty and power. 1

Only God can control our tongue, so continue to surrender it to Him.

Touch our mouths, clean up our words and our lives. Get us ready so You can send us wherever You want. Cause us to speak to the people all that You give us to say. In mercy, open the ears of the lost to respond to Your word and be saved. 7-10

Chapter 7

The devil tries to get us to look at the problem. God wants us to look at Him and listen to Him.

Make sure we listen to You alone. Keep us at peace and fearless as we do the tasks You assign. 4

Chapter 8

Ask the Lord to do whatever is necessary to make sure you hear Him and obey Him.

Father, speak powerfully and keep us from walking in the ways of the world. 11

We will be filled with awe and wonder as we come closer to our Father.

Father, so work in us that we make You the most special One in our lives. Make sure we relate to You with awe and deep respect. 13

The times when God seems far away, teach us to relate to Him by faith and not by feeling.

Cause us to wait for You even if You are hiding Your face for a time. Keep us intensely looking to You. 17

God has a plan to use you and your family to expand His kingdom.

Work through us and our families to do signs and wonders that draw the nation to You. 18

Chapter 9

We who contain Jesus should light the way out of darkness for the lost people around us.

Light up Your church with Your great light and make her very visible to the whole world. 2

Jesus is more than a counselor: He is the wonderful counselor. He is more than a peace giver: He is the Prince of Peace and the only source of real peace.

Lord, cause us to be filled with Your wonderful counsel and peace. 6

His kingdom must keep increasing until He returns.

Lord, cause Your church to keep growing in every land. 7

Chapter 10

Once you understand from this verse that God strongly dislikes those who make bad laws or twist the law, you are ready to pray some strong prayers on this subject.

Remove those who make unjust laws. Pull down those who are destroying our legal system. Resist those who take away the rights of others. 1-2

The king of Assyria boasted how he had robbed the treasures of the people. Our federal and state governments are doing the same thing today.

Remove those in the government who spend the country into bankruptcy and plot ways to take away more of the resources of the people. 13-14

Isn't it time some of the devil's thorns and briars are burned?

Kindle a fire under the works of the devil. Cause Your church to be a flame and the Holy Spirit a fire

sweeping across the land. Keep the church focused on You, Lord. 16-17,20

Chapter 11

On our own, we do not have any real wisdom or understanding. However, the Holy Spirit who lives in us has all wisdom, knowledge and everything else we need.

Holy Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, power and knowledge, fill us and express all You are through us. Cause us to make wise, righteous decisions. 2-4

Chapter 12

This is the day to call on the Lord and tell others all He is doing. Because Jesus has become a permanent part of us and us a permanent part of Him, we will always be where He is through all eternity.

Don't let us ever lose the joy and excitement of our salvation. Fill us with praise. Prompt us to point out all You are doing and tell everyone how wonderful You are. Give Your people songs that are sung to You and express our joy and praise for who You are and what You have done. 1-6

Chapter 13

By the time it is obvious to the world that Jesus is real and is on His way back to earth, the hearts of men will be so hardened they will probably be unable to repent and be saved. NOW is the day of salvation.

Cause those who are not at all ready for Your return to really get worried and start seeking You. Give them a sense of the fear they will experience in that day and draw them to Yourself. 6-8

Chapter 17

The Lord brought trouble to Israel so they would return to Him. The tremendous problems we are facing are calling us to look to the Lord.

As trouble increases in our nation, cause the people to look to You, their Maker, and respect You the Holy One of Israel. 7

Chapter 19

Pray for five cities in Egypt to turn to the Lord as described in these verses.

Hasten the day when Egypt turns to You and knows You. 18-21

Chapter 24

The whole country suffers when the people turn away from God.

Heavenly Father, make our nation realize that everyone - employers and employees, buyers and sellers as well as lenders and borrowers - will be in serious trouble unless we repent and return to You so You can stop the judgment of our land. 2-3

Our only safe place is in a close, intimate relationship with Jesus.

Show our nation there is no place to run for safety once Your judgment begins. 18

Chapter 25

Our part is to tell others how good God is.

Work in people all over the earth so they praise and glorify You. Cause the world to know You are the strength of the poor and needy and a protector in the storms of life. 3-4

We have been saved from the penalty of sin. We are being saved from the power of sin. We will one day be saved from even the presence of sin. Hallelujah.

Teach us to patiently wait for Your salvation. 9

Chapter 26

Our nation currently ridicules righteousness and avoids truth.

Almighty God, make us into a righteous and truthful nation. 2

Jesus is our peace.

Keep us in Your perfect peace and in a close, intimate and personal relationship with You. Teach us to trust You completely. 3-4

The Lord wants to bring us and our nation back to Himself.

Bring our nation back to the path of uprightness and justice. 7

Prayer should be the thing we do with the most intensity.

Cause the deepest desires of our soul to be for fellowship with You. Work in us so we spend quality time with You every day. Use us to teach the world Your ways and to demonstrate Your righteousness. 8-9

These verses describe the condition of the church. We have done man's best and used all our wit, charm, education and facilities, but in the past 10 years the number of believers in the U.S. has remained unchanged. Our best efforts have not brought about salvation in our land.

Precious Father, reduce us to tears of travail and repentance for the state of the church. Jesus, do whatever is necessary so that You are restored to Your rightful place as head of the church. 18

There are currently tremendous persecutions of Christians underway all over the earth. If we remain on earth through the tribulation, we will see how God protects us as He pours out His fury on the earth.

Father, today we pray You will protect those believers being persecuted around the earth. We pray You will hide them for a time as You deal with those who oppress them. 20-21

Chapter 28

Jesus is our firm foundation.

Cause our faith to be anchored securely on You, our foundation stone. 16

Everyday more and more people are entering into agreements with the forces of hell and are worshipping idols and demons and materialism.

Break vows and agreements made with the devil by those involved in cults and the occult and set them free. 18

The world thinks the earth will go on forever, but this verse tells us there is a full end coming.

Protect and deliver Your people from the sicknesses and diseases that are spreading across the whole earth. Teach us how to live in these last days. 22

The Lord God is our teacher and He gives us His wisdom and power.

Cause us to experience Your wonderful counsel and power in our lives. 26 & 29

Back in the mid 70s, the church I attended in L.A. was planning an all-church retreat. A few of us met every Saturday morning to pray for revival. We were also praying that this retreat would be a time when God would move powerfully to change some people's lives.

Each night I was also praying for the retreat. One night the Lord seemed to say, "Stop asking and

start thanking Me because the prayers have been answered." It took a few nights but He finally convinced me to quit asking and start thanking Him.

At the retreat, nothing happened Friday or Saturday night. I was getting worried that God wouldn't show up. A friend corrected me and told me to leave it up to God and keep trusting Him. Even while we were talking, God was at work in some of the cabins. The next morning all heaven broke loose at the camp as people went to each other to get things right and were asking to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

When we respond to the Spirit's prompting and pray, God will take care of His part by bringing revival.

Chapter 29

The church is asleep and desperately needs to awaken.

Lord, wake up the church from her sleep and open the eyes of the prophets and seers. 10

It grieves me when I see how well today's church fits these words written so many years ago.

Keep us from being hypocrites who say the right words but are not right in our hearts. Keep us from shallow, meaningless singing and talking. Give us instead reverent, intense worship of You. 13

Don't you want to be right in the middle of the amazing things God is doing on earth today? Through prayer you can.

Shut down our plans and schemes. Cause us to know and do Your will. 14-16

The closer we get to God the more others - especially our kids - will be drawn to Jesus through us.

Cause our children to make their relationship with You the most important part of their life. Straighten up every part of their life and cause them to intimately know You. 23-24

Chapter 30

This is the cure for "burned-out" church members.

Cause the church to turn to You with all their hearts and rest in You. Keep us calm and confident in You no matter what happens. 15

The Lord wants to give us clear, specific directions.

Although we have gone through trials and You have seemed far away at times, be very intimate with us from now on. Speak clearly to us. Tell us the step You want us to take next. 20-21

Pray that those lost people you know will respond to God's call before it is too late.

Make Your voice heard everywhere and make those who do not know You clearly know they are lost and are facing Your wrath. 27-28

Pray for demonstrations of the glory, majesty and power of the Lord to be shown to the lost billions who are alive today.

Fill Your people with songs of gladness day and night. Cause Your glorious voice to be heard all over the earth in a way that draws multitudes to Yourself. 29-30

Chapter 31

Ever notice how often the Lord tells us to trust Him alone?

Keep us from trusting in anything or anyone but You. 1

In the coming worldwide revival, millions will turn from idols and false religions to the True and

Living God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Hasten the day when the world turns from their idols and godless religions to You, the one true and living God. 7

Chapter 32

We desperately need a mighty move of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out Your Spirit on our country such that virtually everyone becomes concerned about their relationship with You. 15

Chapter 33

Jesus is our everything.

Lord, be our life every day. Be the strength and stability of our lives. Teach us to treasure our walk with You. 2, 6

This is a good prayer to lay up now. Even more, we should pray it for our brothers and sisters around the world.
Cause our country to walk righteously, speak truth, refuse unjust gain and take action against evil. As we do these things, protect and heal us and draw us closer to You. Make our homes secure with sure supplies of food and pure water. 15-17

Through prayer, we can appeal to God who is above every official in our land. We need the Lord to intervene in many of the decisions now being made.

Lord, as judge, lawgiver and king, You are our Supreme Court, Congress and President. Overturn rules, laws and decisions from our elected and appointed officials that violate Your perfect laws. Protect us from rulings against Your church. 22

Chapter 34

Do you see that God wants the world to hear from Him! Be ready as you pray this verse because it probably will involve you or your children or your money or maybe all three.

Do what is necessary to get every nation on earth interested in hearing Your word. 1

Chapter 35

I am praying for the day when most of us are used by the Lord in healing the sick and then introducing them to Jesus.

Lord, work through us to heal the blind, deaf, lame and mute. Flow Your rivers of living water freely through Your church to the world. 5-7

Not too many of us seem to be concerned about "The Way of Holiness" today.

Lord, work in us to clearly show the world the straight and narrow way of holiness and life and draw multitudes to You through our examples. 8

Chapter 36

Just as Rabshakeh mocked King Hezekiah and his God, the world mocks us today.

Lord, much of the country thinks the church is impotent and her prayers are useless. Show Yourself strong in behalf of Your people as the world mocks us and You. 18

Chapter 37

When the church gets right with the Lord, then He deals powerfully with our enemies.

Keep us from being afraid of the militant groups that mock You and Your standards. Make those who set themselves against You feel Your mighty power and draw them to Yourself. 6-7

During our lives, the church has lost almost every battle. I'm ready to see God doing the fighting because He doesn't lose.

Father, intervene so powerfully in behalf of Your people, where appropriate, that the whole world knows that You and You alone are the Lord. 20

Chapter 38

Hezekiah was "set up." He got sick and was told he was going to die. He then got really serious in prayer and wept with a great weeping. God then granted him 15 more years of life. During this time he had a son who was part of the lineage of Christ. See it? God wanted and needed Hezekiah to live so the lineage of David didn't stop. Yet, until Hezekiah prayed, God waited. Prayer meets God's needs and ours at the same time.

Father, see to it that we pray the prayers You want so Your purposes for our lives are fulfilled. 2-3

Our God is a God who heals.

Lord, many of Your people are sick because of sin, unbelief, fear and worry. Set them free and heal those that You want healed. 9-22

Chapter 39

The devil can't read our minds. When I am talking to God about things I don't want the devil to know about, I think them, but don't say them out loud. Now if you are praying in a group, just ask the Lord to keep the demons out of hearing range and pray out loud. Since the devil likes darkness, let's keep him in the dark as much as possible.

Lord, keep us from giving the devil and his crew any information or insights into Your plans. Keep him from knowing where or how You are going to move next. 2-4

Chapter 40

Our God is the God of all comfort.

Give Your shepherds words that comfort and instruct Your people. Keep us from striving for the things that are already ours. Cause us to receive everything You have provided. 1-2

Is it sinking in that the word of God is forever and can be absolutely trusted?

Make us really know that Your word will stand forever and can be trusted. 8

How we need the Great Shepherd to take over every aspect of our lives and our churches.

Lord, come in great power and shepherd Your flock. 10-11

These are good verses to memorize and believe.

Cause us to receive Your power when we are faint and Your strength when we are weak. Fill us with Your power, life and energy as we do Your work. 29-31

Chapter 41

If God be for us, who can be against us?

Lord, strengthen us with Your power and steady us with Your powerful hand. Confound those who resist what You are doing through Your people. 10-11

I really enjoy praying this verse for myself and others.

Make us into a sharp new threshing instrument in Your hands to reap the harvest You have prepared.

15

We need to move deeper into worship and praise.

Cause Your people to rejoice and glory in You, the Holy One of Israel. 16

Chapter 42

We are to be very gentle with those who have been wounded and broken by the world.

Cause Your church to be very gentle with those who are hurting and broken. Heal and restore them through us. 3

If you would pray these verses for me, I would appreciate it.

Lord, You have called us in righteousness. Hold us by the hand and make us a covenant to the people and a light to the world. Use us to open blind eyes and release those who are prisoners of sin. 6-7

In the early 70s the Lord seemed to say these were my life verses.

I am watching and praying for the day when God's glory rests on the church again.

Put Your glory on us but keep us from trying to claim it or take credit for anything You do. Bring forth the new things in our lives and in Your church that You want. Tell us what You are doing and are about to do. 8-9

The cities of the world are packed with people who need to know the Lord.

Cause people all over the earth to praise and glorify You. 11-12

Because of our sin, the U.S. has gone from the greatest lender nation to the greatest debtor nation in just a few years. Sin really costs.

Make the people aware of the tremendous consequences of sin on us, our children and our land. 24-25

Chapter 43

God doesn't always help us avoid trouble, but He does help us to go through it.

Cause us to really believe that You take care of those who belong to You. Keep us from being afraid. If we have to go through severe tests, be very close to us and protect us. Give us grace to endure as You refine and purify us. Cause it all to work out for our good. 1-2

We need to get it settled that God really does love us and that we are precious in His sight. The cross is all the proof we need.

Knowing the things we have done, it is hard to believe we are precious in Your sight. Cause us to believe You and respond to Your great love. 4

Back in 1977, we were stationed in Los Angeles in the Air Force. We felt the Lord had previously said He was going to move us to Fort Worth, Texas where Marcia and I met and married in 1975. In February, the Lord impressed Isaiah 43:5-6 on my spirit and indicated that it related to a reassignment. It didn't make any sense to me at the time.

Soon we got orders to go to Edwards AFB, California. This certainly didn't fit what we thought we had heard. A month later, I received a call from a major in Fort Worth asking if I wanted to come there. I assured him I wanted to come, but that I already had orders to go to Edwards AFB. I called to see if I could get the orders changed, but the guy at headquarters said no. The next morning I saw the verses again during my quiet time. I then understood we were to be gathered from the west (Los Angeles). The north (Edwards AFB, north of LA) was to let us go and the south (Fort Worth, Texas) would not hold us back. Before the day was over, headquarters called and said they were willing to change the orders and by July we were in

Fort Worth, teaching a study on prayer and working at a new Air Force job.

Be listening as you read God's word, He may be speaking to you about specific things He is going to do in your life.

Draw sons and daughters to Yourself from the ends of the earth and position us where you want us. Through us, bring praise and glory to Your name. Use us to tell the spiritually deaf and blind about You. 4-8

We are the witnesses that have to get the job done. There is no backup plan. However, we are not yet operating in the power and anointing that is available because the church is praying so little.

Make us powerful witnesses to the world that You are the one true and living God and the one and only Savior of the world. Do powerful works in and through us that will last into eternity. 10-11,13

Now is the time to turn loose of old, dead traditions and methods and do it God's way. Needless to say, we don't want to swap old legalism for new legalism so we must hear from God.

Keep us from dwelling on the past or holding on to lifeless traditions. Make us aware of the new things You are doing. Make a path for Your church into every people group on earth. 18-19

Our reason for living is to show forth God's praise as we tell how He paid for and blotted out our sins.

Jesus, send Your living water through the church to everyone on earth who will accept it. Use Your church to cause Your name to be praised throughout the whole earth. Cause us to know that You have fully paid for, blotted out and forgotten the sins we have confessed. 21-25

Chapter 44

I have prayed this a bunch of times for our boys. I want them to be spiritually tall and mature like willows tower over the grass.

Create a thirst in our children to know You intimately and then fill them with Yourself. Pour out Your Spirit upon them along with all Your rich blessings. Cause them to spring up among their peers like trees beside a stream. Prompt them to confess that they are Yours and to tell others about You. 3-5 (Great prayer for our kids.)

Join me in praying that we are all anointed to do this.

Father, cause Your church to powerfully declare that You are the one and only God and that everyone must eventually answer to You. Tell them clearly through us that everything they see or know about was created by You. 8

Because the church doesn't talk about sin much anymore, the world doesn't know they are lost and need to be redeemed.

Lord, prompt us to sing and effectively tell of our redemption and how You paid for our sins by Your own death. Cause multitudes to know that You are their creator as well as the creator of the heavens and the earth. 22-24

Those who track the predictions of the astrologers tell us the predictions have an extremely low accuracy rate. God must be frustrating their confused guessing just like these verses imply.

Frustrate the predictions of the astrologers and confound the wisdom of those who think they are too smart to need You. Speak through Your church the things You are about to do and then do them. 25-26

Chapter 45

I treasure these verses. Seriously, I ask the Lord to take treasure away from the devil's group and give it to us for kingdom use.

Lord, go before Your church to clear the way and open every closed door. Give the church the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places. Especially, give the church the people now lost in darkness and hidden from Your truth. Make them a treasure to You and Your church. 3

The more intimately we know God, the more effective we are in bringing others to Jesus.

Strengthen us and cause us to intimately know You. Use us to bring people to You from all over the earth. 5-6

This is a verse that allows us to call upon the Lord to powerfully make Himself known to the world.

Open up the heavens, Lord, and pour out salvation and cause righteousness to spring up on the earth. 8

When we know what God wants, we can command it to come into being as we pray. God enforces our words when we are saying what He wants said.

Prompt us to ask You about what You are wanting to do. Speak into being through us the things You want said and done. Raise us up in righteousness and direct us in all our ways. Use us to set free those illegally held captive by the devil. 11, 13

Our current shame and embarrassment is due to our tolerance of sin in the church. God's preference is that the church be a praise and a glory in the whole earth.

Keep Your church from being put to shame or confused by the world. Cleanse us where we need it. 17

Our prayers open the doors for salvation of multitudes.

Cause multitudes from all over the earth to know You and believe in You for salvation, Lord. 22

When we speak God's word, He enforces it and causes it to bring forth the results He desires.

Cause Your word to go out through us in righteousness and power and accomplish what You want. Draw people to us so we can teach them. Resist those who resist what You are doing through us. Hasten the day when every knee will bow and every tongue confess that You, Jesus, are Lord. 23-24

Chapter 46

These are comforting verses as we get older, but also a reminder that God is always at work in our lives even to our last day.

Cause us to listen closely to You. Take care of us all our life. Don't let us waste our latter years playing. Keep us effectively serving You especially in prayer. 3-4

Current events are not a surprise to God. He also knows exactly what to do next to accomplish His kingdom purposes.

Make us understand what is to take place in these last days. Fully accomplish all You have planned for our lives. 10-11

Chapter 47

Again in these verses, the Lord takes on those who trust in spells, witchcraft and astrology. Remember believer, there is no place for astrology in your life at all. If someone wants to know what sign you were born under, tell them it was the cross and then tell them about Jesus.

Totally frustrate all those who trust in astrologers, horoscopes and the predictions of so-called prophets.

Keep Your people out of this stuff. Raise up those who give Your church a clear word from You. 12-14

Chapter 48

It sometimes seems like a long time between when God gives us a promise and when He fulfills it. When He does start to move, even impossible things can really change fast. Keep asking Him to show you all you can handle of things to come.

Heavenly Father, please act and bring to pass the things You have declared to us. Tell us new things at this time, even hidden things which we don't know. 3,6

Remember Psalm 23:3 tells us that God leads us "for His name's sake." In other words, His reputation is at stake in us because we are His and thus He is even more interested in us walking in the right path than we are.

For Your sake, Lord, act and get glory for Yourself out of our lives and the things You do in and through our lives. 11

The Lord specializes in eternal profit. He is often willing to sacrifice some things here in order to lay up eternal treasures. However, He is also willing to give a measure of success here if we walk in His ways.

Lord, teach us to profit and lead us in the way we should go. Cause us to listen to Your commandments. Fill our lives with peace and righteousness. Don't let our offspring ever be cut off or destroyed from before You. 17-19

In us are rivers of living water.

Jesus, fill us with living water as we walk through dry places. You are the rock full of water; gush forth in us. 21

Chapter 49

I think the Lord is raising up an army of "sharp swords and hidden arrows." They will be the "unknowns" He will use in the last day harvest.

Lord, You have called me from my mother's womb. Make me a sharp sword in Your hand. Make me like a sharp arrow that You have kept back for the right moment. Be greatly glorified through my life. 1-3

Mom's fifth child was a boy named Bruce. When he was about three, little Bruce died. For a long time, Mom was saddened by the loss of her little boy. At some point she began praying that God would give her another boy to replace Bruce. Before this, she had never prayed that she would get pregnant or about the sex of the child. Six years after Bruce died, Mom had me.

Somehow in God's economy, He seems to be able to do special things when out of hurt or barrenness He brings forth a child. Good examples are Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Samuel and John the Baptist. I suspect my interest in prayer and revival began before I was born as the Holy Spirit gave my Mom prayers for a son.

My prayer is that we and our kids will be a light to the Gentiles in a greater measure than we can even imagine. **Make us into servants You can use to raise up Your people and to restore those who have given their lives to You. Make us a light to the Gentiles. Expand Your kingdom all over the earth through us. 6**

Don't underestimate what God may do through your life and your prayers.

Lord, choose those the world would despise and ignore and raise them up to faithfully and effectively serve You. 7

Seek to be free from debt and long term obligations (marriage excluded) that would hinder your being available

for the Last Day's harvest.

Raise us up and send us to those You have ready to be brought out of the kingdom of the evil one into the kingdom of Your Son. 8-9

It is folly not to wait on the Lord.

Keep us from being put to shame as we wait on You. 23

Whole political and religious systems are trying to keep our children away from Christ. The devil is trying to kill as many children as he can through abortion and drugs. Let's ask God to fight for us.

Fight against those who are trying to destroy the children of the world. Save the children for Yourself. Make it obvious that You are against those who are trying to destroy Your church. 25-26

Chapter 50

God has the power and is willing to use it, if we will faithfully pray.

Raise up godly men all over the earth who will answer Your call and serve You. 2

Let's pray that the body of Christ will know what to say and when to say it.

Cause us to know what to say and when to say it. Wake us up every day and speak to us and teach us. Open our spiritual ears so we clearly hear and give us the grace to fully obey You. 4-5

We need to pray for pastors and those on the front lines that they would be hard as a rock against evil.

Make us hard as rock against evil. Unite us together to resist the evil spreading across our land. Strengthen us to do what You want done. 7-9

The wicked will eventually be eternally destroyed unless they come to Christ.

Use Your church to rescue as many as possible from darkness before they are consumed by their evil ways. 10-11

Chapter 51

It is okay if the church is feared and hated. It is bad when the church is so powerless and lukewarm that she is ignored or despised.

Ensure the church listens to You and does not fear the reproach or ridicule of men. 7

Let's awaken in prayer and call upon the Lord to take action in behalf of the church.

Stir Yourself, Lord, in behalf of Your church. Do mighty things like we read about in Your word. Fill the church with newly redeemed believers who are full of joy and rejoicing. 9-11

A healthy fear and awe of God is the only remedy for fear of man.

Keep us from being afraid of man. Cause us to be much more afraid of disobeying or ignoring You. 12-13

Jesus fully paid for the sins of every person who ever existed. However, most of the lost are still being illegally held captive by the devil.

Set free multitudes that are presently held illegally by the devil. 14

One of God's strongest messages today is "Wake up church." Another is "Repent and see from where you have fallen." A third is "Believe My word."

Put Your words in our mouth and surround us with Your protection. Wake up the church to what You

are doing. Raise up those who will guide Your church the way You want. 16-18

Isn't it great that the woman who initiated Wade vs. Roe is now a believer. Let's pray that many who now vigorously oppose the church are captured by Jesus.

Turn the tables on those who are trying to destroy Your church. 22-23

Chapter 52

Peace, prosperity and plenty have lulled the church in the U.S. to sleep. Added to this are all the ways of the world that we have copied in our leadership, music, and fund raising. It's a mess only Jesus can fix.

Lord, wake up Your church and cleanse her from everything that is unholy and unclean. Shake up everything and every way in the church that is not of You. Set her free from every bondage. 1-2

Jesus said His sheep hear His voice.

Make sure we know when You are speaking to us. Send out Your good news through our church all over the world. 6-7

How I want to see God perform this verse.

Father God, bare Your holy arm in the sight of all the nations so that all the ends of the earth may hear how to be saved. 10

Pray for discernment for believers so they know when it is time to leave that which is hopelessly dead, impure or unclean.

Cause Your people to come out from that which is dead, impure or unclean. Cause them to repent and be cleansed. Lead them into the churches that are alive and protect them as they make the change. 11-12

It doesn't bother me too much if people reject Jesus so long as they have had a good chance to see Him in the life of a believer and clearly hear about Him. Right now, most don't get this chance.

Cause the whole world to clearly hear about Jesus and see a good example of a good Christian. Cause them to clearly have to choose for or against You, Lord. 15

Chapter 53

I understand that the Jews don't read this chapter much. They should. One day soon they will have their eyes opened to see Jesus. Pray for this day to come soon.

Open the eyes of the Jews to Isaiah 53. Cause the whole world to know they are like lost sheep and that You died for them so they could have eternal life. 1-12

Chapter 54

Many of us and our churches and our denominations have been barren for years. The Lord wants to release new measures of fruitfulness.

Heal churches and denominations that have been barren for years and cause them to be filled with new believers. Cause new believers to be born much faster than the physical birth rate. Cause new believers to grow spiritually and reach their whole city for You. 1-3

Almost all of us have junk in our past, but it is behind us and it is time to press in to know the Lord.

Cause the church to forget the shame of the last fifty dry, powerless years. Bring forth a pure, praying, powerful church in our day. 4

The Lord sometimes has to sideline us for a time with sickness, or other limitations in order to slow us down

and get our focus back on Him.

If You have had to set us aside for a time, cleanse and heal us now and restore us to a useful place in Your kingdom. 8

Jesus paid for everything that could separate us from God. Don't let the devil convince you that God has given up on you or rejected you. You are accepted because of Jesus.

Cause the mountains of doubt, fear, pride and unbelief to be removed from us. Shake the hills of immorality, drugs, apathy, false religions, materialism and self that control the world. Never remove Your kindness from us and don't let our peace be shaken. Continue to cover us with Your mercy. 10

Memorize this verse. It clearly tells us what God wants to do with and for our kids. Pray it often.

**Lord, cause all our children to be taught by You; and cause things to go really well for them. 13
This is one of my favorites.**

We are established in the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

Cause all our children to live in righteousness and peace. Stop those who want to destroy them. 14-15

Problems test our faith and let us know what we really believe.

Use the fires You put us through to make us into formidable weapons for Your work. 16

The Lord knows all the devil's tricks and can defeat them if we will pray and believe.

Don't let any of the devil's tricks, schemes or weapons succeed against us or our children. Block those who try to stop Your work in and through our families. 17

Chapter 55

Let's receive all the good the Lord has for us.

Cause us to fully receive all You offer us. Keep us from wasting our time or money on stuff which is not good for us. Make sure we delight in what You give. Ensure we listen to and obey You. 1-3

It is the Lord who positions us and equips us for service.

Make us and our children Your witnesses to the people. Place us in positions of leadership as You desire. Send people to us from anywhere You want and disciple them through us. 4-5

The Lord is near and wants us to find and know Him.

Keep us in close personal contact with You. Turn us from any sin and every wicked way. Cause us to confess them and be cleansed. Fill us with Your thoughts. Ensure we walk in Your ways. 6-8

Memorize this verse. It is a key one to know as you pray these prayers from God's word.

Use Your word in us and through us to accomplish everything You want. 11

Don't limit these verses to the Old Testament Jews. They are for us today, also.

Send out Your church filled with joy and peace into the whole world. Make a smooth path before them. Make our lives an excellent testimony to Your love, power, healing and faithfulness. 12-13

Chapter 56

The righteousness of Jesus is being revealed in us.

Cause Your salvation to come to many soon and let Your righteousness be revealed. 1

Ask the Lord how you should spend your "Sabbath."

Ensure we honor the Lord's day appropriately and keep away from evil. 2

Is your life a life of prayer? If it is, you are in position to call for your church to be a house of prayer. Jesus quoted this verse as He cleansed the temple. God really wants His churches to be places of much prayer. How is the prayer level in your church?

Make the church into a joyful house of prayer. Make Your church known as a house of prayer for all the people. 7

Keep calling out to the Lord to gather believers into live, vibrant churches. Ask Him to change or remove shepherds who are not caring for the flock.

Gather Your scattered church, Lord, and add to her many more people from all over the earth. Correct or remove every shepherd who is not looking after Your church. Remove those who are interested only in their own welfare. 8, 10-12

Chapter 57

Many churches are held captive by a few carnal Christians who have gained control of the church.

Father, faithful pastors and church members are being driven out by dead, stubborn people who have gotten into positions of power. Strongly intervene to protect those who are obeying You. 1

These verses so describe the sin in our country.

Father, much of the country ignores or ridicules Your church. They are killing babies everywhere. They pursue openly every form of immorality. Send a spiritual awakening and change their minds before their sins destroy them. 4-13

The Lord is preparing us to be used in the next great revival.

Remove every stumbling block the world has put before Your people. Send a great revival among the humble, repentant churches of the land. 14-15

We need physical, emotional, mental and spiritual healing.

Heal Your church and make us the source of healing for our nation. 18-19

When the wicked, who have no real peace, see our lives filled with peace even when we face trouble, it draws them to Jesus. Remember to rejoice always and give thanks in everything.

Continue to withhold peace from the wicked in order to draw them to You. 21

Chapter 58

Pray for men to be raised up who will cry out and powerfully point out our nation's sins.

Cause Your church to speak up and point out the nation's sin. 1

These verses describe the kind of fasting the Lord likes. Fasting should be part of our life.

Teach us to fast properly. Use us to free people from wickedness, oppression and bondage. Work in us so we care for the poor and needy, especially those who are related to us. Don't let us condemn others or say foolish things about them. Make sure we take care of the hungry and afflicted. 5-10

These verses describe things the Lord wants to do for those who fast and pray.

As we fast and do the things You want, open doors of opportunity and release healings among us. Raise us out of obscurity and guide us continually. Cause us to do well no matter how the economy is doing.

Use us to restore our country. 8, 11-12

We really need to learn how to worship and revere the Lord.

Cause us to properly observe the Lord's day and especially focus on You that day. As we do, cause us to delight in You and receive all You have for us. 13-14

Chapter 59

Remember, Jesus took care of your sin problem and you are not separated from God. If you sin, admit it and agree with God that it was sin. Then the Lord cleanses it and fellowship with God goes on. Remember sin has consequences and even though sin is confessed and forgiven, we still face the consequences of the sin.

Make the church understand that their sins have been paid for and no longer separate them from You. Make them also realize that unconfessed sin hinders faith and faithless prayers get heard but the answer is no. 1-2

If we will just repent, the Lord will forgive and cleanse our land.

Point out where we are defiled and sinful so we can repent and change. Cause us to call for justice and cry out for truth. Don't let us cooperate at all with lies, deception or sin. 3-4

We have nearly lost what was once one of the fairest justice systems in the world.

Restore truth, honesty and justice to our land. 14-15

You are one of God's intercessors.

Jesus, You are our intercessor. Cause us to be those who intercede for others. 16

This verse will be fulfilled, hopefully in our lifetime.

Cause Your name to be feared and Your glory to be seen all around the earth. The enemy has come in like a flood. Raise up Your church as a standard against him. 19

This is a tremendous promise to believe and pray.

Fill us and our children with Your Spirit and keep us full. Put Your words in our mouths and never let them depart from us, our children or our grandchildren. 21

Chapter 60

The darker the world gets around us, the brighter the light of Jesus shines through us.

Cause Your church to arise and shine as You pour out Your light on and through her. As things get worse on the earth, cause Your church to be more pure, powerful and effective. Cause people from all over the earth to be gathered into Your church and disciplined. 1-3

These verses speak of unity and cooperation. Jesus also prayed for this in John 17.

Bring a unity and a cooperation in Your church that enables her to reach a multitude of people from every nation on earth. Especially reach those in each country who are most useful in the building up of the church in their land. 4-5

Pray for the glory of the Lord to be upon us and His church all around the world.

Raise up godly new believers all over the earth to build and strengthen Your church. Keep the doors of Your church open day and night for reaching and discipling people. 9-11

The church is not a building. She is a group of people who have Jesus alive in them.

Change the church from being forsaken and ignored by most, into a people who are trusted, respected and able to meet the needs of those who come. 15

Let's ask our Lord to hasten the day when this verse is completely fulfilled.

Father, take those faithful churches who have been faithful with a few and increase their flocks ten to a hundred times. 22

Chapter 61

These are things Jesus is doing through us.

Put Your anointing upon us. Send us to preach good news, heal the broken, free those held captive by sin and unbelief. Prompt us to tell of Your soon coming and impending wrath. Comfort, through us, those who mourn and bring them into the place of joy and rejoicing. 1-3

The Lord is releasing healing through your prayers.

Use us to build up Your church, to restore our land to You and to heal our cities. Bring many that we don't know to our side to work with us to restore. 4-5

You are a priest and a minister.

Make us all know that we are Your priests helping people be reconciled to You. Use this nation to reach millions all over the world for You. 6

Under the Lord's direction we can help restore what has been lost.

Restore more than we lost during the past fifty years when much of the church was powerless and asleep. Direct our work in truth. 7-8

The Lord wants to use our children.

Cause our children to be known as those who love You intensely and carry Your good news of salvation. 9-10

Praying this verse can impact the whole world.

Lord, cause righteousness and praise for You to spring up in all nations. 11

Chapter 62

If we humble ourselves, seek His face, turn from our wicked ways and pray, the Lord is ready to bring healing to our land.

For the church's sake Lord, do not hold Your peace or stop working. Cause our righteousness to go forth like brightness and Your salvation like a torch that is burning. Cause the nations to see Your righteousness in us and the kings to see Your glory in us. Make them see us as Christians as we share in Your name. Make the body of Christ a crown of beauty and a royal diadem in Your hand. 1-3

You are one of God's watchmen. Keep praying until revival and spiritual awakening come.

Raise up intercessors who will not stop praying until there is revival in the church, spiritual awakening in the land and the church is a praise to You all over the earth. 6-7

The world should see something different about us.

Make us known as Your holy people, the redeemed of the Lord. 12

Chapter 63

We are totally dependent on the anointing, guidance and comfort of the Holy Spirit and should be very careful not to grieve Him.

Father, keep us from rebelling and grieving or quenching Your Holy Spirit. Lead us in ways that bring great glory and praise to You. Show forth Your zeal and Your strength on our behalf. 10, 14-15

Chapter 64

These verses have been used to pray for past revivals and we can use them again.

Tear open the heavens and come down, Lord. Shake up things so that people all over the earth are ready to know You. Use us to speak to them about the wonderful things in store for those who trust in You. 1-4

The Lord is shaping us into the best vessel for His purposes.

Act in behalf of those of us who wait for You. Meet us as we obey You and walk in Your ways. Keep us from ever trusting in our worthless righteousness. Father, work in us because without You we never do anything right. Potter, shape us into the vessels You want. 4-8

Chapter 65

We don't deserve it, but the Lord keeps reaching out to our rebellious country and is calling us to Himself.

Lord, cause this nation to seek You even though at present they are not interested. Cause them to find You. Say "Look at Me" to us even though our nation, at present, is not calling on Your name. 1-2

The choices are revival and spiritual awakening or judgment and destruction.

Act and bring revival on behalf of Your servants so we will not be destroyed. 8

We can be those who listen and respond to the Lord.

Cause us to always answer when You call and listen when You speak. Take care of and provide for Your people in ways that draw others to You. 12-14

Come, Lord Jesus!

Hasten the day of Your return when weeping and crying are over and there is no more violence on the earth. Come and begin Your 1000 year reign on the earth. 17-25

This verse describes exactly how God wants to respond to us. Someone this week described how they send out an intercessor's newsletter and that often many of the prayer requests are answered even before the mail is delivered to the intercessors.

Even before we call, Lord - answer; and while we are still speaking, hear and respond to our prayers. 24

Chapter 66

Oh for a healthy respect and reverence for God and His word!

Cause us to be humble and respectful before You. Ensure we reverently and expectantly read Your word. 2

Look at this verse and see what happens to those who refuse to hear and obey the Lord.

Make sure we hear what You are saying to us and answer You when You ask us to do something. 4

It doesn't matter what the world says about us just as long as the Lord is pleased with us.

Cause us to correctly respond to what You say to us in Your word. Be glorified in us and reveal Yourself to us. 5

There are similarities between the intense travail of childbirth and the intense travail of prayer that precedes revival.

Cause the body to travail in prayer so You can bring forth revival. Bring forth the new birth of a multitude and deliver them from the kingdom of darkness. 8-9

There will be lots of work to do when revival comes, but it will be a time of overwhelming joy.

As You bring revival, cause us to overflow with rejoicing and fill our bodies with energy. Give us success everywhere we go and continually resist those who oppose what You are doing through us. 14

It is going to be really messy during the tribulation.

Before You come in final judgment, cleanse and revive Your church and reach as many people as possible throughout the whole earth. Draw people from all nations and tongues to know You and see Your glory. Cause Your church to so fully express Your life, Your love, Your power and Your message that the world has to make a clear choice to accept or reject You, Lord! 15-18

LAMENTATIONS

Chapter 1

When a nation turns away from God, nothing goes right.

Father, our nation is full of grieving, hurting people because of the damage from AIDS, drugs, gangs, greed and immorality. Open our eyes to see that it is due to our sin and that You are willing to change us. 1-2, 5

Chapter 2

The manifest presence of the Lord is absent from most of our church services. We insisted on our own way and the Lord left us to our own devices.

Father, most of our meetings are spiritually dead. We no longer seem to have a clear word from You and there is no vision. Forgive us and change us and come and manifest Your awesome presence among us again lest we perish. 6-17

While there are true prophets today, a lot of what we call prophecy is hype, wishful thinking, self promotion and deception.

Father, many who pose as Your prophets are giving out false and foolish things. Expose them and increase the anointing on those who truly speak for You. Raise up those who clearly point out the sins of the church. 14

Jeremiah looked back and saw the God had done everything He threatened to do to Israel if they didn't repent.

Father, our land deserves judgment, but we plead for mercy. Remember the prayers of the godly men and women who dedicated this country to You and sought to honor You in all we did as a nation. Remember their prayers and hear ours and send revival. As we are praying through Your word, perform it by restoring the church and turning the people in our country to Yourself. If you answer this prayer, You will be fulfilling Your word and will be adding to the number of those who make up the Bride of Christ. 17

Chapter 3

Even in his sadness, Jeremiah remembered God's goodness and mercy.

Cause us to remember and experience Your mercy, compassion and faithfulness every morning. You are

our portion and our hope is in You. Send us good as we hope and wait patiently for You. 22-25

These verses are here to remind us that God is hearing and answering our prayers.

Jesus, hear our prayers and draw near to us. Intercede in our behalf. 56- 58

Chapter 4

We have tried everything except obedience and prayer.

Father, we have looked to many things to save us and they all failed. Now we look to You alone. 17

Chapter 5

This is Jeremiah's lament for a nation who turned from God and his cry for revival. Our fathers have sinned and we have, too.

Look at all the things that are happening to our land, Lord. Turn us back to You and make us a godly nation again. 1, 7, 16, 21

EZEKIEL

Chapter 2

As we yield our lives to the Lord, He fills us with His Spirit and gives us daily directions and corrections.

Holy Spirit, fill us and cause us to hear what Jesus is saying to us. 1-2

When we have a sure word from the Lord, we can boldly share it with those to whom He sends us.

Cause us to go to those You send us to. Keep us from being afraid of them. Make them know that You have spoken to them through us. 3-7

Chapter 3

If we speak in humility and love and are resisted, they are not rejecting us, but they are rejecting our Lord Jesus. **Send us to those You have ready to listen to You. Keep us from being discouraged by those who resist Your words. 5-9**

As a person of prayer, you are a watchman.

Persuade the church to take up their positions as watchmen. Prompt us to warn the lost that they need to repent and believe on You, Jesus. Cause us to correct the righteous who have gone astray. Keep us from having blood on our hands because we failed to do our job. 17-21

Chapter 7

The church today often depends more on money than they do on the power of the living God.

Keep us from ever depending on silver or gold to deliver us. 19

Chapter 8

Ezekiel was shown that some of the greatest evil was being done by the elders in the temple. Let's pray the Lord will cleanse the church wherever needed.

Lord, remove those who lead the church into sin. Keep out those who would try to deceive. 5-13

Chapter 11

Many churches and (to some degree) whole denominations need to be cleansed. Lost people and carnal believers have no rightful place as leaders in the church.

Gather Spirit-filled believers and set them over the church. Use them to identify and remove detestable

things and abominations made by man from the church. 17-18

As a believer, you have a new heart and your old sinful, unbelieving heart is dead.

Jesus, give Your church one heart after You. Fill us with the Holy Spirit. Cause us to know Your will and do it with all our heart. 19-20

Your prayers allow the Lord to do the cleansing needed in the church.

Bring down those who refuse and resist You. Call them to repentance before their own conduct causes their destruction. 21

Isn't it time for a noticeable difference between those who are truly following and obeying the Lord and those who are only pretending?

Make Your glory obvious upon those who follow You and conspicuously absent from those who do not. 23

Chapter 12

God gave Ezekiel a way of reaching those who didn't want to hear.

Make sure we know Your strategy and use Your ways to get Your message through to those who are spiritually blind and deaf. 2-7

Whole hosts of demons have flooded into our country to resist God's work. Ask Him to raise up a standard (army) to oppose and scatter them.

Father, scatter to the wind those who resist You. 14

The devil's crew is always yelling that God doesn't keep His word.

Cause Your promises to us and the visions You have given us to quickly come to pass. Keep us from having to wait any longer. Fulfill the promises You have given us. 23-28

Chapter 13

Many of our prophets have been led astray in pursuit of recognition, sex or money. They need to be restored and new prophets need to be raised up.

Raise up prophets who follow You, Holy Spirit, and not their own spirit. Prepare those who will stand in the gap, build up the walls and stand their ground in battle. 3-5

Ask the Lord to powerfully resist those who are not speaking His truth.

Resist those who make up visions and speak lying prophecies. Keep them from being listened to or accepted by Your people. 7-9

We must not deceive people into thinking they are saved when they are not and we must not overlook or excuse sin.

Expose and remove those who mislead the lost into thinking they are saved. Also remove those who deceive baby Christians by excusing their sin. Send spiritual floods, hail and wind that clear out church leaders that are not doing Your will. 10-11

It should not be a problem to find things to pray for here.

Remove those who tell the country that everything is all right when it is not and who cover over sin. 15-16

We are the hope for those trapped in cults.

Set free Your people who have been captured and blinded by cults. Cause people who are promoting cults to know they are lost and that You are against them. 20-21

Believers seem to fall into two categories. Either they are very lax in dealing with their sin or they are under a load of condemnation and guilt. Either way, they are not very effective in the kingdom.

Lord Jesus, resist those who pretend to be Christians and are deceiving Your church. Cause all believers to be released out of their hands. 22-23

Chapter 14

We can't take people very far into spiritual truth until they deal with their idols and sins.

Keep us from clinging to idols and sins. Make us know that we can't hold on to our idols and stumbling blocks of sin and still expect to get answers from You. Stop us from trying to give people a lot of help and direction until they are willing to repent and turn to You. 3-9

God always has a faithful remnant. We must faithfully pray.

Use the problems that are occurring in the world to call out and raise up a remnant who will serve You. 22-23

Chapter 15

A vine that doesn't bring forth fruit is useless. So are fruitless Christians.

Lord Jesus, cause us to know that unfaithful Christians acting apart from You are essentially useless. 1-8

Chapter 16

Verse 15 warns about trusting in our own beauty and fame.

Make us really know that all we are and all we have come from You. Keep us from trusting in our beauty or giving our affections to the world. Keep us from wrongly using the abundance You give. 1-18

In that day they sacrificed the children in the fire. Today we kill them with the burning solutions used in abortions. Others we sacrifice to gods of materialism and worldly fame.

Don't let us lose our children to the devil. Make sure they seek first Your kingdom. 20-21

Free time is primarily for kingdom work, not play.

Lord, use our abundance and our free time to help the poor and needy. 49

The church needs to remember from where she has fallen and repent and return to the Lord.

Cause us to remember our relationship with You and turn from all sin and serve You. 60-61

Chapter 17

The Father is ready to deal with the world when the church gets right with Him.

Father, move throughout the world to bring down the high and proud. Exalt those of Yours who are poor and lowly. Dry up the rich and famous and cause Your humble servants to flourish. 24

Chapter 18

The Lord doesn't want the wicked to perish in Hell, but most of them will if there is not a world-wide spiritual awakening.

Persuade multitudes of the lost to turn from their wicked ways and live. Turn them from their ways to follow Your ways. Cause multitudes to turn from all their transgressions and receive from You a new

heart and a live spirit. Cause them to repent and live. 23-32

Chapter 20

What consumes your best thoughts? If it is anything other than God, it is probably an idol.

Turn us from everything You hate and every idol that demands first place in our lives. 8

Even though we make mistakes and mess things up, God does not forsake or give up on us. He straightens us out for His name's sake and we go on.

Protect Your own reputation by delivering the church from all the bondage we have fallen into. 9

An abundant life flows out of obedience.

Cause us to know and obey all Your commands and directions. Cause us to experience the abundant life You have for us. 11

Believers need to be set free from their attraction to and involvement with the world so they can seek first the kingdom and His righteousness.

Gather the church from all her distractions and worldly involvements. Cause the church to be filled with Your holiness and to demonstrate holy living in the sight of all nations. 41

Pride, fear, doubt, unbelief, greed and immorality head the list of wicked things.

Father, cause us to recognize the wicked things we have done and turn from them in genuine repentance. 43

If our country gets what it deserves, it will really be bad news.

Make our country really know You. Deal with us according to Your mercy and not according to what we deserve. 44

Chapter 22

Standing between our country and complete destruction is a thin line of intercessors.

Prompt many in the church to be intercessors who build up the hedge and stand in the gap so our country won't be destroyed. 30

Chapter 23

Israel couldn't forget the allure of Egypt. Today's believers seem to want Jesus and the world too.

Set the church free from our attraction to the world. 27

In the fall of 1989, a lady in our Sunday school class was in trouble at her work. Management wanted her to move her section into an old part of the facility that was full of asbestos. Her boss tried to help but was being overridden by directors higher up in the company. She was praying through Scriptures and found tremendous hope in Jeremiah 15:20-21 which says, "...they shall fight against you but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you to save you and to deliver you," says the Lord. "I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and I will redeem you out of the hand of the terrible." As things got worse and worse, she continued to pray this word back to the Lord. Soon, the Lord turned one of the directors to be on her side and this brought a temporary stalemate. Then up at the top the deputy manager just happened to get sent to Washington D.C. and a new acting manager was appointed. He found an open space that the section could move into and ended the threat of a move into the asbestos area. My friend is still praising the Lord because He acted in her behalf and fulfilled His word. She says, "And He did hear my prayers."

Chapter 30

Final judgment may be even much closer than we think.

Lord, wake up the world to how close Your final judgment is. 3

Chapter 33

The Lord tells His praying people what is coming so they can warn others.

Cause us to be faithful watchmen who warn the wicked so they have a chance to repent and live. 6-7

Again the Lord tells us He really doesn't want the lost to perish. Neither should we.

Turn the wicked and lost from their evil ways so they will live. 11

Chapter 34

This is a job description for the pastor (shepherd). His primary responsibility is to care for the flock assigned to Him. It is the job of the flock to go win others to the Lord.

Remove those shepherds who do not seek to strengthen the weak, heal the sick, bind up the broken and bring back those who have been driven away. Raise up those who will seek after Your scattered flock. 2-6

When the flock is not fed well in church, they go to other places looking for food and end up captured by cults or the world.

Lord, raise up church leaders who will care for believers and gather them from all the places to which they have been scattered. Bring them out from the world and dead churches into live bodies. 12-13

Jesus, our great Shepherd, takes good care of the flock when He is in control of the church.

Lord Jesus, feed us, Your flock, and cause us to abide in You. 15

Jesus uses us to reach the lost and bring back those driven away. First step is usually prayers for them.

Work through us to reach the lost and bring back those who have been driven away by dead religion. Cause us to bind up those who have been broken and heal the sick. Raise up the humble and lowly and pull down the proud and arrogant. 16

Christians usually get hurt more by other Christians than by unbelievers.

Cause us, Your sheep, to treat each other properly. 21

Keep praying for Jesus to take over minute by minute operation of the church in greater measure than we have ever allowed up to now.

Jesus, son of David, be our shepherd and feed us. 23-24

We lose out on peace and protection when we don't pray.

Cause us to know Your peace. Deal powerfully with the demonic powers that would attack us. Cause the church to experience Your showers of blessing. 25-26

This verse and John Chapter 15 remind us that God is very serious about our lives producing fruit. Before God, how serious are you?

Fill our lives with much fruit. Cause us to gather a harvest of people from the earth. Break everything that binds us and deliver us from everything that controls us. 27

Christians are in jail, the church is under attack and the demons are having a field day.

Heavenly Father, keep us from being a prey to evil men and demonic powers and keep us from being afraid. 28

We may one day experience famine in our land. Today there is a famine of clear, pure teaching of God's word in many churches and some denominations.

Teach us to plant and harvest and keep us from experiencing a famine for Your word. Cause us to be godly men and women who truly know You. 29, 31

Chapter 36

Israel never did fulfill these verses, but now it is the church's opportunity.

Cause the church to branch out and be fruitful. Prompt the church to reach the lost and disciple the new believers. Multiply men in the church. Make the church multiply, increase and be fruitful. Work even more powerfully through the church than You did at the beginning. 8-11

Yes, Lord, for Your name's sake!

For Your own name, Lord, bring revival to Your church. Gather us from where we are scattered. Wash us clean from our filth and idolatry. 23-25

This happened the moment you gave your life to Jesus.

Make us know we have a new heart and a new spirit and that the old heart and nature are dead. See to it that we walk the way You want and obey Your instructions. 26-27

As the harvest begins, we will be amazed at the numbers of people coming to the Lord. Ask Him to get you and your church ready.

Increase the numbers of the church like a flock. 37

Chapter 37

We have heard about and sung about dry bones. Hopefully, we will soon see the day when these dry bones come to life.

Raise up an exceedingly great army out of the dry bones of "churchianity." Put the life and breath of the Holy Spirit into them. Cause them to be full of Your life. 1-14

The Lord is joining believers across racial and denominational lines for the final battles.

Join Your people into one body that supports and strengthens each other. 19-22

Chapter 38

Whoever Gog is, let's pray that his army is as small as possible.

Reach as many people as possible in those lands that will make up Gog's army. Keep them from being part of the army that attacks Jerusalem. 4-8

The important thing is not the destruction of the army, which will happen, but that many are turned to the Lord. **As You destroy Gog's army, cause the whole world to know You did it and that You are the Lord. 18-23**

Chapter 39

I like the part that says, "The heathen shall know that I am the Lord." It is also a time when Israel comes to know God.

Save as many as possible before You rain destruction on Gog and Megog. Use their destruction to cause

the whole world to know that You are the Lord and cause many to turn to You. Make Your Holy Name known in the midst of Israel. Keep Your name from being corrupted again. Cause all the nations to know that You are the Lord, the Holy One in Israel. 1-7

Pray for God's glory to be seen by the nations.

Set Your glory among the nations and cause all the nations to see Your judgments on Gog and their allies. 21

From the day of the destruction of Gog's army, Israel knows the Lord.

From that day on, cause the house of Israel to know that You are the Lord their God. Reveal Your face to them and pour out Your Spirit on Israel. 22-29

Chapter 40

As we watch and pray, the Lord wants us to hear, see and know.

Cause us to look, hear, and focus on all You show us. Cause us to declare all that we see. 4

Chapter 43

We are God's temple and will in greater measure manifest His glory to the world.

Lord Jesus, let Your glory fill the members of Your body the way Your glory filled the temple. 5

Chapter 44

Every time I look at a picture of the east gate or golden gate, I am reminded that no one will open it or use it until Jesus does.

Lord Jesus, keep the east gate of Jerusalem shut until You return to use it. 2

I encourage you to pray and ask God to fill you and us with His glory.

Cause Your glory to so fill us that people fall down and worship You. 4

Many believers need to be restored to an intimate relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bring back to Yourself those Christians who have strayed far away. Cause them to faithfully and effectively serve You again. 10-14

The flesh cannot please God.

Keep us from doing the work of ministry in our own sweat and energy. Instead, cause us to serve from the place of rest using Your power and following Your direction. 17-18

Pray that shepherds do this for their flocks.

Teach us the difference between the holy and the profane and cause us to discern between the unclean and the clean. Cause Your people to make the right decisions. Make sure we obey everything You say. 23-24

Chapter 45

We live in the most lawless generation even in our country.

Raise up godly leaders who will deal with lawlessness and bring forth justice and righteousness. 9

Chapter 47

I like this chapter about rivers, trees and fish. Notice there are all kinds of fish. We will be catching all kinds of people in the last harvest and need to be sure none are overlooked or get away.

Cause the church to cast their nets and bring in a great catch of all kinds of people. Make our lives fruitful and effective and keep us from being stagnant and useless. 10-11

In many ways, the whole world is represented by the mix of people in the United States. If we can reach them and disciple them, God can send them home as missionaries.

Cause those people from other nations who are in the United States to hear the gospel and come to know You. Give them a heart to take the gospel back to their native land. 23

DANIEL

Chapter 1

In a wicked and godless land, the Lord gave Daniel favor, position and respect. He is willing to do the same for us and our children today.

Father in Heaven, persuade those over us to grant us favor and respect. 9

Daniel's wise and humble response was accepted even though He was a youth.

Cause us to reply to others with discretion and discernment. 12-13

Truth isn't learned. It is revealed by God.

Father, give us knowledge and ability in every area where we need it. Cause us to understand the visions and dreams You give. 17

The Lord not only sets up kings, but He also positions all of us where we are supposed to be.

Father, place us where we should be. Give us wisdom and understanding. Reveal to us profound and hidden things. 20-21

Chapter 3

We pray for deliverance, but it is up to the Lord to decide what He wants to do.

Father, deliver us from the hands of men. Even if You choose not to deliver us, cause us to worship and serve You alone. 17-18

The Lord delights in bringing us out of problems better than we were when we went in.

Lead us safely through the fire of testing and protect us from harm and even the smell of smoke. 27

Chapter 4

Maybe some fresh reminders are in order so the world has a harder time ignoring God.

Cause the world to know that You rule over man. Make them know that You establish rulers as You wish. Please give us humble and godly rulers today. 17

This verse is good advice for our political leaders today.

Cause our leaders to turn from their sins and let You make them righteous. Turn our nation from evil deeds and produce in us mercy for the poor. 27

God changed Nebuchadnezzar's heart. Our prayers can result in some heart changes in this country.

Lord, cause this nation to praise, glorify and honor You. Cause us to turn from pride and walk humbly with You. 37

Chapter 6

The world loves to scrutinize the lives of believers. We need to keep our lives in order so people are not turned off to Jesus by things we have done.

Teach us to live so that no one will find grounds to accuse us except with regard to our obedience to You. 5

Daniel chose to obey God and suffer any consequences that God allowed.

Give us grace and power to obey Your laws over man's laws whenever they conflict. 10

Our God is a deliverer.

Cause us to constantly serve You like Daniel did. Deliver us as You see fit. 16

Pray for signs and wonders that cause people to turn to God.

Convince people all over the earth to fear and tremble before You. Deliver and rescue Your people in these last days. Do signs and wonders in the heavens and on earth. 26-27

Chapter 7

The Lord's kingdom is an everlasting kingdom that will never pass away.

Lord Jesus, cause Your kingdom to expand. Use us to help reach people from all nations and languages. 14

We are currently part of the kingdom of God.

Cause us to fully accept, possess and live in Your kingdom forever. 18

Chapter 8

Although the devil and his antichrist will have tremendous power and even win over God's people for a time, they are no match for Jesus.

Lord, come and fight against those who oppose You. Cause them to be broken without man's involvement. 25

Chapter 9

When he saw the truth that the seventy-year captivity was over, Daniel didn't just assume it would automatically happen. He began to fast, pray and confess the sins of his people. I think the Lord was waiting for someone to pray before He ended the captivity.

Awaken Your church to the things You are wanting to do. Cause us to appropriately seek You. Motivate us to repent and confess our sins. Make sure we hear those people You send to us. 2-6

So far, our country has not made the connection between our present troubles and the judgments of God.

Ensure that we recognize all of the evil that has come upon the land. Awaken us to pray and turn from our iniquity and comprehend Your truth. 13

Seems like the Lord moved out of the church about 30 years ago and left us to our own devices. We need the return of His manifested presence.

Lord, please change us so You can stop withholding Your life and power from Your church and turn away Your anger from our land. Cause us to pray fervently. Make Your presence very real in our meetings. 16-17

The Lord hears, not because we deserve it, but because of His mercy and for Jesus' sake.

Hear our prayers, Father, because of Jesus and because of Your desire to prepare a bride for Him. 18

These are good reasons why the Lord should answer our prayers.

Lord, hear us, forgive us, and quickly take action for the sake of Your body and bride. 19

Chapter 10

The Lord has a lot to say to each of us if we will seek Him in detail.

Set our hearts on knowing you and hearing what you are saying to us. 12

A touch from the Lord strengthened Daniel. We need His strength for the battles we face.

Lord Jesus, touch us and strengthen us. Keep us from being afraid. Fill us with peace and power. 19

The Lord made sure Daniel knew why He came and what He was saying.

Work in us so we know what You are telling us. 20

Chapter 11

We need to know God and to be close to Him in these last days.

Cause us to really know You. Cause us to be strong and move in power. Give us understanding and use us to help many to understand Your purposes and Your ways. 32-33

We will eventually fail in any area where we are trusting the flesh instead of Jesus.

Allow us to fall, if necessary, so we will be cleansed, corrected and more effective in the last days. 35

Chapter 12

Now is the time to be praying for the salvation of the Jews.

Father, cause the Jews to turn to You. Cause those written in the book of life to be saved. 1

I really want to see the church shine in the last days.

Cause us to be wise, shine like the sun and turn many to righteousness. 3

Daniel is no longer a sealed book because we are in the last days.

Cause us to clearly understand the book of Daniel in these last days. 9

We will see the darkness become darker and the church shine brighter as the end approaches.

So work in the church that we are purified, cleansed and tested. Make us truly know You, Your purposes and Your ways. 10

HOSEA

Chapter 1

I believe the end time harvest will be enormous.

Cause Your church to be so numerous that the people are almost impossible to count. Cause multitudes who are not now Your people to be called sons of the living God. 10

Chapter 2

We are the bride of Christ and the big marriage is getting closer.

Hasten the day when we will be Your bride forever. Cause us to be a faithful and loving bride. 19-20

The Lord is wanting to show mercy and give salvation to people all over the earth.

Speak so powerfully through Your people all over the earth that multitudes who are not presently in Your kingdom will come to know You. 21-23

Chapter 3

This verse promises that in the last days Israel will seek the Lord. Still we need to pray for this to take place.

Cause the Jewish nation to seek You and return to You in these last days. 3

Chapter 4

These verses sound like the USA.

Cleanse our land of swearing, lying, killing, stealing and adultery. Pour out truth, mercy and a knowledge of You. Show the country that all of our problems have come upon us because we have not obeyed You. 1-3

Many believers live powerless lives full of condemnation and guilt because they lack knowledge of the truth.

Keep Your people from being destroyed for lack of knowledge. See that those who reject You are removed as shepherds and leaders. Cause us to obey You, so You can remember and bless our children. Make our country see that we have gone from glory into shame because we have forsaken You. 6-7

America is doing more to lead the world into sin than any other nation on earth. The godlessness in our country is directly the fault of the church. When the church is obeying the Lord, she is salt and light and makes a significant impact on the country.

Father, as the church goes, so goes the nation. In Jesus' name, turn Your church back to You all over the country. 9-10

Chapter 5

Repentance is the first big step back into a close relationship with the Lord.

Heavenly Father, make us realize we cannot hold on to our sin and still have a close relationship with You. Cause us to confess our sins as a church and as a nation and return to You with all our hearts. 6-7, 15

Chapter 6

Verse two says that after two days the Lord will bring us to life. A day is as a thousand years and it has been 2,000 years since the birth of Christ and the birth of the church age. Pray that now is the time when the church really comes to life and becomes the church we were always meant to be.

Open our eyes to see how precarious things are for our nation and how we are being eaten up because of our sin. Revive the church and send awakening to our land. 1-2

It is time for the pouring out of the latter rain.

Prompt us to diligently seek to know You. Pour out a knowledge of You across the land like a heavy soaking rain. 3

The Lord is extending to our country mercy and the knowledge of Him. Let's pray that millions will receive it.

See that we walk in mercy, not legalism. Ensure we know You and let You work through us instead of offering You dead works. 6

The Lord focuses on the wickedness of the priests because if they are wicked, the people turn out wicked.

Remove all so-called ministers who do not know You or obey You. 9-10

There is still the last great harvest yet to come. Start praying for workers. Also, pray the Lord would send the angels to pull up the tares that need to be removed before the harvest begins.

Set Your people free to reap the harvest planned for us. Send Your angels to remove the tares that hinder the harvest. 11

Chapter 7

Often the church is so mixed up with the world that it is difficult to tell them apart.

Lord Jesus, keep the church from being mixed up with the world and keep us pure. 8

These verses speak of the danger and folly of a nation turning its back on God.

Ensure that we, Your people, cry out to You from our hearts so You can stop the destruction of our country. 13-14

Chapter 8

Churches that quit obeying God and do their own thing are quickly swallowed up by the world and become spiritually worthless.

Don't let Your church be swallowed up by the world. 8

Chapter 10

We don't like problems and troubles but sometimes they are necessary to draw us back to God or to allow Him to work more deeply in our lives.

Cause us to walk in righteousness and mercy. Plow up those parts of our life that are being wasted. Pour our Your righteous life through us. 12

Chapter 12

We follow the Lord and do what we know to do until He gives a breakthrough or delivers us from whatever trial we are facing.

Cause us to seek You and wait and do only those things You direct us to do. 6

Pray that we would hear from the prophets and see and understand the visions the Lord is giving today.

Father, release Your instructions clearly to us and cause us to know what You want us to do. 10

Chapter 14

The Father pleads with His people to repent and return to Him. He promises to heal us and to teach us to walk in His ways.

Turn us to Yourself. Cause us to say what You want to hear and to do what You want us to do. Heal our backslidden condition. Pour out Your love on us. Ensure we walk in Your ways. 1-2, 4,9

JOEL

Chapter 1

Across our country, churches are calling solemn assemblies and large groups of ministers are gathering to fast and pray. This is a good start if it indicates a change of heart and a recognition of the seriousness of our situation.

Lord, we are all Your priests and ministers. Cause us to repent, weep and grieve over the condition of Your church. Cause the repentance to be such that You can release a fresh flow of Your life, power and presence into the church. Cause us to get serious and fast and gather the people to pray for revival. 13-14

We must get serious and fast and pray.

Lord, before our country is destroyed by immorality, greed, debt and godlessness, wake up the church and set us to praying. 15-20

Chapter 2

A clear sense of God's timetable can help motivate the church to really get serious.

Open our eyes to see how close Your return is and how much kingdom work remains to be done. Prompt Your people to sound the alarm and cause the people of the land to tremble before You. 1

For years I have been praying the prayers in this book for everyone I can influence and for all who use them. I see these people as a mighty, hidden army that the Lord will raise up in the last days. Read these verses to see the kind of exploits this army will do and join me in praying.

Raise up and equip Your church like a mighty army all over the whole earth. 3-11

Ask the Lord to work deeply in our hearts to obtain the full repentance and heart changes He desires.

Keep us from outward shows of repentance but break our hearts over the sin in the church and in the land. Cause us to return to You with all our heart and with fasting, weeping and mourning. 13

Maybe the Lord will use you to prompt your church or even the churches in your city to set aside a time of fasting and prayer.

Prompt us to fast and call a solemn assembly. Cause us to gather together, confess our sins and repent. Release an outpouring of weeping and prayer for our nation. Don't let Your church be mocked and scorned by the nation. Keep the world from being able to say, "Where is your God?" 15-18

A day is coming when the church will be a tremendous conduit of light and healing to the world.

Lord Jesus, keep Your church from being a reproach among the people. 19

Revival and spiritual awakening will be devastating to the enemy's works in our land.

Remove cults and godless religions that have invaded our land. 20

Our nation has been restored in significant ways several times in our history. I believe God wants to do it again, but awaits our prayers.

Restore what we have lost in the past forty years as our nation has turned away from You. Deal wondrously with us so we will never be put to shame. 25-26

When we gather in our church services we (and especially our children), need to sense God's presence there. It has been noticeably absent in many churches for years.

Make Your manifest presence very obvious as we gather together to worship You and study Your word. Keep us from being put to shame. 27

Peter said these verses were fulfilled at Pentecost. I think there is a dual fulfillment and we still have a last day outpouring yet to come.

Father, pour out Your Spirit on all believers. Cause our sons and daughters to speak forth what You are saying to them. Cause both young and old to see what You are doing and join You in it. Especially raise up and anoint those who are not well known so they can serve mightily in Your kingdom and You can get all the glory. 28-29

God still plans some significant signs and wonders before Jesus returns that will draw many to Him.

Do powerful signs and wonders all over the earth as You draw people to a saving relationship with Yourself. 30-32

Chapter 3

There are still more Jews that need to return to Israel.

Gather Israel again from all the places they have been scattered. 1

Pray that all people have a chance to hear and respond before these end time events.

Cause all of the people of the nations to have to decide for or against You. Cause the people of these nations to see real Christians and have a clear choice to trust or not trust in Jesus. Make sure that only those who have rejected You make up these armies that march against Israel. 2

Pray for the nations to be awakened to the Lord. Pray that everyone will clearly hear the gospel and have to definitely decide to accept or reject the Lord. Pray that multitudes will accept Jesus and surrender their lives to Him before it is too late.

Father, for Jesus' sake, awaken the whole world to the reality of Your existence and cause everyone on earth to know they must make a choice to accept or reject the salvation You offer through faith in Jesus. Give grace so that a billion or more around the world believe before final judgment comes. 12-14

Just as Jerusalem is to be holy, pray for the church to be holy and pure.

Make Your church so holy and pure that it is impossible for a lost person to rise to a position of leadership. 17

Everything that can be shaken will be shaken so that only those things that can't be shaken will remain (Hebrews 12:27).

Shake up everything necessary to get people to listen to You. Cause the whole earth to hear from You. Keep us filled with hope and strength as this occurs. 16-17

Chaplain Willis was an old man, past 85, when I met him. He had been saved during the Welsh revival of 1903-1904. He spent much of his life in China as a Salvation Army missionary. Prayer was his life. He was spending at least four hours a day in prayer in a little corner of his tiny retirement apartment. He was very feeble and mild until he stood in the pulpit under God's anointing. Then he powerfully could proclaim God's word for the hour.

God used him to fill me with a desire for revival and the understanding that revival in our churches and a spiritual awakening in our land were the greatest hope for reaching our country for Christ. He also taught me that prayer is the first and foremost prerequisite for revival.

I was on his list of people he prayed for every day. He is in heaven now but his prayers for revival are still being answered in me and perhaps in you as this book impacts your life.

AMOS

Chapter 3

The Lord is willing to speak if we will listen.

Cause Your people to hear what You are saying, know what You are doing join You. 7

Chapter 4

Famine, draught, and disease await if our nation refuses to turn to the Lord!

Use the growing economic distress and health related epidemics to turn people's attention to You. 6-10

As a kid in Kentucky, a little sign beside the highway that said, "Prepare to meet thy God," was used by the Lord to bring conviction and tell me I was lost and needed to know God.

Work powerfully in us, Your church, to get us ready for Your return. 12

Chapter 5

It is not more stuff, better programs or more government that is the solution. We must get close to God.

Cause us to seek You and Your ways and live. 4, 6

I think all of us will be somewhat embarrassed and ashamed at the judgment seat of Christ. However, many who want the Lord to return soon really are not at all ready to meet Him because of sin and disobedience in their lives.

Speak powerfully to those who are crying for Your return and yet aren't ready for it. 18

The Lord hates religious stuff done in the flesh. Only what He initiates is acceptable to Him.

Lord Jesus, make us aware of things that we, the church, are doing that are detestable to You and cleanse us. Wash our nation with streams of judgment and rivers of righteousness. 21-24

Many are in captivity to all kinds of things today.

Set us free from our captivity to drugs, immorality and debt and any other thing that controls our lives. 27

Chapter 6

We are at war and there are sacrifices to be made for the sake of the kingdom.

Keep us from trying to live at ease when there is so much kingdom work for believers to do. 1,4

Chapter 8

Lawsuits, scams, false advertising and debt are destroying the lives of many.

Deal powerfully with those who destroy people for economic gain. Cleanse our land of the cheating, defrauding and robbing that is going on. 4-7

Chapter 9

Over and over the Lord tells us He wants to heal, cleanse and restore.

Restore Your church and cause her to be feared and respected throughout the world. Set Your people free from everything that has captured our time, money and attention. 11-14

OBADIAH

We should never rejoice over the misfortune of another, especially another believer.

Keep us from ever rejoicing over the fall of another believer. 12

The day of the Lord is near and the people of the world will soon reap what they have sown.

Lord, see to it that we sow seeds of righteousness, love, mercy, forgiveness and compassion. 15

JONAH

Chapter 1

It is not wise to run away from our assignments.

Heavenly Father, don't let us ever run away from any assignment You give us. 3

Chapter 2

It only took three days in a whale's belly to change Jonah's mind. What does it take to change ours?

When You discipline us, prompt us to quickly repent and call out to You. 2

When people genuinely repent, they are cleansed and restored.

No matter how far we have strayed or what trouble we are in, cause us to repent and call out to You.

Work in us so we give thanks in everything and do all that You require of us. 6-9

Chapter 3

Wicked Nineveh repented and was spared.

As our country repents, cut off all the evil that has been released in our land. 10

Chapter 4

Jonah was unhappy that God showed mercy and the Lord gently corrected him.

Have mercy on our cities and send those who can call them to repentance. 11

MICAH

Chapter 1

Micah could foresee a time when all the earth would hear from the Lord.

Come forth, Lord Jesus, and tear down all the barriers lifted up to keep people from knowing You.

Make sure the world hears from You. 2-4

Chapter 2

We need to be careful that our unbelief and lack of vision do not limit what God does through us.

Lord Jesus, You are unlimited. Cause Your words to be believed, applied in our land and bring us good.

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Chapter 3

Micah was filled with God's power, and so can we be filled.

Fill us full of Your power and might as we call the nation to turn from sin. 8

Chapter 4

The greatest days of the church are yet to come.

Cause Your church to be awesome in these last days. Ensure we teach the people your ways and point out Your paths. 1-2

Christians should look like Jesus as we follow and obey Him.

Don't let people get away with calling themselves Christian, when they don't know You. 5

The church doesn't look very powerful or effective today, but the Lord is making her into a mighty army and a glorious bride.

Gather the weak, divided, ridiculed church into the powerful body of Christ that You intend for her to be. 6-7

I like to pray for wealth to be taken from the devil's crowd and given to the church.

Send your church, in power, to every nation on earth. Cut off the money the wicked are flowing into the devil's work and send it to Your church instead. 13

Chapter 5

The Father's plan is that everything we do be done in the strength of the Lord.

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, cause us to feed on Your word, be filled with Your power and make Your name known to the whole earth. 4

Our prayers allow God to cut off and destroy the enemy's works.

Cut off those who are keeping people from knowing you. Remove cults, the occult, and the idols that men worship. Cause the people to know that You alone are God. 9-15

Chapter 6

Simple requirements for Christians are in this verse.

Show us clearly what you expect of us. Cause us to be just, love mercy and walk humbly with You. 8

Judgments often turn the attention of the lost to the Lord.

Call out to the cities of the world and make them know Your name, especially as You apply the rod of judgment. 9

Much of the sickness and trouble in our land is due to sin.

Make us realize when sickness and problems in our land are due to sin. Make the people realize that nothing satisfies except You and that nothing or no one can deliver us from our problems except You. 13-14

Chapter 7

It is hard to find an honest person and our legal system is a mess.

Raise up trustworthy men and women on the earth. Give us honest judges. Cause us to be able to trust each other again. Cut off dishonesty in business and advertising. 1-5

Pray for the Lord to work powerfully in our families as we wait for and follow His directions.

Build trust and faithfulness within our families. Cause us to look to You and wait for Your directions. 6-7

Remind the Lord that the world is not just mocking us as believers, it is mocking Him.

When our enemies laugh at us, they are also laughing at You. Raise us up and make us victorious for Your name's sake. 8

Even in church our children are asking, "Where is God?" because they don't see Him in action.

Father, silence those who are saying, "Where is your God?" Be so real and active in us that they know You are real. Build up Your church again in this day and bring people from all over the earth to know You. 10-12

The Lord isn't short of power, however, He is waiting on the prayers of His people.

Make the nations see that their power is nothing compared to Your great power. 16

Our God is so good and we have done such a poor job telling the world about Him.

Cause us to tell the world what a wonderful God You are and how You forgive sins and show mercy. 18

Isn't it great to have a message of love and compassion to take to the world?

Turn to us, have compassion on us, and perform Your word in our lives. 19-20

NAHUM

Chapter 1

It is time for all the holds of the devil to be broken off our families and our churches.

Lord, resist the powerful enemies of Your church and make their efforts fail. For a time You have allowed the enemy to run over us as we have trusted in our programs and methods. Break our dependence on anything or anyone but You. Set the church to praying and obeying You completely. 12-13

Our children will provide the energy and zeal and we will provide the counsel and direction as the church goes in power to the whole earth.

Cause us to be the generation who takes Your good news to all the earth. Make sure we do everything You tell us to do. Keep the wicked from running over Your people and cut off Satan's attacks. 15

Chapter 2

We lost God's glory and power as we depended on our own.

Remove everything the church has depended on that is not of You and restore her power. 2

God resists the proud. He hates unbelief. Why do we find it so hard to believe our totally trustworthy and faithful Father?

Cleanse us of everything that causes You to resist us. Especially cleanse us of pride and unbelief. Cut off from the land those churches that pretend to know You but are not faithful to You or Your word. 13

Chapter 3

There is a tremendous worldwide shift of people from rural areas to cities. As the whole earth crowds into the cities, they grow worse and worse. At the same time, when spiritual awakening comes to the cities the people will be there to hear from the Lord.

Have mercy on our cities. They are filled with wickedness, evil, lies and robbery. Send a spiritual awakening so the people come to know and love You. Change the policies or leadership of those countries who strongly resist Your church. 1-19

HABAKKUK

Chapter 1

Habakkuk cries out in effect, "Lord, aren't You ever going to do something about all the evil going on?" We have the same thoughts ourselves at times.

Cause the church to see all the evil, hurt and sickness around her and cry out to You. Quickly hear her prayers and work through her to heal our land. 1-4

Keep praying, we will live to see these mighty works.

Use these prayers to release a mighty work in this day that is more awesome and powerful than ever before in the history of the church. 5

The lost world awaits our prayers and our witness.

Work powerfully through Your church to set free those who are hopelessly caught in sin and headed for judgment. 12

Chapter 2

The key is to see what God is doing and join Him.

Cause us to watch and see what You are doing and join You. 1

The fulfillment of the vision is coming.

Make now the appointed time for a great harvest among all the nations of the earth. 3

No matter how wicked the world becomes, the church will continue to trust in our God.

Cause us to stand securely in faith no matter how blatant and aggressive the wicked become. Keep us from being messed up and proud. 4-5

Our trust is not in money or position, but in the Lord.

Lord, keep Your church from desiring the things or ways of the world. 9

The glory of the Lord must cover the earth, so let's pray for it.

Father, cause the whole earth to be filled with Your powerful, manifest presence just like the waters cover the sea. 14

We are the temple of the Lord.

As You manifest Yourself through Your temple, the church, make the whole earth be quiet and listen to You. 20

Chapter 3

The Lord promises revival in the midst of the years. Let's keep asking for it.

Make us hear what You are saying today. Revive Your church very soon. Extend, through Your church, Your offer of mercy to the lost who are facing Your wrath. 2

Do you see how often the Lord speaks of showing forth His mighty power? We need Him to do it again today.

Lord, show forth Your glory and Your great power through your church so a lost world is drawn to You. Bring to an end those religions that are against You and Your church. Protect Your church all over the earth and use us to speak Your word boldly in every nation. 3-6, 12-14

Things looked pretty bad to Habakkuk, but he decided to rejoice in God and receive His strength.

Father, have Your people well prepared for the day of distress when it comes. Keep us rejoicing in You, the God of our salvation. Be our strength, securely guide our feet and make us reign with You. 16-19

ZEPHANIAH

Chapter 1

One heartbeat separates a lost person from an eternity in hell.

Make the lost world know how close they are to facing Your wrath. 1-6

Aren't you thankful for the Lord's peace that keeps us from being worried and anxious?

Cause us to be at peace even in the midst of this wicked world. As the world is reaping the consequences

of their sin, use us to call them to repentance and to help them find forgiveness and mercy. 7-9

The economy may be the thing God has to shake to get this country's attention.

As the economy comes apart, draw the whole nation to Yourself. Cause Your people to get out of debt and save so they can help those who lose everything. 11

We must never give up and become complacent.

Father, shake up those in the church who have become fruitless, useless and complacent. 12

If the day of the Lord was near when Zephaniah wrote this verse, it must really be close now.

Make us realize how near Your return is and cause us to get ready. 14

The world thinks money is the answer to everything, but it won't help when they face God's wrath.

Bring to an end people's trust in silver and gold or their own strength and abilities. 17-18

Chapter 2

Our only protection in the days ahead will be to stay close to the Lord and carefully obey what He tells us.

As trouble increases on the earth, cause us to maintain a close personal relationship with You. Ensure we walk with You in humility and righteousness. 3

The devil's crowd always seems to have lots of money. To a large degree, they are using tax dollars to resist Christianity. Pray that their funds will be taken away and made available to the church. Ask God to powerfully resist the enemies of His church.

Lord Jesus, powerfully resist those who repress and oppress Your church. Cut off the funds the devil is supplying them and send the money to Your church instead. Pour out Your power greatly wherever Your people are being attacked. 8-11

Chapter 3

God's resistance is designed to cause the lost to turn to Him in repentance or turn away from Him in greater rebellion.

Lord, resist those who ignore You and draw them to repentance. 1-7

Judgment day is coming soon, but there is time to snatch many from the fire.

Father, before You have to pour out Your wrath on a lost world, use Your church powerfully to call them all to repent and believe. 8-9

Those who know they are needy are usually the most open to the Lord's help.

Especially draw the poor and afflicted to Yourself and use them to minister powerfully in Your name. Cleanse Your church and draw us very close to You. 12-13

This verse talks about a mighty Lord at work in our midst to save. Ask Him to perform this verse where you are.

Fill us with joy. Make us fearless and effective in Your kingdom work. Work powerfully through us to bring salvation to a lost world. 16-17

Although written about Israel, I think this verse also speaks of God's desire to revive the church before His return.

Lord, move through the church to heal our afflictions, deliver us from bondage and restore our families.

Bring praise and fame to Your church in every land where they have been put to shame. Gather Your church and bring us into the unity You desire. 20

HAGGAI

Chapter 1

Nothing goes right when we ignore and disobey God.

Father, make our country realize that the tremendous storms and disasters we are having are because we have ignored or neglected You. 6

When we seek first the kingdom, God takes care of other things we need.

Don't let us waste resources that should be used in Your kingdom. 9

Hopefully, our problems won't have to get too much worse before the country realizes that God is trying to get our attention.

Get the attention of this country through the droughts, insect plagues and economic problems we face and draw them to Yourself. 11

Chapter 2

His Spirit is not only among us, He is in us so we shouldn't be afraid.

No matter what happens in the days ahead, so work in us and fill us with Your Spirit that we are not afraid. 5

It may be almost time for the big shaking of the world to begin and for the church to be filled with God's glory.

Father, shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land and all the nations. Cause multitudes from all the nations to fill Your church. Also, fill Your church with Your glory. Send an abundance of funds to those who will use them for kingdom work. 6-8

The glory of the last day church will be greater than it ever was before.

Make the glory and effectiveness of the church, in these last days, greater than it has ever been. 9

Let's receive all the blessings God is wanting to give us.

Bring again the days when You can bless our country because we acknowledge and obey You. Cause us as believers to receive all the blessings You have for us. 19

ZECHARIAH

Chapter 1

As we pray God's word, He is making a difference in and around us.

Cause your word to take hold in us. Ensure we believe it and obey it. Provide all the resources needed to spread Your church throughout the whole earth. Bring the Jews into a personal relationship with You. Deal powerfully with those who have fragmented and scattered Your church. Draw the church together in unity. 6, 17, 21

Chapter 2

When God's glory abides on the church, the world will be coming to see and hear what is happening.

Lord, be a wall of fire around Your church and be the glory in our midst. 5

Ask for protection for yourself and your family because the devil tries to destroy praying people.

Father, protect us and resist those who fight against Your church. Make them know we are the apple of Your eye. 8

There are still multitudes to be reached before the second coming.

Cause multitudes, from nations all over the earth, to come to You and know You. Cause the world to be quiet and listen to You and your church. 11-13

Chapter 3

The devil spends most of His time accusing us to God because of our sins. Jesus, our high priest, is our constant defender and intercessor before the Lord.

Lord Jesus, rebuke Satan in behalf of Your church. Take away all sin and filth from Your church and anoint us with power. Ensure we walk in Your ways and follow Your instructions. 1-5, 7

Things can change quickly and dramatically when revival starts.

Come and pour out spiritual awakening upon our land and drastically improve the spiritual condition of our country. 9-10

Chapter 4

Apart from Jesus, we can't do anything. We must give our plans and efforts to God and allow the mighty Holy Spirit to work the powerful works of God through us.

Don't let us depend on our might or power. Cause us to freely allow Your Spirit to work through us. 6

The Lord likes to use the little things and unknown people to do big kingdom works.

Use things that seem small and humble people who seem insignificant to the world to accomplish awesome, world changing kingdom works. 10

Chapter 5

Pray for thieves and liars to be exposed.

Expose the thief and liar that they might be brought to repentance. 3-4

Chapter 6

The Lord will use His mighty angels in the big harvest. One way they will be used is to gather the tares and burn them. Tares are false words or untruth the devil has sown in the world. Start now to ask for the tares to be pulled up and burned.

Send forth mighty angels to patrol the earth and fight for Your church. Cause the enemy to be defeated and pushed back everywhere. 1-7

Jesus is the Branch and more and more we will see Him in control of His church.

Lord Jesus, build up Your church and rule in undisputed control in Your church. Draw multitudes to Yourself from all over the world. 12-13

Chapter 7

Even though wickedness increases we are to remain Christ like in all our behavior.

Cause believers to make correct decisions. Teach us to show mercy and compassion. Don't let us oppress widows, orphans, strangers or the poor. Keep us from thinking up evil against our brother. 9-10

When they stopped listening to the Lord and began to oppress the helpless, the Lord stopped answering their prayers.

Don't let us do anything that keeps You from answering our prayers. 13

Chapter 8

Just as God was jealous for Israel, He is also jealous for His church.

Lord Jesus, be jealous for Your bride and guard her carefully. 2

This verse encourages us not to give up hope.

Keep us from thinking that revival is too much to hope for. 6

In our lifetime the Lord has given Israel back their land and gathered many Jews from all over the earth. He has even torn down the "Iron Curtain" to allow the Jews to come out of Russia and return to their land.

Lord, bring Jews from all over the world to Israel. Hasten the day when the Jews are grafted back into the kingdom. 7-8

We need to hear from God's prophets today so we can be strengthened in His word.

Make us strong as we hear and obey Your word. 9

Revival will bring tremendous blessing to the church and to the land.

Cause Your church to prosper and give her fruit. Cause her to increase. Even though Your church is presently mocked and cursed, cause her to be a blessing to the whole world. 12-13

Even if the whole world is lying and doing evil, we are to speak truth and do good to those around us.

Make sure we speak the truth in love to our neighbor. Keep us from even thinking of doing evil to anyone. 16-17

There could be a time coming when whole cities turn to the Lord and then set about evangelizing the cities near them. One city on fire would certainly be a good start.

Cause whole cities to come to know You. Then send them to nearby cities to share who You are and what You have done for them. 20-21

Chapter 9

Just as the Lord camped around Elisha in the Old Testament, He can put His angels around us to protect us when necessary.

Camp around Your church and stop those who attempt to destroy her. 8

Much of a wasted life can be restored when people turn to the Lord.

Set free those who are prisoners of sin. Return double what the devil has taken away from them. 12

Through God we shall do powerful things.

Make us mighty weapons in Your hand. 13

Jesus is our only defense. Call out to Him, our defender.

Defend us from those who are Your enemies. Shepherd us, Your flock. 15-16

The more we see and get to know Jesus, the better we can reveal Him to the world.

Make the church see more clearly how great, good, wonderful and beautiful You are, Jesus. 17

Chapter 10

Ask for the latter rain.

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, rain revival and spiritual awakening upon the land. 1

The need for godly shepherds who obey the Lord has never been greater.

Remove those who are not good shepherds of Your flock. Take away both power and position from church members who resist what You are doing. Make the church like a good war horse ready to instantly obey Your every command. Keep us steady and at peace even in the midst of spiritual warfare. 2-3

The Lord in us is our source of power for the battles.

Make us mighty men and women who overcome the demonic forces against us and destroy the works of the devil. Confound the devil's forces before us. 5

My boys need to see God working in power. How about your children? Let's pray for them.

Cause our children to see the mighty things You do through us and turn to You with all their hearts. Use us and them to bring multitudes from all over the earth to know You. 7-9

I really want to see this verse performed in me and my family.

Father, strengthen us with Your great power and cause us to go everywhere in Your strength and in Your name. 12

Chapter 12

Soon the Jews will realize that Jesus is the Messiah and give their lives to Him. Pray for this.

Father, hasten the day when all Israel recognizes that Jesus is the Messiah and that they cooperated in putting Him to death. Cause them to repent and turn to Jesus. 10-11

Chapter 13

These verses may indicate that one-third of those alive on the earth may be saved before the Lord returns.

Lord, I pray that You will reach one-third of the people on earth (or more) before the final judgment. 8-9

Chapter 14

When Jesus returns, the Mount of Olives splits and forms a road straight through the Golden or East Gate into the temple area. The Golden Gate has been sealed since it was rebuilt and will remain sealed until Jesus uses it again.

Complete those events that are yet to occur so that soon Your feet can stand again on the Mount of Olives. 4

Pray for His soon return.

Come quickly, Lord, and rule as king over all the earth. 9

MALACHI

Chapter 1

Let's ask the Lord to show us how to truly honor the Father, His son Jesus Christ and His Holy Spirit.

Cause us to honor You, Father, and to revere You, our Lord. Keep us from worshipping You in an unacceptable manner. Make our prayers and sacrifices of praise pure and pleasing to You. 6-9

Ask the Lord to close down those churches who refuse to honor Him.

Shut the doors of those churches that do not honor You, please You, or teach Your word. 10

God plans for His name to be praised all over the earth. Our prayers can help bring about that glorious day.

Cause Your name to be praised all over the whole earth. Bring multitudes to know and worship You in every part of the world. 11

As we faithfully honor God it opens the way for the lost to come to know Him.

Make the whole earth know that You are God. So work that there is a great respect for You. Keep us from making promises and commitments to You and then not fulfilling them. 14

Chapter 2

It is better to be removed from leadership than to stay in leadership and disobey God. There is stricter judgment for those who teach others because they have more light and are responsible for it.

Correct or remove every minister who doesn't give glory to You. Cause the pastors to speak only what You tell them to say. Don't let them cause others to stumble. 1-2, 7-9

Wife and child abuse are rampant and those who do it will answer to God.

Deal powerfully with those who treacherously deceive, mistreat and divorce their spouse. Especially protect the wives and children who are being left battered and destitute across the land. 14-15

The divorce rate among Christians is, sadly, little different from the divorce rate of the lost. This shouldn't be.

Make the nation know how strongly You hate divorce and the consequences of divorce. Make divorce very rare among Christians. At the same time, don't let Your church ever hate or mistreat divorced people. Cause us to welcome them, love them and disciple them. 16

The Spirit in us wants to point out wrong and praise good.

Father, all over the land good things are called bad and bad things are called good. They no longer believe You are coming in judgment. How much longer are You going to let them get away with it? 17

Chapter 3

Keep asking Jesus to work in us more powerfully than ever before to prepare us for His return.

Raise up those that will get us ready for Your return. 1-2

God's judgment will come suddenly and those who have not repented will not escape.

Change those who are sorcerers, adulterers, liars, and who oppress widows, orphans and strangers. Bring them to know You before they are destroyed in judgment. 5

Our giving is one good indicator of our spiritual condition. Don't rob God in any way in any way.

So work in our hearts that we give generously to the work of Your kingdom. As we give, cut off those things that have been wasting our money, energy and time. 8-11

As the Lord blesses us, it draws others to Him.

Lord Jesus Christ, cause Your people in every nation on earth to receive the blessings You have given. Use this to draw the lost to Yourself. 12

Don't even toy with the thought that it is not worth it to serve God. It is, here and in eternity.

Don't let us ever think it is not worth it to serve You. Even though it costs to obey You, keep us aware of the much greater cost if we disobey. 14

Rewards in eternity are more important than rewards here. They last longer.

Make us aware that we are living for eternity and that, even though we have trouble now, soon we will be with You forever. 16-18

Chapter 4

Again we are reminded that judgment is coming. How we need the Sun of Righteousness to pour out healing on us and our families and on others through us.

Use us to rescue everyone possible before the great day of Your judgment. Son of Righteousness, pour out healing upon us and send us out to heal a sick world. 1-2

Promise Keepers and others are being raised up to do this. Pray for more.

Before You return, Lord Jesus Christ, raise up those who will restore godly relationships between fathers and children all over the earth. 5-6

Now consider praying through the book again