**Purpose:** To set aside one day to reflect at what God has done in our church, our community and in our lives since the first of the year. It is also a time to discern what God wants to say to His church as we move forward.

**What:** We take a day off from everything and go somewhere near where we live and immerse ourselves in God’s beauty. We take the time to spend time with God and diminish every other distraction. It’s a day to truly walk with (or sit with) God and listen to His words about our hearts, lives and futures. This will also help us launch us into the remainder of the year in very unexpected and profound way. It’s amazing what setting aside one simple day to walk with God can do!

**When:** September 12th or (alternate) 13th, 2020

**How:** Spend much of the day in solitude. Consider fasting for part or all of the day. Possibly pray with another participant for part of the day.

Here is a suggested prayer guide:

**STAY FOCUSED ON THE THEME FOR EACH PRAYER SESSION**—For many of us, it is easy to get distracted during prayer. Many other prayer needs will probably come to mind as well. Unless God urges you to stop everything else and pray for these other concerns, consider writing them down and commit to pray for them when you have finished your current session.

**PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR LISTENING**—Let the Holy Spirit draw you into God’s presence and respond to Him as He speaks to you. Open your heart and your life to Him before you begin your time of listening. Enjoy the closeness of His presence and fellowship.

**MEDITATE ON THE BIBLE PASSAGES ON THE PAGE**—Take the time to let the Holy Spirit speak to you through them and show you how they address your life, the church, and the nation.

**CONCLUDE WITH THANKSGIVING**—God hears the prayers of His people and responds. While He always acts according to His will, He has told us already it is His will to restore His blessing on the land of a people who turn to Him for blessing. It is right to thank God for hearing you and working to glorify Himself through your prayers.

**REFLECT**—How has God spoken to you? Did a Scripture, word, poem, song or picture come to mind? Jot or draw what God has given to you.

Thank you for jointing this day of prayer. We pray God will do a great work in and through each of our lives as we meet with Him in prayer. Remember to share your reflections with Pastor Mark at mark\_broadus@fellowshipchurchto.org.

**Hour One - Prayer for Personal Revival**

**Thirst for God***Revival begins when Christians long for a closer walk with God.*

**Preparation**

* Praise God for who He is
* Confess your sinfulness and need for cleansing
* Repentance
* Allow His Spirit to draw you near
* Listen as He speaks to you

**Ask God to…**

* Give you a deeper longing to walk with Him
* Reveal Himself to you
* Help you put your relationship with Him before all things
* Remind you of His great love for you
* Draw you close to Himself
* Refresh your spirit
* Renew your spiritual joy

**Thanksgiving**

* Thank God for hearing you
* Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

**Scripture for Preparation and Meditation:**

Psalm 63:1-3
“1 God, you are my God; I eagerly seek you. I thirst for you; my body faints for you in a land that is dry, desolate, and without water. 2 So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. 3 My lips will glorify
you because your faithful love is better than life.”

John 4:13-14
“13 Jesus said, ‘everyone who drinks from this water will get thirsty again. 14 But whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again—ever! in fact, the water I will give him will become a well of water
springing up within him for eternal life.’”

Matthew 5:6
“6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, because they will be filled.

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**Hour Two - Prayer for Personal Revival
Longing for His Word***God’s Word is an indispensable part of genuine, lasting revival.*

**Preparation**

* Praise God for who He is
* Allow His Spirit to draw you near
* Listen as He speaks to you

**Ask God to...**

* Give you a deep thirst for His Word
* Reveal Himself to you as you read His Word
* Reveal the beauty of His Word to you
* Help you apply the truths in His Word to your life
* Show you areas of your life that need to be surrendered to Him
* Help you realize the depth of His love as you read His Word
* Help you trust Him more as you learn more about Him from His Word

**Thanksgiving**

* Thank God for hearing you
* Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

**Scripture for Reflection and Preparation:**

Psalm 119:36-40
“36 Turn my heart to your decrees and not to material gain. 37 Turn my eyes from looking at what is worthless; give me life in your ways. 38 Confirm what you said to your servant, for it produces reverence for you. 39 Turn
away the disgrace I dread; indeed, your judgments are good. 40 How I long for your precepts! give me life through
your righteousness.”

Jeremiah 15:16
“16 your words were found, and I ate them. your words became a delight to me and the joy of my heart, for I am
called by your name, lord God of Hosts.”

Matthew 4:4
“4 But He answered, ‘it is written: Man must not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’

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**Remember, if you need a break and a stretch, be sure and take it!**

**Hour Three - Prayer for Personal Revival**

**Action***True repentance leads to “action”.*

**Preparation**

* Praise God for who He is
* Allow His Spirit to draw you near
* Listen as He speaks to you

**Ask God to...**

* Help you to live a peaceable and quiet life in all Godliness and holiness
* Help you be involved in your community for the sake of the gospel
* Give your church a desire to reach your community for Christ
* Enable you to engage with the culture creatively and effectively

**Thanksgiving**

* Thank God for hearing you
* Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

**Scripture for Reflection and Preparation**

Matthew 5:13-16
“13 ‘you are the salt of the earth. But if the salt should lose its taste, how can it be made salty? it’s no longer good
for anything but to be thrown out and trampled on by men. 14 you are the light of the world. a city situated on a hill cannot be hidden.
15 No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. 16 in the same way, let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.’”

1 Timothy 2:1-4
1 First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone,
2 for kings and all those who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all Godliness and dignity. 3 This is good, and it pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Additional Scripture
Romans 13:1-7

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**Hour Four – Revival for Your Church***A God honoring local church is the key to spiritually healthy Christians and effective ministry.*

**Preparation**

* Praise God for who He is
* Allow His Spirit to draw you near
* Listen as He speaks to you

**Ask God to...**

* Pour out His Spirit on your church
* Break down all barriers to revival
* Fill your church family with His Spirit
* Strengthen your church family’s burden for holiness
* Increase joy in your fellowship
* Strengthen your church’s commitment to its mission

**Thanksgiving**

* Thank God for hearing you
* Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

**Scripture for Reflection and Preparation**

2 Corinthians 13:9
“9 in fact, we rejoice when we are weak, and you are strong. We also pray for this: your maturity.”

Ephesians 3:17b-19
“17b I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and width, height and depth, 19 and to know the Messiah’s love that surpasses knowledge, so you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

Ezekiel 37:4-6
“4 He said to me, ‘prophesy concerning these bones and say to them: Dry bones, hear the word of the lord! 5 This is what the lord God says to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you will live. 6 I will put tendons on you, make flesh grow on you, and cover you with skin. I will put breath in you so that you come to life. Then you will know that I am the lord.”

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**Hour Five - Prayer for Church Revival
Churches in Your City***Every community need churches that are Spirit-empowered.*

**Preparation**

* Praise God for who He is
* Allow His Spirit to draw you near
* Listen as He speaks to you

**Ask God to...**

* Pour out His Spirit on all the churches in your city and local Ministerial
* Give the churches in your city a deep burden for the lost
* Raise up spiritual leaders in all the churches to call their members to holiness
* Fill the pastor of every church in the city with His Spirit
* Break down barriers that prevent churches from working together for the Gospel
* Reveal to each church anything that is hindering a great movement of God in their midst

**Thanksgiving**

* Thank God for hearing you
* Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

**Scripture for Reflection and Preparation**

Philippians 1:9-11
“9 and I pray this: that your love will keep on growing in knowledge and every kind of discernment, 10 so that you
can determine what really matters and can be pure and blameless in the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.”

2 Corinthians 13:7-9 “7 Now we pray to God that you do nothing wrong, not that we may appear to pass the test, but that you may do what is right, even though we may appear to fail. 8 For we are not able to
do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. 9 in fact, we rejoice when we are weak, and you are strong. We also pray for this: your maturity.”

1 Thessalonians 4:4, 7
“4 so that each of you knows how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor. 7 For God has not called us
to impurity, but to sanctification.”

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**Hour Six - Prayer for Revival Among Church Leadership
Church and Ministry Leaders***Spirit-empowered leadership of the churches’ ministries is crucial for effective outreach. A church will not rise any higher spiritually than its leadership. (Think of our Pastor, Elders, Deacons, Coffee Break leaders, Worship, Youth leaders, our COA.)*

**Preparation**

* Praise God for who He is
* Allow His Spirit to draw you near
* Listen as He speaks to you

**Ask God to...**

* Fill each leader with His Holy Spirit
* Help each leader to maintain the right spiritual priorities
* Draw each leader close to Himself
* Surround each leader and their homes with His protection
* Give each leader a deep thirst for the things of God
* Give each leader a vision for what He wants their ministry to achieve
* Raise up others to engage in the ministries of your church
* Help every leader understand the important role they have in the church’s ministry
* Give every leader the wisdom they need to serve God faithfully in their ministry

**Thanksgiving**

* Thank God for hearing you
* Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

**Scripture for Reflection and Preparation**

Ephesians 6:19-20
“19 pray also for me, that the message may be given to me when I open my mouth to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel. 20 For this I am an ambassador in chains. pray that I might be bold enough in Him to

speak as I should.”

Acts 4:29-31
29 “And now, Lord, look at their threats, and grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness, 30 while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” 31 When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.

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**Hour Seven - Prayer for Community Renewal
Communities at Peace***Communities that work together can resolve the most stubborn problems.*

**Preparation**

* Praise God for who He is
* Allow His Spirit to draw you near
* Listen as He speaks to you

**Ask God to...**

* Put it in the hearts of the people to desire peace
* Give community leaders wisdom to resolve conflicts in their communities
* Burden the churches to become more involved in their communities
* Lesson divisions in the community
* Bring God’s peace to the neighborhood I live in
* Help communities develop effective ways to help troubled youth

**Thanksgiving**

* Thank God for hearing you
* Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

**Scripture for Reflection and Preparation**

Psalm 133:1
“1 How good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters can live together!”

James 3:17-18 “17 But the wisdom from above is first pure; then peace-loving, gentle,
compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without favoritism and hypocrisy. 18 and the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.”

Romans 12:4-5 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

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**Hour Eight – Envisioning the Future**

**Our church***We believe that God has us here for a reason!*

**Preparation**

* Praise God for who He is
* Allow His Spirit to draw you near
* Listen as He speaks to you

**Ask God to...**

* Reveal His plans for this church
* Keep us focused on Christ our head
* Show us what things our church needs to rid itself of
* Show us what new things God wants to birth here
* Give us faith to follow Him in next steps

**Thanksgiving**

* Thank God for hearing you
* Trust that God is at work to accomplish His will

**Scripture for Reflection and Preparation**

Jeremiah 29:10-12
10 “For Yahweh says, “After seventy years are accomplished for Babylon, I will visit you and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place. 11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you,” says Yahweh, “thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you hope and a future. 12 You shall call on me, and you shall go and pray to me, and I will listen to you.”

Revelation 2:7
7” Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”

Additional Scripture

2 Corinthians 6:1-10

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