



Cedar Street 2021 Life Action Prayer Guide

A list of topics to meditate on and pray over as we seek God's blessing of revival during our Life Action Conference at Cedar Street Baptist Church

I) What is Revival?

- Revival is a divine gift of spiritual renewal for a believer in Jesus Christ who is reawakened by the Holy Spirit to the *power, presence, and priorities* of God.

II) Why is Revival Needed?

- Revival is needed in a believer's life for several reasons including **(1) unrepentant sin; (2) forgetting Christ as our first love; (3) losing the joy of our salvation; or (4) losing focus on our true kingdom mission.**

III) How Does God Bring Revival?

- Revival is a work of God's grace in the hearts of His people that is received through repentance and faith. Although believers cannot manufacture true spiritual revival through human effort, there are many disciplines that we can participate in that put us in a surrendered position to best receive God's reviving power. Here are the primary means by which the Lord brings revival to His people:
 - a) **God brings revival through repenting of our sin:** Psalm 32:5 – *"I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the iniquity of my sin."*
 - b) **God brings revival through praying for His grace:** Psalm 85:6 – *"Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?"*
 - c) **God brings revival through obeying His Word:** Psalm 19:7 – *"The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul."*
 - d) **God brings revival through seeking His presence:** Psalm 69:32 – *"... you who seek God, let your hearts revive."*

IV) What are Signs Revival Has Taken Place?

- When true spiritual revival has taken place in the hearts of God's people, there are several signs that point to a renewal of God's power and presence. Here are some of these supernatural signs:
 - a) **A heightened awareness of God's presence:** Psalm 16:11 – *"You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."*
 - b) **A reverent fear of God's holiness:** Psalm 96:9 – *"Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!"*
 - c) **A renewed joy in God's salvation:** Psalm 51:12 – *"Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit."*
 - d) **An urgency to participate in God's mission:** Psalm 67:1-2 – *"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations."*
 - e) **An insatiable hunger for God's Word:** Psalm 119:97 – *"Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day."*
 - f) **A continual thirst for God's intimacy:** Psalm 63:1 – *"O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water."*
 - g) **A powerful testimony that leads to the expansion of God's kingdom:** Psalm 40:3 – *"He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord."*

V) How Can We Pray for Our Life Action Team?

- Pray that God would grant the Life Action team traveling mercies to and from Metter as they ride in a caravan of RVs from one ministry appointment to the next.
- Pray that God would prepare the hearts and minds of our **Family Pastor Garrett** and **Amanda Lee** along with their children **Gabriel, Zoey, and Imogen**, our **Revivalist Shane** and **Leigh Black** with their kids **Grace, Lindsey, Margaret, Ema, Anna Claire, and Joshua**, and all the college missionaries and worship leaders who will be teaching, preaching, and guiding us throughout the week. Ask God to humble their hearts, sharpen their focus, and bring boldness, honesty, urgency, and clarity to their tongues as they preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

VI) How Can We Pray for Our Services?

- Pray that God would lead the worship team to select powerful gospel-centered songs that would stir the hearts of every listener and remind us of our true identity in Jesus Christ.
- Pray that God would strengthen the voices of each singer and protect all the musical instruments and audio equipment from any technical difficulties that would disrupt worship.
- Pray that God would anoint the teaching and strengthen the sweet fellowship in each area of ministry including the worship services, the children and student Bible studies, the marriage conference, the ladies' lunch, and the relationship between each Life Action team member and their host families.

VII) How Can We Pray for Our Visitors?

- Pray that God would lead many non-believers to attend each service, and that God's Spirit would draw them to unto Himself and lead many to salvation through the proclamation of the gospel.
- Pray that God would awaken visitors who do not have a church home to make the covenant commitment to serve God faithfully in one of the local churches in our community.
- Pray that God would enable our church to open our arms to any visitors who need childcare, personal counsel, prayer, support, or encouragement during each service.

VIII) How Can We Pray for Our Church?

- Pray that God would provide all the church volunteers that are needed throughout the week for host families, vehicle donation, food distribution, and prayer partners to intercede for God's reviving work.
- Pray that God would remove any distractions that our members may have that would keep them from attending these services each night.
- Pray that God would prepare the hearts and minds of our members to come to these services ready to hear God speak and committed to responding with our next "yes" to God.
- Pray that God would convict our members to repent of sin and seek forgiveness and reconciliation of any broken relationships that are hindering the transforming power of God in our congregation.

IX) How Can We Pray for Ourselves?

- Pray that God would use these services to bring a renewed commitment to honor Jesus Christ in our homes, our marriages, and among our children and grandchildren and bring holistic gospel transformation of our *heads, hearts, and hands* so we would draw closer to the Lord, be more focused on our kingdom mission, and make Christian disciples of all nations.