NATIONAL CALL to HUMILITY

Ten Days of Awe

September 19 – 28, 2020

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Ten Days Overview

The purpose of these Ten Days is to humble ourselves in prayer with fasting and repentance. We are joining with believers globally in what is called the Ten Days of Awe. The Ten Days of Awe fall between the Feast of Trumpets and the Day of Atonement from September 19 to September 28, 2020.

This is an appointed time for the Church to gather together in true humility to seek God. As we witness unprecedented shakings of historic proportions, the urgency of the hour compels us to pursue Christ who is the Hope of the nations.

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These verses tell us that the God of all mercy is giving us a window of opportunity to seek Him before the day of His anger comes. As we do so in humility, we will find refuge in the secret place of His protection. His goodness leads us to repentance and brings us to the place of authentic humility.

To help us humble ourselves, we will have a daily prayer guide which includes:

- **an overview of the day's focus (see list below)**
- **links to worship songs to enter His presence**
- **suggested prayer targets and declarations**

• **Day One**	***Mind of Humility***
• **Day Two**	***Love of Humility***
• **Day Three**	***Obedience of Humility***
• **Day Four**	***Sacrifice of Humility***
• **Day Five**	***Israel***
• **Day Six**	***The Church***
• **Day Seven**	***The State***
• **Day Eight**	***The Nation***
• **Day Nine**	***The Nations - Global***
• **Day Ten**	***Worshipping and Waiting / Closing the Gate***

Ten Crucial Days - Today and In History

Most would agree that our nation is at a crucial juncture. Will these Ten Days of Awe make any difference? Will the course of America be reversed? Much depends on the response of the Church. America is hanging in the balance.

In 1776 America was facing a dire situation that could alter the course of the nation. Everything was at stake. And in ten days everything changed.

Ten Days - December 25, 1776 - January 3, 1777

In December 1776, only six months after signing the Declaration of Independence, General George Washington was left with a weary and weakened American Army in their fight for liberty from Europe. In previous battles that Fall, more than half of Washington's troops had been lost. Congress, in an act of no confidence, had fled Philadelphia out of fear of a British attack. Morale of the soldiers was low. Many were about to leave the army as their enlistments were expiring at the end of the year. It was winter and they were short on supplies, ammunition and food.

Pleading with his men who were about to leave military service, Washington said:

"If you will consent to stay only one month longer, you will render that service to the cause of liberty and to your country which you probably never can do under any other circumstances. The present…crisis…is to decide our destiny."

The soldiers stayed on and together they narrowly escaped across the Delaware River as the British troops were closing in. The opposing military hoped for a surrender from Washington because he was trapped in their stronghold. Although greatly outnumbered by the British, Washington made a surprise attack in Trenton, NJ on Christmas Day when their guard was down. This victory was essential to gaining momentum in the war for independence.

Over the course of ten crucial days from December 25 to January 3, Washington and his army won a series of turning point victories. One British historian later wrote, "It may be doubted whether so small a number of men ever employed so short a space of time with greater and more lasting effects upon the history of the world." The course of history was forever changed in those ten days.

General Washington's efforts proved to revive hope for the liberty of the nation.

As we see God's divine intervention in America in 1776, can we not today during the Ten Days of Awe, look to our God and King for divine intervention once again? The destiny of our nation and the course of world history is on the line.

He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Hebrews 13:8

TRUE REPENTANCE

Repentance, the first word that Jesus preached, is a gift from God since His goodness leads us to repent. (Romans 2:4)

Repentance is a privilege and a purification process. It is not punishment.

Biblically repent means to return after we have acknowledged our condition.

Leonard Ravenill says that repentance is not only confession of sin but also forsaking of sin. ***He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy. Proverbs 28:13***

Confession **means agreeing with God that what we did was wrong. But that alone will not keep us from repeating it.**

Repentance **is heartfelt sorrow for sin along with a commitment to forsake it and walk in obedience to God. It's not just feeling remorse or guilt but changing direction. It recognizes that sin is against God and it produces a changed life.**

Are tears necessary for true repentance?

Tears are not enough since we can feel great remorse but still not repent because we do not forsake the sin through our changed will and behavior.

We may repent of some sin by simply confessing it to God as wrong without tears, and then walking in obedience to His Word. An example of this may be repentance for always being late.

However, when the sin in question is much more serious such as hatred, immorality, idolatry, etc., then there will be tears, pain, grief, heaviness and sorrow if we are responding to sin in the light of God. (2 Corinthians 7:10)

As we go through these Ten Days of Awe, just repeating the words of a confession and saying that we repent will not produce the fruit of repentance. The outward form of repentance has no impact. Seeing how we have sinned against God and the gravity of such sin, this will lead us to true repentance and change.

Each day there will be opportunity to humble ourselves before the Lord in repentance. If you find yourself being stirred by one particular prayer point, stay there until you know that you have authentically repented and your will is in line with God's Word. Do not feel pressured to pray every point just to get through a laundry list of sins.

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DAY ONE - The MIND of HUMILITY

As we begin the Ten Days of Awe, we want to focus on seeking humility based on Zephaniah 2:1-3.

HUMILITY PREFERS

Humility is a mindset and a matching lifestyle that puts God and then others first. Selfishness, the opposite of humility, puts self first.

Humility is not thinking less of yourself. Nor is it thinking about yourself less. True humility is not about self at all. It is about others.

...in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. Philippians 2:3b-4 (NIV)

A great example of this is a mother who puts the needs of her family above her own, even to her own hurt. This mother lays down herself for those she loves.

HUMILITY PERCEIVED

Humility is not putting ourselves down nor is it low self esteem. This is false humility which is based on a lie about who we are in Christ. We believe this lie because we focus on self and our shortcomings rather than focus on God. We are made in the image of God from which comes our value in His eyes.

Nor are we to be in pride and think more highly of ourselves than we should.

HUMILITY PERSONIFIED

The perfect expression and example of true humility is found in Jesus.

- **He left heaven and all its glory to come to earth for sinful man**
- **He did not seek position but sought to please God**
- **He came not to be served but to serve by giving His life as a ransom for us**

"...He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross." Philippians 2:8b

Jesus is the very definition of humility - complete selflessness!
May His mind of humility be our mindset and lifestyle that matches.

HUMILITY CHECK UP

Ask yourself if you prefer others when you are driving or shopping; at home, work, school or church; with your enemies; in relationships; among the lost or lonely; or within different streams in the Body? Or do you struggle with or want to be first, recognized, praised or promoted?

HUMILITY PRAYERS

As we bow down in worship, let us focus on Him and not ourselves.

Withholding Nothing Medley by William McDowell (13:27)
https://youtu.be/8DhO5YOhTx4

PRAYER POINTS:

Lord, we choose to humble ourselves under Your mighty hand. Holy Spirit help us. We want to walk according to Your mind and ways and not our self serving ways.

- **I acknowledge that I have not walked in your humility as You desire.**
- **I acknowledge that I have been blinded by self and my selfish ways.**
- **I acknowledge that I have been given to false humility by beating myself up.**
- **I acknowledge that I have thought too much of myself through selfish pride.**
- **I acknowledge that I have not put the interests of others above myself.**

Acknowledging or confessing sin is only a beginning. In addition to confession we must turn away or repent from the sin through new Godly mindsets and actions.

HUMILITY ACTION

One act of humility is to imitate Jesus by washing the feet of another person. Ask the Holy Spirit if there is someone you are to go to and wash their feet. Perhaps there is someone that you need to reconcile with or be restored in relationship.

If the person is not a follower of Christ ask the Holy Spirit how you can honor them. Be creative and be sincere.

As we do this may our attitude be one of worshipping at *His* feet.

HUMILITY THANKS

As we end each session may we stand in AWE of who He is and what He does! Use the words of your own heart to thank Him now.

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DAY TWO - The LOVE of Humility

The greatest act of love in all of humanity was cradled in the greatest obedience of all humility through Jesus Christ. Such humility born in the love of God in our own lives is essential and was perfectly demonstrated by God.

For God So Loved The World… **Because God is love, He loves all.**

His love is the *power* in us to love Him and others as He plans.

HUMILITY LOVES COMPLETELY

Jesus said that we are to love God with everything we are - our desires, dreams, affections, emotions, every breath we take, abilities, strength, and in our minds.

HUMILITY LOVES FIRST

God is to be our first love. Yet we can struggle to connect with Him as our first love because: (1) the cares of this life; (2) distractions; (3) weariness, doubts, discouragement or fears; (4) God seems distant or His love "failed" us.

Other things that we value more than God will also hinder our love relationship. Other loves may be people, work, church, possessions, pleasures, etc.

We may have surrendered one area of our heart to loving Him first. But there may be other places still to be surrendered. Even when we don't walk in perfect love, God still loves. We don't earn love nor do we get less love from God. It is freely and completely given because of who He is. God is gentle, kind, patient and long-suffering with us. Truly nothing can separate us from His everlasting love!

HUMILITY GIVES

He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

In God's love He gave the world Jesus. His love was expressed in action. Our love must also be demonstrated by our actions.

God loved us first. He took the initiative. We must do the same with others. We cannot wait for them to love us first.

We must even love our enemies as expressed in forgiveness and kindness. We were God's enemies at one time too. But His love transformed us into His sons and daughters. He wants this same transformation for everyone.

HUMILITY TESTIMONY

This is an inspiring testimony of what it means to love God first in a practical way.

As a young believer, Alfonso "Poncho" Murguía demonstrated his faith by loving others. He would visit a dying mother of 6 young children in the hospital. After her death there was no one to care for them, so he and his wife adopted them.

Poncho and a group of friends met regularly to study the Bible in Juárez, Mexico. The small Bible study in his home grew and soon became a church of hundreds.

But Poncho's thriving ministry came to an abrupt halt when the Lord told him to give up his pastoral role. He initially resisted, but he obeyed and followed God.

God then called Poncho to a 21-day fast for the city of Juárez, which was known as ”the murder capital of the world.” Much of the violence was due to the city's sicarios, or hit men. At $30 to $40 per murder, these assassins make bloodshed their business as they take orders from gang leaders and drug cartels.

Yet Poncho knew God was calling him to camp in the park for 21 days to fast and pray, consuming nothing but water and the Word of God. Poncho explains, "I just said, 'Lord, I don't know what I'm doing here. How do you pray for a city?' So I started going through the Bible, looking for what God thinks about cities."

God was changing his perspective. As a pastor, he had not served his city. His evangelism efforts were tainted with the goal of growing his own church.

After that mindset shift, God began to do some incredible things. Within a week of beginning his fast, a reporter approached him for an interview. The reporter asked, ”Why are you hunger striking? Tell me, who are you mad at? We're the most important newspaper in the city. We'll put it in there, and we'll back you up.”

But Poncho wasn't hunger striking. He wasn't mad at anyone. He told the man: "I'm just praying and fasting for my city because I want God to bless my city.”

The reporter said, 'Nah, that won't sell,' and he left. “He told his boss, 'This crazy guy is not eating. He's spending the night there and he's not hunger striking. He's not mad. He says he wants God to bless the city. Boss, what do you want to do?'"

Instead of telling the reporter to drop the story, the editor told him to go back to Poncho every day and ask him what God was telling him to pray. Each time Poncho shared what God had laid on his heart, and the paper published it.

"People started coming to the park to be prayed for, prostitutes, drug addicts and gang members, housewives, people from the government, and businesspeople. All of a sudden within those 21 days…I began to learn how to love my city."

Poncho says that lesson hinged on a fresh understanding of John 3:16, which says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." Poncho knew of eternal life in Jesus, but he fell short in loving the world as God does.

"The part that got me was that the whole thing was initiated when Jesus came to the earth." It was all initiated by the Father who loved the world. I was preaching what was wrong with the world, but I wasn't loving the world the way God did."

Word of Murguía's 21-day fast spread throughout the city, to the point that 4,000 people came on the final day of the fast to receive ministry and pray for Juárez.

Source: https://www.charismanews.com/world/80545-the-sicarios-pastor

HUMILITY PRAYERS

After the worship, we will pray in line with the questions found below.

Worthy of It All + I Exalt Thee by Bethel (9:58
https://youtu.be/1oVKK2OPT5U

Do you see other loves holding a priority spot in your life?
Is there someone that you have not loved like God loves?
Do you need an awakened love in your heart for God?
Do we love people and our city like Poncho?

Lord, we humble ourselves before You and we repent for our sin for not loving you as our first love and lacking in our love for others. We ask You to forgive and awaken our hearts to love you and others more. We want to behold You and become more like you. As we reflect Your image more clearly to others, we pray that they too will come to know You as their first love. May Your harvest be great.

HUMILITY ACTION

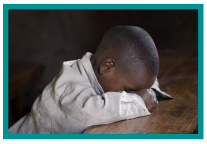
Have you ever had someone pay it forward and you received the blessing? Well we want to do that as an expression of God's love. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you someone that He wants to express His love. Pray for them before taking action so that it is divinely inspired, timed and powerful.

DAY THREE - The OBEDIENCE of HUMILITY

To be like Jesus in humility, we choose to walk in *loving* obedience to Him.

Obedience means (1) to listen attentively and (2) to submit to the command given by one in authority. We must be willing to hear and then do it.

HUMILITY'S CHILD



We begin as a child in the area of obedience.

A woman in her late 60's was preparing to go on a mission trip to India. As part of the training, she and the other members went to a ropes course. One exercise involved climbing up a 30 foot telephone pole and then jumping off the top while attached to a harness. The purpose was to help people face their fears.

This woman was the oldest on the team. She was very short and could barely reach the bars to climb the pole. And she was not in the best physical condition. Yet with child-like faith she climbed up and jumped off without hesitation. Her obedience provided inspiration that others needed who were struggling with fear.

She is a wonderful example of how we are to be in obedience to the Father. Even as we mature, we should never lose our child-like faith, trust and humility.

HUMILITY'S SERVANT

The Bible helps us to grow from a child into a servant in our obedience.

Jesus in His perfect humility took the posture of a bondservant. A bondservant is a slave or someone who gives himself up completely to another's will. The King of all kings became a bondservant to God so we have an example to follow.

Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. John 13:16

It is as a servant that we learn obedience at a deeper level than as a child. A true servant does what is required by saying "Yes" without questioning the Master. Yet it can be hard to simply obey without questions, debate or negotiations.

When we struggle to obey, we may try to make deals with God. We offer to do something else rather than obey what He says. God wants the obedience that is better than any sacrifice we make.

HUMILITY'S FRIEND

"You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. "No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. John 15:14-15

As we learn the obedience of a servant, we can become a friend of God. This means doing all that God commands as a servant. But as a friend we are given revelation from the Father. We become closer to God and He entrusts us.

Abraham, as a friend of God, was told what God was about to do to Sodom. With this revelation, Abraham was able to intercede for the people. God listened to His friend and moved accordingly. We need this type of relationship with God today!

HUMILITY'S SON

Jesus made himself of no reputation. He was not driven by opinions of others. His only motivation was pleasing His Father.

We too are to be free of concerns about our reputation. As we walk in this freedom, our obedience to God will significantly increase. Our yes to God will be much stronger and more consistent in all areas.

An important key to freedom from fear of man, is to repent for putting opinions of others before God. Since fear tries to make its voice louder than God's voice, fear interferes with our communication with the Father.

HUMILITY PRAYERS

As we come before the Lord in worship, here are some prayer questions:

Do you hear what the Spirit of God is saying to you as you open your heart?
Are you freely taking hold of the hand of God and letting Him lead you as a child?
Are you a true bondservant or are you questioning or making deals with God?
Are you growing as God's friend with deeper revelation from God?
Are you willing to pay the price to lay down your reputation and the fear of man?

I Surrender by Hillsong Worship (10:26)
https://youtu.be/s7jXASBWwwI

HUMILITY'S ACTION

In what way are you being prompted by the Holy Spirit to obey God today? Step out and obey His leading and believe for a deeper relationship with the Father.

DAY FOUR - The SACRIFICE of HUMILITY

The culmination of all that Jesus did is summed up in the word sacrifice.
And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Philippians 2:8

In the garden of Gethsemane Jesus had to battle with His will to die on the cross. So He understands our battle to lay down our lives and He is there to help us.

HUMILITY'S CROSS

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." (Mathew 16:24)

How do we demonstrate the cross in our lives? Every day we make the decision to prefer God and others, even when it costs us much. Day by day we do this in obedience. Hopefully each day a little more of the self life dies.

We should also purposefully talk to the Lord about our level of willingness to lay down our lives. Be honest but be willing to change. Jesus had to do this.

HUMILITY'S MIRROR

"I Gave Everything Back to the Lord." A Testimony.

"Early one Sunday morning when the rest of the family was still fast asleep, I was taking a shower. Suddenly I had a great pain in my chest and a temporary problem of breathing. I quickly got out of the shower and went to my study. I figured that I was not going to be able to preach that Sunday morning as planned, but I was not going to be there for my family anymore.

I humbled myself on the floor. I could see my whole family and ministry flash through my mind. Each significant aspect of my life was being taken away from me. On my knees with prayerful tears, I said good bye to my wife, my children, one by one. I gave back the pastoral ministry to the Lord which He had entrusted to me. I gave up my own life to the Lord and readied to be taken.

I was ready to go, but the Lord decided to keep me alive for a while longer. The lessons I learned, however, penetrated deeply into my soul.

I humbly realized that no matter how much I was around, it was the Lord that was going to care for my precious wife and children…As I gave each of them back to the Lord, the Lord has since then greatly deepened my relationship[s].

I humbly realized that ministry comes and goes…My labor that counts is only that which is done for His glory.

I humbly realized that I was who I was. By this, I mean that I could not fake my real identity before God. He saw through me clearly. He helped me to get a very realistic picture of me through my early morning tear-formed lens. Part of the time was spent in confession and repentance. Part of that time was spent in expressing my gratefulness of how far the Lord had taken me.

The words 'to die daily' have a deeper significance for me. In a sense, I need to do this each day. I can't treasure anything more than the Lord. This would be idolatry. I can't care for my responsibilities without Him. Everything now seems so temporal. I want to be ready each day to go home to be with the Lord."

Do we have to wait until we are looking death in the face to humble ourselves? Of course not but if we did know that a specified day would be our last here on earth, what would humility in our eyes look like? Ponder this and ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand. https://www.foundationsforfreedom.net/Topics/Humility/Humility_Testimonies.html

HUMILITY PRAYERS

What is God saying to me through this story?
What do I want to say to God in response?
What difference will this story make in my life?

No person can convince us to take up our cross. But God's love can compel us. ***that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; Philippians 3:10***

"When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die." Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Falling on My Knees by William McDowell (4:01)
https://youtu.be/dRsRmtxw8VM
Loss for Words by Trinity Anderson (6:27)
https://youtu.be/FmFx69N-qLQ

HUMILITY ACTION

Taking up our cross to follow Jesus is something that happens in the heart first. But perhaps there is a sacrifice that the Lord is asking of you. The Holy Spirit is there to help you do this. Do what He directs you to do.

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DAY FIVE - ISRAEL

Opening Shofar (1:37) https://youtu.be/9ht0ailWQf8

"In those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will put them on trial for what they did to My inheritance, My people Israel, because they scattered My people among the nations and divided up My land. They cast lots for My people and traded boys for prostitutes and sold girls for wine to drink." Joel 3:1-3

Song - We Call Your Name (5:36) https://youtu.be/_GaGgT7Fk5Q

Father We Repent

We have not represented Your Heart for Your First-Born Israel (Exodus 4:22)

We have tried to usurp/replace their position/identity and calling (Rom 11:28-29)

We lack gratitude for their position to bring Your word and the Messiah (Rom 9:4)

We have not honored Your complete Word…we have separated and given the New Testament alone and the whole counsel of the Word (2 Tim 3:16)

Father We Repent

We Lack Humility to serve and honor the Jewish people

We Resist Your Plans for Israel and the Jewish people (Jeremiah 29:11)

We have disowned, dispersed, scattered Your People (Joel 3:2)

We act against Your Promised Covenanted Land (Amos 9:15)

We repent for our government's voting record and for dividing Your Land

We have funded the enemies of Israel - Iranian Deal

We have Anti-Semitic attitudes and mindsets knowingly and unknowingly

We have College Campuses that breed contempt for Your People – BDS

Father We Repent

We lack Your heart of love for the people of Israel (Isaiah 54:10; Deut 7:7-8)

We lack in praying for Israel and the Jewish People (Palm 122:6)

The Blessing

Adonai said to Abram. My heart's desire is to make you into a great nation, to bless you, to make your name great so that you may be a blessing. My desire is to bless those who bless you, but whoever curses you I will curse, and in you ALL the families of the Earth will be blessed. Genesis 12:1-3

Gratitude & Blessings

Thank You for our Forefathers of the Faith, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Heb 11)

Thank You for their service and funding of this nation's founding…

Haym Salomon, a Jewish Immigrate joined the Sons of Liberty and he funded the Revolutionary War – George Washington called on him when the Continental Army was broke. He died penniless at the age of 44

Thank You for bringing through Your People our Savior Jesus /Yeshua (Lk 2:30-32)

Declarations over Israel

For Zion sake we will not hold our peace, and for Jerusalem sake we will rest, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns. The Gentiles shall see your righteousness and all the Kings your Glory. Is 1:26 God will restore Jerusalem/Israel Judges and counselors she will be called The City of Righteousness, The Faithful City. Isaiah 62:1-2, 6-7

Israel shall be to Me a name of joy, a praise and an honor before all the Nations of the earth, who shall hear all the good that I do to them; they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and prosperity that I provide. Jeremiah 33:9

In this spirit of humility and repentance we ask You Lord to give us Your revelations, strategies and next steps for the people of the United States and our relationship with Israel in this New Year 5781. We humbly ask You our Heavenly Father, forgive us and release the curses off our broken and divided land.. Please heal us and our land…as we bless Israel. May Your Hand of Blessing be extended to us today and through this year.

Song - The Blessing (10:00) https://youtu.be/uZ55mDL7dA0

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DAY SIX - The CHURCH

We have sought to humble ourselves as individuals, but now we also need to humble ourselves as a corporate body, the Church in America.

Judgment begins in the house of the Lord, not in the nation. As the Church we seek to repent for sins that have marred the image of Christ through His body. This is done with a heart of love and not pointing the finger. None of us can cast stones. Jesus said, "forgive *us* our sins as *we* forgive those who sin against *us*. This indicates group, and not just individual, repentance.

What a Beautiful Name by Hillsong (5:42)
https://youtu.be/nQWFzMvCfLE

The most critical area of repentance is for the sin of idolatry - having other gods before the One true God. We dealt with this personally but now we do this corporately as His body.

1. **We repent of the idol of serving and lifting up self over God in His Church**
   - **Ask that we see Jesus increase and we decrease**

2. **We repent for not making the worship of God of first importance**
   - **we interrupt the worship for commercials and announcements**
   - **we allow distractions in our time with God whether at home or in church**
   - **we think the worship is just warm up for the sermon so we arrive late**
   - **we sing songs that are meant to "pump us up" instead of honoring God**
   - **Ask that we will be worshippers in Spirit and in Truth that bless Him**

3. **We repent of the idols of performance, entertainment and celebrity Christians**
   - **Ask that we put no confidence in fleshly things when we worship God**

4. **We repent for wanting to get out of service as quickly as possible**
   - **we want the message short because people get bored**
   - **we want pleasures more than we want to be in Church**
   - **Ask for a reviving in the Church so that we will dwell in His presence**

5. **We repent for avoiding messages that bring conviction**
   - **we don't want anyone to be uncomfortable or offended**
   - **Ask for His goodness that leads us to true repentance**

6. We repent for putting cultural relevance above pleasing God
   - we fear man so we compromise the Word
   - we want church growth so we water down the Word
   - Ask for the faith that pleases only God with no fear of man

The second area of repentance needed in the Church is about our love that has grown cold through offenses, selfishness, and overload.

7. We repent for not walking in God's unfailing love towards our brethren
   - we are divided denominationally, racially, and critical and jealous of others
   - Ask for an authentic humble spirit of preferring others in unity and love

8. We repent for not loving the whole world in the name of Jesus
   - we have put missions and outreach at the bottom of the list
   - we don't have God's heart for His world, only our world.
   - Ask for God's demonstrated love to be in us for all people in all places

Prayerlessness is the third area of repentance. Jesus said My house shall be a house of prayer for all nations.

9. Repent for prayerlessness in our homes and in the Church
   - without prayer we build our house and not God's house and it is in vain
   - prayer is to be for all nations and not just our local church family
   - Ask for a new and fresh awakening for prayer in the Church

We are called to be a city on the hill that lets the light of Jesus shine brightly for all to see. If He is lifted up all will be drawn to Him.

10. We repent for hiding our light under a bushel
    - we have let our light grow dim due to worldliness, cares, selfishness
    - we have been hypocritical instead of being holy as He is holy
    - we have remained hidden inside church buildings
    - Ask for boldness and backbone to be the Church shining brightly

Jesus said the Church would prevail against the attacks of darkness. Repentance is a key to this victory and a way for the Church to arise and shine for His glory!

Revelation Song by Bethel (8:13) https://youtu.be/zfsN1vMKN1M

HUMILITY ACTION

Select at least one other congregation in your community and pray for them and their leaders regularly. Drive by and speak blessings over them.

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DAY SEVEN - The STATE

Florida has a God given destiny as it relates to the nation and nations. Anything that falls short of God's destiny dictates the need for awakening and repentance.

FLORIDA: The FORERUNNER State

Florida has been called a forerunner state. A forerunner is Jesus; one who goes before to prepare the way for others to follow.

As a forerunner in the image of Jesus, Florida is destined through evangelism to lead others to Christ for a great harvest of souls.

A forerunner is an advance messenger like John the Baptist who proclaimed repentance before Jesus came. Florida is to do likewise by preaching the gospel of the Kingdom in preparation for the return of the Lord.

God wants Florida to understand the times to know what the nation should do.

FLORIDA: The BACKBONE of America

It has been said that Florida has a backbone down the center of the State and it is needed in the nation. The backbone represents:

(1) power, courage and strength of character to do what God wants to be done
As a State we cannot buckle under the pressure of political correctiveness, mob mentality, nor demonic agendas. Like Joshua we must be bold and courageous.

(2) pillar of support for the body's weight and balance to stand upright
Florida must rightly steward the weight of God's glory as He moves miraculously.

(3) protects the body's communication system to the brain, nerves, and walking
It is essential the Florida thrive in prayer, worship and the Word which is our communication system with Jesus as the head of His Body.

FLORIDA: The RUDDER of America

The map of the U.S. looks like a ship with the rudder being Florida. scripture for this image is:

A tiny rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot wants it to go, even though the winds are strong. James 3:4

The pilot of the ship is God. He is the One who determines His direction for us.

In context, James is referring to the power of words that we speak. Our very small tongue boasts great things, kindles great fires and can defile the whole body. We can either bless or curse. We can speak either life or death.

Forever by Kari Jobe (11:23) https://youtu.be/mv4LRI2KI2M

We repent for our failings as a Forerunner in evangelism, preaching of the Kingdom, and any false teachings or words that have come from Florida

- **We declare a massive harvest in the State and nations for God's glory**
- **We declare Godly wisdom and words to come from Florida to the nation**

(1) Backbone: power, courage and strength of character to obey God

Repent for bowing down to the pressures of darkness as a State
Repent for not showing forth strength of Godly character in our State

- **Pray for people in the State in all spheres to have backbone to obey God**

(2) Backbone: pillar of support for the body's weight and balance to stand upright

Repent for moves of God in our State have been corrupted by people
Repent for times that we have compromised God's righteousness

- **Pray Florida will rightly steward the weight of His glory as He moves powerfully**

(3) Backbone: protects body's communication system to the brain and nerves

Repent for miscommunication, no communication, or ungodly, false communication that has come out of our mouths as a State.

- **Pray that our State will flourish in hearing God and knowing His presence**

Let us repent of the words of death and destruction that we have spoken over our State and nation. Repent for wanting to be the pilot or in control.

- **Pray that God will steer our State and nation for His Kingdom purposes**
- **Pray that as the people of Florida we will speak words of life in Jesus' name**

Image of the Kingdom Seal of Florida as a Forerunner State above is a trade mark and is used with permission.

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DAY EIGHT - The NATION

Today is a national day of repentance. It is time to RETURN to the Lord. It is not the nation that is called to return; it is the Church. As the Church does this, the Church will arise and shine in the land.

Only God determines His course of action in a nation. Yet He heeds the response of the people of the land, especially His people.

There are five primary national sins identified in the Bible that God gives as warning signs. These sins are: idolatry, immorality, innocent blood shed, coming against Israel, and pride. Sadly we see all five at work in America.

Pride is the leading cause of sin. It is what leads to destruction. It is therefore urgent that we, the people of God, humble ourselves on behalf of our nation.

Song - We Call Your Name (5:36) https://youtu.be/_GaGgT7Fk5Q

(1) Idolatry as a Nation

Repent of the idols of self and mammon (money, pleasures and power) We have used our Declaration of Independence to sever dependence on God and to pursue personal pleasures instead of pursuing the Lord.

- **Pray we do not waiver between differing opinions about the One true God**
- **We cannot serve two gods - pray that we will forsake the idolatry of mammon**

(2) Immorality as a Nation

Repent of the flood of sexual mud that is overtaking the nation and being exported to other nations. This begins with repenting of immorality in the Church according to the standards of Jesus.

- **Pray that we the Church will not be hypocrites nor compromise in this area**

(3) Innocent Blood Shed

Abortion and murder grieve God and should grieve us. Israel, when ordered by Pharaoh to kill their sons, did not cry out to God. Repent for not crying out over the spilling of innocent blood in our nation.

- **Ask God for mercy because the blood of Jesus speaks forgiveness, not revenge**

(4) Israel

Throughout the Bible nations were judged for how they mistreated Israel. Some were judged when they simply rejoiced at the calamities that happened to her. On Day Five of the Prayer Guide we dealt exclusively with Israel.

(5) Pride of "I"

But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." James 4:6

The last thing that any nation should want is to have the Righteous Judge to be in opposition to them. Are we experiencing any of this in America? Divisions, strife, injustice, intolerance and darkness? Whether you believe we are or not, we do not want pride to keep us in this position of being opposed by God.

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite. Isaiah 57:13

Acappella Company: Create In Me (3:14) https://youtu.be/noUeQQ64Q1I

- **We the people of God humble ourselves and stand in the gap between God and the U.S. There is no other answer for our future as a nation.**

- **We do not pray for our nation so we can go back to our comfortable lives. We pray so America can fulfill her destiny as a city on a hill shining with His light.**

- **We pray for our nation so that we can be a part of His great harvest of souls.**

- **We do not pray because we are seeking our own benefit and blessings, rather we seek first Your Kingdom and Your righteousness.**

- **We cry out for your awakening in the Church**

- **We cry out for your reviving to come to our people and land - the wounded ones, the lowly, the lost, the lonely, the broken and the angry, everyone**

HUMILITY ACTION

When you see something negative in the news about America, humbly ask the Lord to forgive, and speak mercy blessings over the people and places.

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DAY NINE - The NATIONS - GLOBAL

Where Do We Find Ourselves Today?

Everything that can be shaken on a global scale is being shaken.

God, Creator and Owner of everything, is always unshakeable.
His Kingdom endures forever and will never be defeated.

What is God's global plan in this day and hour?

A global harvest! Despite the increased darkness, it is still true that God so loves the world. He has not changed His mind.

I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Ezekiel 33:11

A great harvest of souls and the knowledge of His glory will cover the earth.

Way Maker by Darlene Zschech (11:40) https://youtu.be/ulFK2tv4GWQ

How Do We Pray in Humility?

It is time to ask for His heart for souls. We are all called to do the work of an evangelist. No more excuses. Let's do this with Him and for Him!

- **Repent for not having God's heart for souls**
- **Repent for only praying for lost loved ones and not those outside our lives**
- **Ask for God's heart for souls - no spectator and no one on the sidelines**

The harvest is ripe and we can no longer be blind to the lost. No more delay. We do not need more Bible teachings to be light and salt.

Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Jh 4:35

- **Repent for not looking for and seeking out the lost; we have avoided them**
- **Repent for not being the good Samaritan to the lost and hurting**
- **Repent for delaying the harvest by our religious reasonings**

The Lord of the Harvest wants to send out laborers. Will we go? Will we humble ourselves, be mobilized and united in His global plan?

- **Repent for not going as a missionary even to your own community**
- **Repent if you have heard the call to missions and have said no to God**

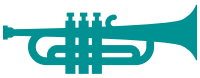
- **Repent for not releasing loved ones to go as God would lead them**
- **Ask God to give you a heart to "go"**

Jesus said to go into the whole world, not just our own community, or nation. Yet we reject foreign missions because "we need missionaries here." We withhold hearts, prayers, and resources and use them on self. Missions is not a competition ministry. We are to go to people everywhere.

- **Repent for not having a heart to see the whole world evangelized**
- **Repent for selfishness or prejudice against any peoples group**
- **Repent for not giving resources to the work of the Kingdom globally**
- **Ask God to give you His heart for the nations**

Every Nation by Circuit Riders (7:58)
https://youtu.be/rmRrqAPOBMc

How Do We Pray with Authority?



We DECLARE the goodness and love of You Lord over the peoples of the earth for large scale repentance.

We Declare God Your greatness as every knee must bow to You.

We Declare that every tongue, tribe, and nation will be around Your throne worshipping You - no one left behind because God You do not want any to perish.

We Declare that this gospel will be preached in the whole world.

We Declare there will be a global awakening and revival for the glory of You God.

We Declare the earth belongs to You God and not to darkness. All principalities and powers are subject to the name of Jesus which is above all names.

HUMILITY ACTION

Purposefully pray for the lost around you and seek ways to be His witnesses. Prayerfully adopt a missionary in another nation. Support them as you are able.

In what other ways are you being prompted by the Holy Spirit to obey God today?

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DAY TEN - WORSHIPPING and WAITING / Closing the Gate

The disciples spent ten days in the upper room waiting for the promise of the Holy Spirit. God called them to be world changers by demonstrating His Kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven. They could never accomplish His mission without His might. And on the tenth day the outpouring of the Holy Spirit came forth and the disciples "turned the world upside down." As we now come to day ten, let us do what they did - they worshipped the Lord in one accord and God moved.

WORSHIP

We will spend time worshipping and waiting upon Him to hear what He wants to say to us His people in this season. He has promised to lead us in the right way as we humble ourselves. Record what you sense He is speaking.

Days of Elijah by Judy Jacobs (8:26)
https://youtu.be/PUIa674GGCo

How Great is Our God World Edition by Chris Tomlin (6:16)
https://youtu.be/vg5qDljEw7Q

WAITING

What do you hear the Lord saying to you about:

- **His Church**
- **America**
- **Florida**
- **Your Region or City**
- **The Nations**
- **You and Your Family**
- **Something Else**

CLOSING THE GATE

At the end of the Ten Days of Awe it is the practice of the Hebrews to "Close the Gate." After this time of humility and repentance, we close these ten day with a proclamation about the greatness of God from Psalm 145. Even though we see giants of sin and spiritual enemies in the land, we have great hope in a great God who is still faithful to His promises. No matter what comes, we choose to believe the report of the Lord. His Kingdom will come and He will not be overthrown.

Psalm 145 - The Closing Prayer

I will extol You, my God, O King;
And I will bless Your name forever and ever.
2 Every day I will bless You,
And I will praise Your name forever and ever.
3 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
And His greatness is unsearchable.
4 One generation shall praise Your works to another,
And shall declare Your mighty acts.
5 I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty,
And on Your wondrous works.
6 Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts,
And I will declare Your greatness.
7 They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness,
And shall sing of Your righteousness.
8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
Slow to anger and great in mercy.
9 The Lord is good to all, And His tender mercies are over all His works.
10 All Your works shall praise You, O Lord,
And Your saints shall bless You.
11 They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, And talk of Your power,
12 To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts,
And the glorious majesty of His kingdom.
13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.
14 The Lord upholds all who fall, And raises up all who are bowed down.
15 The eyes of all look expectantly to You,
And You give them their food in due season.
16 You open Your hand And satisfy the desire of every living thing.
17 The Lord is righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works.
18 The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.
19 He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him;
He also will hear their cry and save them.
20 The Lord preserves all who love Him, But all the wicked He will destroy.
21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord,
And all flesh shall bless His holy name Forever and ever.

GRATEFUL HEARTS

In your own words give thanks to God who hears our cries and answers according to His perfect plans and purposes.

Aaronic Blessing By Jonathan Cahn (4:45) https://youtu.be/e7KHZK4vbOc