

CRY: MERCY!

15-Day Prayer Guide

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Cry: Mercy! Day 1: Separate light and darkness

From the Bible

And God said, Let there be light; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good (suitable, pleasant) and He approved it; and God separated the light from the darkness (Gen.1:3-4, Amp).

Overview

It's now more difficult than ever before to discern between right and wrong. Nearly everything in the world is portrayed as "good" and "for the better." Right and wrong are so mixed, it cannot easily be discerned. In some cases, human rights and God's purposes for man are portrayed as if they are one and the same. Rebellion, mass action or to strike for a good cause, has become the norm. During the past decades and again during the last few months, our country has been overshadowed with much controversy, strikes, violence, mass action and destruction of property, as well as the killing of innocent people who did not want to partake in these actions. These actions are often sparked by a few people who are gaining much more financially than their more ordinary co-workers on ground level. It is time again for us to cry out to the Lord to separate darkness from light. We need to intercede for right and wrong to be discerned, and even for unbelievers to know what is right.

Repentance and prayer

Father, as the church we ask for Your forgiveness for following and agreeing with so many opinions of the world around us. We lack knowledge of You as the One who makes a way where there seems to be no way. We have neglected to boldly proclaim the manifold wisdom of the true character of Your love, righteousness, and justice to a dying world (Eph.3:10). We ask that You expose the darkness around and within us through the light of Your Word. In the workplace, in the church, in our families, and in our personal lives, shine and expose all fruitless deeds of darkness and dead works (Eph.5:11). Teach us to surrender our lives to You and Your purposes (Jer.32:19). Teach us to turn from our wicked ways and to follow You in truth and with an undivided heart (Ps.86:11).

Confess, declare, intercede, and proclaim

Lord, we ask, together with your children around the world, that You will come to execute judgement on all, to convict all who are ungodly among us for all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against You (Jude 14-15). Please cause every ear to hear the good news of Jesus Christ who is the Lord of all (Acts 10:36). Reveal to every soul that Jesus Christ existed from the beginning as the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Show every individual that through Jesus Christ all things were made, and without Him nothing was made that has been

made. Let it be known in the heavens and on the earth, that in Jesus Christ is life to this day, and that this life is the light of mankind. Let the light of Your truth shine in the darkness over our world (Jn.1:1-5, 14).

Cry: Mercy! Day 2: Judge our hopelessness with love

From the Bible

A father of the fatherless and a judge and protector of the widows is God in His holy habitation (Ps.68:5, Amp). Do justice to the weak (poor) and fatherless; maintain the rights of the afflicted and needy (Ps.82:3, Amp).

Overview

Fatherlessness, rejection, shame, humiliation and the misunderstanding of grace and mercy are evident in most of our lives – believers as well as non-believers. Even in this modern age the poorest of poor are deprived of basic human needs such as water, food, and clothes. The emotional damage of rejection, shame and humiliation can only be restored by the love of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us call out to Him to heal and restore the damage and consequences of fatherlessness, rejection, shame, humiliation from every heart and soul and emotion of all the people in our nation right now. Let us lay hold of Him to restore our brokenness, so that coming generations will experience physical, emotional, and spiritual adoption, acceptance, honour, and affirmation of their humanity.

Repentance and prayer

Father, as church we repent of neglecting and overlooking the needs of those deprived of their basic needs in the past, and even at present. In some cases, we still partake in the humiliation of people, causing them shame and a feeling of fatherlessness. Forgive us this sin, for it is great. Look at our ways, see our desolation, heal our people, and restore comfort in us (Is.57:18). Because of our iniquities, we are utterly distressed in this generation. Have mercy on us, for we are currently ruined and made desolate as a people (Is.49:19). Heal us from our fatherlessness, remove shame and humiliation from us, restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and grant us a willing spirit to sustain us (Ps.51:12).

Confess, declare, intercede, and proclaim

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, grant us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that we may know You better. May the eyes of our hearts be flooded with light to know the hope to which You have called us, Your incomparably great power for us who believe (Eph.1:17). Let the poor and those deprived of basic needs see and be glad for Your salvation. Let the hearts of those who seek You live with the hope that You hear and answer the needy and do not despise captive people (Ps.69:32-33). Let us no longer fear fatherlessness, rejection, shame, humiliation, and a lack of love.

Restore us, so that we will no longer suffer shame. Let it be true of us all, that we will not fear disgrace, no longer will we be humiliated. By Your grace, cause us to forget the shame of our youth (Is.54:4).

Cry: Mercy! Day 3: Reveal to us our sins, iniquities, and the secrets of our hearts

From the Bible

Our iniquities, our secret heart and its sins (which we would so like to conceal even from ourselves), You have set in the (revealing) light of Your countenance (Ps.90:8, Amp).

Overview

Traces of unrighteousness and injustice, corruption, crime, and violence are evident in many spheres of society. Some may feel that our countries are no longer a place to live and raise children. Some may feel God is not really answering our prayers, because everything just seems to get worse. However, there is a secret of the kingdom of God hidden in all of this. So much prayer has gone up before the Throne of grace in years past. Only now, we begin to see the light of Jesus Christ exposing darkness, making known secret sins, even convicting people of things they never thought of! As many people are confronted with the righteousness and justice of God, they have an opportunity to repent towards one another and God. Let us then boldly come before the Throne of grace. Ask God to shed His revealing light into the hearts of leaders in every sphere of life, and to expose their true attitudes. Now is the time of repentance so that they might turn from their wicked ways and be saved.

Repentance and prayer

Father, as church we confess that our fear to offend people has in some cases compromised us to boldly speak the truth about sin and repentance. Please forgive us this sin and do not disown us in heaven because of such weakness! (Mt.10:32). We ask that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God will be made known to all rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms. May this be revealed according to the eternal purpose You have accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. Cause all Christian believers, through their faith in Christ, to approach You with freedom and confidence for the souls of the lost (Eph.3:10-12). Give us the peoples of the world as our inheritance with Christ (Ps.2:8).

Confess, declare, intercede, and proclaim

Lord, we pray that by Your grace You will come to save us all from wickedness, and from the ruler of this world who is at work in those who are disobedient to You (Eph.2:2). Make known to every individual in our nation – believers and non-believers, citizens, and foreigners – all our iniquities and sins, especially those we

would like to conceal even from ourselves. Expose all darkness in us through the light of Your countenance (Ps.90:8). Like John of old, cause the church again now to prepare the way for You to have Your way in the hearts of mankind (Mk.1:2). May Your will be done, may Your kingdom come as it is in heaven (Mt.6:10).

Cry: Mercy! Day 4: Revelation concerning right and wrong

From the Bible

The entrance and unfolding of Your words give light; their unfolding gives understanding (discernment and comprehension) to the simple (Ps.119:130, Amp).

Overview

The crisis of evangelism in a post-modern world is a culture of Bible believing churches filled with people who do not read the Bible anymore. As a result of this, people find it difficult to discern between right and wrong. What was wrong yesterday, seems in order today. Nearly everything is permitted! If someone would dare to take a stand for something, he/she is criticised as extreme. The value of the Bible as the written Word of God to people across all ages, no longer seems relevant! Some Christians have become so disillusioned. They choose to follow other religions. Others find it hard to really believe that God loves them. Thousands testify that they find it difficult to read the Bible and have given up on it. Now is the time to lay hold of the kingdom of God (Mt.11:12). It is a season of extreme perseverance for the purposes of God to be revealed to a dying, corrupt world covered in darkness. It is a time to dig into God's Word like never before.

Repentance and prayer

Father, as church we have become like the sluggard of old! We are no longer practicing and keeping good spiritual disciplines on a regular basis. We have become slack in reading and studying Your Word. Spiritual poverty (a lack of the deeper knowledge of God) has overcome many Christians (Rm.11:33-36). We repent of our spiritual laziness, and for making excuses why we cannot persevere in doing Your will (Heb.10:36). Please forgive us for not walking in the way of righteousness. Cause godly sorrow that brings repentance, which leads to salvation and leaves no regret in our hearts, to come over us. Let this godly sorrow produce in all of us earnestness, an eagerness to clear ourselves before You, indignation, longing, concern, and a readiness to see justice done (2 Cor.7:10-11).

Confess, declare, intercede, and proclaim

Father, please let the fear of the Lord which is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge once again enter our hearts (Pr.1:7). Truly Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb.13:8). May the piercing and unfolding of Your words into our hearts bring light to everyone living in our nation. As we proclaim

Your Word out loud, may Your words also unfold in the heavenlies to give understanding, discernment, and comprehension of its meaning to all, even to the simple (Ps.119:130). Let none escape the revelation of Christ. Let Your voice resound over the earth today as of old, crying out, “Repent! Turn away from all your offences, then sin will not be your downfall. Rid yourselves of all the offences you have committed and get a new heart and a new spirit. For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone. Repent and live!” (Ez.18:30-32).

Cry: Mercy! Day 5: Exposing lies, false righteousness and false religion

From the Bible

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! (Is.5:20).

Overview

Violence and crime go beyond the boundaries of physical burglaries of houses or the abuse of women and children. Abortion violates the gift of life from God. Immorality is a crime against the holiness of marriage. Through man’s reasoning and philosophising, the truth can be anything an individual wants to believe. The foundation of God’s Word as the only truth is overlooked and denied. Let us not be deceived or naive about the time and season we are living in. It is a season to proclaim the purposes of God for our country and specifically for the lost and those caught up in confusion. Only when mankind knows and understands God’s will and purpose, can right and wrong can be discerned.

Repentance and prayer

Father, as church we claim that we see and understand Your will and purpose, but we are really blinded by the world we are living in. You said, “If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin. But now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains” (Jn.9:41). We are no better off than the Pharisees of old! Against You and you alone have we sinned (Ps.51:4). We repent of our blindness, our hardness of heart, our stubborn mindsets, and our unwillingness to yield to the truth of Jesus Christ as the One who seeks and saves that which is lost (Lk.19:10). We call upon Your Name, we humble ourselves, grant us wisdom this day to turn from our wicked ways. Show us mercy, forgive our sin, and heal our land and people from lies, wrong beliefs and motives, false righteousness, and an unwillingness to submit and surrender to You (2 Chr.7:14). Create in us a pure heart, o God, and renew a steadfast spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence or remove your Holy Spirit from us (Ps.51:10-11).

Confess, declare, intercede, and proclaim

Lord Jesus Christ, we ask that You reveal Yourself as the only way, the truth, and the life, to everyone in our nation. Cause us to understand that no one can come to the

Father, except through You (Jn.14:6-7). May our people yield to You. May violence no longer be heard of in our country, neither ruin nor destruction rule within our borders. Let our walls be called Salvation, and our gates Praise. May all know You as their everlasting light, and our God as our glory. Cause our days of sorrow to end. May all our people become righteous and possess the land forever. Cause the least of us to become like a thousand, the smallest a mighty nation. O Lord God of hosts, in Your time, do this swiftly (Is.60:18-22).

Cry: Mercy! Day 6: Caring for the poor and needy may cure crime

From the Bible

If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday (Is.58:9-10).

Overview

Most perpetrators need food, clothes, houses, etc. and start to steal for that purpose, often from a very young age. To find a job and work for an honest wage seems difficult and even unnecessary once they have stolen something without being caught. They will steal more, become more violent and draw others into their schemes, plans and gangs. Most perpetrators live in a world unknown to the outside world. It is a world driven by fear, hopelessness, fatalism, and manipulation. Drugs often play a significant role. These circumstances make it nearly impossible for them to escape the spiral they are caught in. It is now time to call out to the Lord to set these people free. When leaders of gangs or rebellious groups would come to know Christ, their testimony will influence many others to simply follow in their footsteps. When more Christians will selflessly and sacrificially become involved in helping the poor and needy and living lifestyles of restitution, they will truly be rewarded by the Lord (Pro.19:17).

Repentance and prayer

Father, as Christian believers, we confess our lack of compassion for the poor and needy. We are involved in some projects, but our personal lives do not always testify of a daily walk of compassion wherever we are, and how we act towards those around us! Forgive our selfishness. Give us an undivided heart and put a new spirit within us. Remove our heart of stone and give us a heart of flesh (Ez.11:19). Have compassion on all caught up in crime and violence. Cause them to realise that their true captivity is really darkness. Open their eyes to see Christ as the way, the truth and the life (Jn.14:6). Touch their lives with love and wisdom. Cause them to follow Your decrees and be careful to keep Your laws. Let all people with evil intent be saved, and truly know You as their God (Ez.11:19).

Confess, declare, intercede, and proclaim

Father God, cause us to love righteousness and justice in the same way You do. May our nation be filled with Your unfailing love (Ps.33:5). Let righteousness and justice be established as the foundation of Your throne in country. Let love and faithfulness go before You to make a way for truth and light in the hardened heart of people (Ps.89:14-15). By Your mercy and grace, work righteousness and justice for all those oppressed with spiritual darkness and set them completely free (Ps.103:6). May all the gates in our country which are closed to the message of Jesus Christ, be opened, and lifted up. Enter our world as our King of glory. Show Yourself as mighty in the battle and overcome all darkness in our nations (Ps.24:8-9).

Cry: Mercy! Day 7: Christians to live according to godly standards

From the Bible

The godly have been swept from the land; not one upright man remains. All men lie in wait to shed blood; each hunts his brother with a net...the ruler demands gifts, the judge accepts bribes, the powerful dictate what they desire – they all conspire together...The day of your watchmen has come, the day God visits you...But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord (Mic.7:2-4, 7). Let your light so shine before men that they may see your moral excellence and your praiseworthy, noble, and good deeds and recognise and honour and praise and glorify your Father who is in heaven (Mt.5:16).

Overview

So little godliness, uprightness, honesty, and integrity seem to be left in our country, and among its people and leaders in both society and the church. So much unrighteousness has already been exposed in the lives of many honoured leaders in society and even church leaders. It makes us wonder if anyone will be found faithful and blameless if put to the test. We easily judge others by what they do and what we think about it. It is time to do introspection of our own life, also as pray-ers and intercessors. Are we living blameless before God and men? Do we hide secret sins, even from our spouse or best friend? If confronted today, what will be written down of your life, should someone take stock?

Repentance and prayer

Father, we confess our slack lifestyles that portray so little moral excellence, modesty, good deeds, etc. We repent having a judgemental spirit towards others. Forgive us for keeping a blind eye to our own sins, iniquities, and weaknesses – o that godly sorrow that leads to salvation would once again flood our souls as believers! (2 Cor.7:10). Pour out the compassion in our heart to intercede with Christ who is seated at Your right hand. Come and make all His enemies His

footstool (Heb.10:12-13). Today we ask for Your grace for every believer to reject everything belonging to our earthly nature: immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. We used to walk in these ways, but now we rid ourselves of all such things (Col.3:5-7).

Confess, declare, intercede, and proclaim

Our Father in heaven, restore all Christian believers to once again become a true testimony that brings glory to You. Cause us to show sincere love. As a testimony of Christ's love, soften our heart in true devotion to one another through brotherly love. Strengthen us from our weakness and tiredness in intercession and persevering prayer. By Your grace, cause us to increase in zeal, in keeping spiritual fervour, and serving You. Let us once again be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. Let Christians be distinguished from ordinary people by their living in harmony with one another, not being prideful, but willing to associate with people of low position, not repaying anyone evil for evil, and to carefully do what is right in the eyes of everybody. Help us to overcome evil with good (Rm.12:9-21).

Cry: Mercy! Day 8: Leaders in business, unions, church, etc.

From the Bible

The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your entire body will be full of light. But if your eye is unsound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the very light in you (your conscience) is darkened, how dense is that darkness! (Mt.6:22-23).

Overview

The way in which people view themselves and the state of the country is greatly influenced by leaders in government, political parties, the economy, etc. Over the past 2 years, leaders from nearly all spheres of life were exposed in some way, because of their involvement in corruption, bribery, immorality, greed, etc. As individuals deal with accusations against them, they have an excellent opportunity to humble themselves before the Lord, repent from their sins, and turn from their wicked ways. Now is a time to pray for leaders in all spheres of life. If their lives are rendered to Christ, the kingdom of heaven increases. The truth will increase. Souls captivated in darkness will see the light of Christ in a new context and even for the first time. The very testimony of these new believers, exposed to the public eye, will lead to the salvation and encouragement of many others.

Repentance and prayer

Father, we are so used to tackle problems in prayer that we often lose perspective of the victory of Jesus Christ! We fight and resist the fruits of evil in our society, often forgetting to face the root of these problems. Forgive us for only fighting

darkness. Forgive us for not also realising the immense power of proclaiming Your Word and truth and dominion over the darkness! We tell everybody that we must not focus on the devil, but all our efforts are to eradicate him! Reveal your glory, Lord, reveal Your truth and open our eyes to view You in a whole new way. Have mercy on us and fill us with all Your fullness (Col.2:9). Let the light and truth of Christ expose all kinds of darkness everywhere (Eph.5:11), and set every captive free from bondage.

Confess, declare, intercede, and proclaim

Father, we pray for leaders from all spheres of life to come to know that nothing can separate them from what Christ has for them – no trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword. Cause them to understand that in all these things they can be more than conquerors through Jesus Christ who loves them. Let them fear nothing in their pursuit of You and Your love for them – no death or life, not angels or demons, not the present or the future, no power, height or depth, or anything else in all creation. Let none of these onslaughts ever separate them from Your love in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rm.8:35-39).

Cry: Mercy! Day 9: Perpetrators of crime, violence, gangsterism and corruption

From the Bible

...to shine upon and give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to direct and guide our feet in a straight line into the way of peace (Lk.1:79).

Overview

These people break in and steal, they rape our sons and daughters, they murder, they hi-jack, they destroy and burn down. They enrich themselves; they live on drugs. They fight for ranking and position. They manipulate to have their way; they threaten others to survive themselves. Their hearts have become so hardened, they no longer love or care for no one and nothing. They are completely trapped by the whirlwind of destruction at work in their lives. Their world is largely unknown to us as believers. They are in desperate need to be set free from bondage and circumstances. There is no easy way out for people in these circumstances. But there is a way out. If they would see the real light of Christ in the lives of Christians, they will choose Him. Now is the time to call out to the Lord for these lost people in our country. It is a time to lay hold of the promises of God for the souls of those sitting in darkness. It is a season to have compassion on them, as God has had compassion on us.

Repentance and prayer

Father, we have spent so much time in praying for crime, violence, corruption, etc. to stop. Now we also realise that we in the first place must pray for the souls of

those committing these crimes to come to know Your Word (Heb.4:12). Forgive us for wanting only what is best for ourselves, looking out for our best interest (Jas.4:3). Forgive us as church for practicing so little bold evangelism (Ac.28:31). We have scared people away from You by acting unwisely! (2 Pe.2:12). Forgive us for not showing the love of Christ in a way that cause non-believers to turn to You! It is when we love one another that they will know that we are Your disciples (Jn.13:34-35).

Confess, declare, intercede, and proclaim

Father, we ask that the fullness of the love of Christ will fill the heart and mind of every non-believer. Make them glad, cause the wilderness in every soul to rejoice and blossom. May every soul still hidden in darkness see the glory of the Lord, and the splendour of our God. By Your love and might, strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way, and say to those with a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Your God will come, He will come with vengeance, with divine retribution He will come to save you." For those who sit in darkness we pray that their blind eyes and deaf ears will be opened. Cause even the lame to walk, and the mute tongue to shout for joy. Let spiritual water and life gush forth into their wilderness, and streams of life in the deserts of their souls (Is.35:1-7).

Cry: Mercy! Day 10: Releasing the captives to love God

From the Bible

The basis of the judgement (indictment, the test by which men are judged, the ground for the sentence) lies in this: the Light has come into the world, and people have loved the darkness rather than and more than the Light, for their works (deeds) were evil (Jn.3:19, Amp).

Overview

Gangsterism has a large influence countrywide. Some gangs operate in the street and in certain geographical areas. The dominant gang in an area determines what is going on in that area. Other gangs operate in prison. The 25's, 26's and 27's are most familiar. Some of these gangs operate in and out of prisons. This may mean in many cases that those outside of prison are ruled from within prison. Some of the main causes of gangsterism are rejection, a lack of love, and a longing for identity and acceptance. Gangs mostly rule through fear, manipulation and also money and drugs. Should many gang leaders come to the Lord at the same time, it would have an enormous impact on gangsterism in our nation. It will also influence the lives of many children who usually become involved in gangsterism at an early age. The salvation of so many gang members will mark a significant turn in the history of our nation! Now is the time to lay hold of the Lord to touch the lives of those caught up in gangsterism. It is a season to trust the Lord for extraordinary miracles, and the

showing of His powerful love. With the hope of Jesus Christ set before us, let us come boldly before His throne of grace.

Repentance and prayer

Father, we confess that we have largely lost hope that the destructive power of gangsterism will ever be removed from our land. We repent of our lack of faith in You, for what is impossible with men is possible with You (Lk.18:27). We ask that You raise men and women of faith who will minister the love, mercy and deliverance of Jesus Christ to gang members and leaders with a boldness and authority that will cause them to choose You as the leader of their lives (Mk.3:14-15). Raise up many believers who will persevere in prayer for the salvation of whole gangs over the next year.

Confess, declare, intercede, and proclaim

Our heavenly Father, we declare the decree of the Lord: Jesus Christ is Your Son. With Christ, we ask of You the nations as our inheritance (Ps.2:7-8). Cause the Evil One to lose his hold on the lives of gangsters and gang leaders. May they become like the beauty of the fields, and may their wickedness vanish like smoke (Ps.37:20). Cause each one to come to know this truth: for God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life (Jn.3:16). Jesus Christ, by Your grace, give eternal life to every gangster. Let no one snatch them out of Your hand (Jn.10:28-29).

Cry: Mercy! Day 11: Righteousness and justice are the foundations of His throne

From the Bible

But he who practices truth (who does what is right) comes out into the Light, so that his works may be plainly shown to be what they are – wrought with God (divinely prompted, done with God's help, in dependence upon Him) (Jn.3:21).

Overview

People built their opinions, identity and even their destiny on different foundations. This is very clear from certain TV programmes, newspaper articles, radio programmes, etc. Some choose as foundation for their life a certain religion, their career, etc. Each one believes his/her choice to be the right one. Among all of these the foundations of the throne of God are not clearly visible in our society. Many people are not building their lives on these foundations, like perpetrators of crime, corruption, and violence. Now is the time and season to call out to the Lord to remove from our country every foundation contrary to the foundations of His throne. It is a season to cry out for righteousness and justice to be established in every sphere of life, in every heart, in every soul and in every emotion of every person alive in this country, for God's kingdom to come so near once again that both

believers and non-believers will have discernment of right and wrong!

Repentance and prayer

Our heavenly Father, we confess that our arms have become feeble and our knees very weak (Heb.12:12). You have given us everything through Your Son Jesus Christ, yet we show little desire to lay hold of Your kingdom (Mt.11:12). We repent of a lack of righteousness and justice in our own lives. Please forgive us. We have so little understanding of Your kingdom! Teach us true wisdom, righteousness, and justice. Remove all unrighteousness and injustice from our hearts. Put Your laws in our minds and write them on our hearts (Heb.8:10). Please make it known to the rulers, the authorities, the powers of this dark world and the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms (Eph.6:12).

Confess, declare, intercede, and proclaim

Father, please raise up believers that will lay hold of Your will and purposes. Since the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it (Mt.11:12). Let all believers realise that the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk only, but of power (1 Cor.4:20). Neither is the kingdom of God a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Rm.14:17-18). In this way, establish Your throne in heaven, and Your kingdom to rule over all the world (Ps.103:19). Let every ear hear what the Lord is saying: "Before Me every knee will bow, by Me every tongue will swear. They will say of Me, 'In the Lord alone are righteousness and strength'" (Is.45:23-24).

Cry: Mercy! Day 12: Knowledge of the mystery of Christ to the lost

From the Bible

...to open their eyes that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may thus receive forgiveness and release from their sins and a place and portion among those who are consecrated and purified by faith in me (Ac.26:18).

Overview

Jesus' final commandment before His ascension remains as relevant to us as Christian believers today as it was on the day He gave it. No matter how strong or weak, rich, or poor – this commandment remains our assignment for the rest of our days: we must go and make disciples of all nations. We have the responsibility to teach them to obey everything Christ has commanded us, together with His promise that He will always be with us to the very end of the age (Mt.28:19-20). Today people from many nations are living in our nations, whether they are refugees, illegal immigrants, or here to study. We literally have the nations on our doorstep.

They are in our parking lots, they are in our shopping malls, they live down the street. Now is the time more than ever before to befriend people from other nations for the sake of their souls! It is once more a season to bring the good news of Christ to those who don't know Him. We can impact China by befriending a Chinese neighbour. Never have so many opportunities presented themselves for the kingdom of God!

Repentance and prayer

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess our hesitance to testify of our love for You to others. As church we repent for not boldly teaching our members how to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to the nations in our country. Let Your zeal consume our cold hearts, and let us keep spiritual fervour in serving You (Rm.12:11). By Your Spirit, cause all believers to follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy (1 Cor.14:1). Cause us to boldly proclaim without ceasing to every tongue and tribe and nation living in our country, the salvation there is in Jesus Christ (Rev.19:10).

Confess, declare, intercede, and proclaim

Father, there is no God like You, who pardons sin and forgives transgressions, who does not stay angry forever, but delights in showing mercy (Mic.7:18). Have mercy on the peoples of the world. Do not put an end to them or abandon them, for You are a gracious and merciful God. Let those who do not have Your mercy, receive it now, so that they will glorify God who is in heaven (Neh.9:31; 1 Pe.2:10; Rom.15:9). Lord Jesus Christ, You came into the world to save sinners. Now show mercy to the nations that are bound by demonic forces, and ignorant of the great salvation available to them. In Your anger and judgement, please remember mercy (1 Tim.1:16; Hab.3:2).

Cry: Mercy! Day 13: God's angel to prepare the way

From the Bible

I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way...Do not rebel against him; he will not forgive your rebellion, since my Name is in him. If you listen carefully...I will be an enemy to your enemies and will oppose those who oppose you...I will send my terror ahead of you and throw into confusion every nation you encounter. I will make all your enemies turn their backs and run. But I will not drive them out in a single year, because the land would become desolate and the wild animals too numerous for you. Little by little I will drive them out before you, until you have increased enough to take possession of the land (Ex.23:20-30).

Overview

Our modern-day enemies come in hidden forms such as abortion, drug abuse,

violence, crime, and murder. These are the enemies we must trust God to drive out of our country. Pray that drug traders and organised crime will be exposed and stopped. With the hope that Christ is with us, let us now lay hold of Him to drive out all other enemies of His kingdom from our country as well! It is not a time to rest, it is not a time to wait, it is a time to persevere in prayer until breakthrough comes. Then we will need to persevere until the next breakthrough comes, then the next one, and so on. It is time to pray without ceasing for as long as we live on the earth!

Repentance and prayer

Lord, we give You praise, for Your love endures forever (Ps.118). Forgive us as believers that we lost hope for things to change for the better in our country (Pr.13:12). We repent of unbelief and faint heartedness. Part the heavens, o Lord, and come down. Send forth lightning and scatter the enemies of Your kingdom (Ps.144:5-6). Come and do a new thing in our country! Let it now spring up, making a way in the desert and bringing streams to the wasteland (Is.43:19).

Confess, declare, intercede, and proclaim

Father, we ask, together with all the believers in our country that You will come to execute judgement on all (Jude 14-15). Let all Your enemies hear of Your great fame and cause them to stand in awe and fear of your deeds. Show Your great deeds again in our day. Make them known to all the enemies of Your kingdom. In Your wrath remember mercy on the people (Hab.3:2). Send Your terror ahead of you and throw into confusion every enemy we may encounter in our country. Make all our enemies turn their backs on sin and run from it (Ex.23:27).

Cry: Mercy! Day 14: Restoration of relationships

From the Bible

How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore (Ps.133:1,3).

Overview

The Christian community has as some of its main characteristics, division, strife, disagreement, distrust, and disunity. Many more can be added to this list. The Lord Jesus said, "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another (Jn.13:35). There were great testimonies of reconciliation between congregations, and leaders from different denominations and culture groups over the past few years. Much love and understanding of one another is however still needed to fill all the gaps between people who say that they love Christ, but struggle to love one another. Let us cry out to the Lord to restore unity in His body, especially amongst church leaders. It is time to persevere in prayer for brothers and sisters, fathers and children, families and friends, husbands, and wives to turn back to each

other and embrace one another in love, no matter how great the divide, how great the sin committed by or against a person. This is a time to persevere in prayer for unity in the whole body of Christ. This is a time to lay aside all old differences for the sake of God's kingdom.

Repentance and prayer

Dear Father, we repent of our stubbornness to bow in obedience to honour our brother and sister by forgiving them (Mt.6:14). There is no one like You to help the powerless against the mighty. Help us, for we rely on you, and in your Name, we have come against this vast army. You are our God! Do not let man prevail against you (2 Chr.14:11). Remove all stumbling blocks and make us one as You and the Father are one (Jn.17:11). Let no offence, mistake or old differences continue to prevail over relationships within the body of Christ.

Confess, declare, intercede, and proclaim

Father, we pray the prayer of Jesus for the body of Christ. We pray for all who will believe in Jesus through the gospel message, and for every Christian leader, that all of them may be one, just as You are in the Son and the Son is in You. May they also be in You, Lord Jesus, so that the world may believe that the Father has sent the Son. Righteous Father, though the world does not know You, we as believers know that You have sent Your Son. Make Yourself known to this generation of believers through Your Son once again (Jn.17:20-26). We desire to experience how good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! Come and bestow Your blessings upon the church (Ps.133:1,3).

Cry: Mercy! Day 15: Healing

From the Bible

"If you will diligently listen to the voice of the LORD your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, your healer." (Exodus 15:26)

Overview

The one thing most people across the world struggle with is sickness and death. Fear of death controls us. One certainty in life is that people die. Pharmaceutical companies market medicine of all sorts to heal people and to keep them healthy. Research almost eradicated certain diseases like leprosy, polio, and measles. Modern diseases like HIV/AIDS are successfully treated with antiretrovirals. Recently, COVID19 caused great fear and disruption globally. We all hope and pray that a cure will be found. In the meantime, millions of unborn babies die from abortion. Millions of people die of famine. All preventable. Our Creator-God

revealed Himself as the God who heals. In the Old Testament, He proved that He causes and prevents diseases. In the New Testament, Jesus Christ demonstrated that any disease can be healed, and that God wants people to be healed. In Acts, God poured out His Spirit with the gift of healing. Disciples used this gift to heal people. The Church in our generation earnestly desire that this gift will operate once again. God's healing, however, is still conditional: *"If you diligently listen to the voice of God and do what is right, I will heal you."*

Repentance and prayer

Father we confess that we ourselves are the greatest reason why people are not healed. We have fallen into serious unbelief concerning who You are, and what You can do. We do not guard our hearts with righteousness, nor do we guard our thoughts. We do not lay hands on the sick and pray for them as You commanded us (Ezek.34:4; Luk.9:2, 10:9; Jam.5:14). We don't visit those who are sick and in prison, and we don't care for the widows and orphans. We think we know better than You and try to solve our problems through technology. We are guilty, Father. Forgive us and help us in our unbelief. Deliver us from the fear of death and use us to heal people in the Name of Jesus. Restore the Holy Spirit's gift of healing to the Church.

Confess, declare, intercede, and proclaim

Father we believe that You are our Creator. You created the human DNA according to your divine plan. You know our bodies. You are our healer. Lord Jesus You are our Saviour. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God for salvation. Lord Jesus, You were anointed to heal the sick and deliver people from evil (Luk.4:18). Through your wounds we are healed. Your death and resurrection broke the curse of death and guarantee that we will also overcome death and have eternal life (Heb.2:15). Holy Spirit, You are God. Take possession of us and glorify Christ in us. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we honour You.