

Liberty and Justice for All

Prayers for Repentance and a Heart Cry for the Justice and Mercy of God

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Monday, August 24, 2015

Seek God's Face for Mercy and Cry Out for Church and National Repentance

(Nehemiah 1:5; Isaiah 55:6; I Peter 5:6; James 4:10; Psalm 106:6; Lamentations 5:7; Jeremiah 14:20; Psalm 32:5; Daniel 9:11; I Peter 4:17; 2 Corinthians 7:1; I John 1:9; Psalm 2:8; Malachi 1:11; Malachi 3:2-4)

Great and awesome God of the universe, we honor and glorify Your name in all the earth. We have come to the end of ourselves, to the end of all our self-efforts to make changes in our lives and our world, and we have been found lacking. We come before Your throne in humble submission to Your Lordship and acknowledge that we have sinned against Your decrees, Your laws, and Your commands. We have failed to uphold Your Word in the world and we relaxed on Your standards among Your people. Let judgment begin at Your house of worship where we have spent more time glorifying the flesh through entertainment, profits, and programs and have ignored the cry of Your heart and the leadership of Your Holy Spirit. Lord God, our families, communities, and nations are in spiritual trouble. We admit that we cannot manifest transformation without Your divine wisdom and an encounter with Your Holy Spirit. Purify us, wash us, and make us whole. Give us the strength to speak truth to the powers of nations and call nations to repentance.

Tuesday, August 25, 2015

Cry Out for Liberty and Justice for the Oppressed (Zechariah 7:9-10; Jeremiah 22:3; Proverbs 31:8-9; Psalm 82:3-4; I John 3:17-18; Isaiah 58:6-12; Psalm 102:17; Psalm 89:14; Micah 6:8)

God, we are calling on You because the least of these are finding themselves at the mercy of human beings who have lost their compassion for the needs of the oppressed, the homeless, the fatherless, orphans, and widows. There is a disproportionate distribution of wealth and resources in America that has left many begging on the streets, prostituting themselves and their children, and committing acts of violence for a morsel of bread. There is a need for voices to speak on their behalf and to cry out for justice in the systems of this world. We plead for justice in the educational, governmental, judicial, and economic systems. We call for judgment on their unrighteous deeds and violence toward humanity. Many are getting rich while making others poor. We cry out for justice! We cry out for justice! We cry out to You, King and Lord of the whole earth, who hears the prayers of the needy and will not forget their

plea. You desire equality and fairness. You desire truth and mercy. Have mercy on us Lord. Have mercy on us!

Wednesday, August 26, 2015

Seek God for the Eradication of Violence in the Hearts and Minds of Humanity
(Genesis 6:5; Ezekiel 7:23; Ezekiel 45:9; Micah 2:1-2; Psalm 11:5; Jeremiah 22:3; Jeremiah 17:9-10; Jeremiah 17:14; John 16:8)

Lord God, there is so much violence in our land. There is evil in the heart of humans against humans continually. Your Word has made it clear that the heart is deceitful and desperately wicked. You hate violence and all evil doers. Wickedness is running rampant in our homes, communities, schools, government, and judicial system. We need an overwhelming conviction of sin in our land. It is clear that we cannot commit intentional violence against our fellow brothers and sisters without that violence being a condition of our heart and mind. Heal our minds. Heal our hearts; and we shall be healed. Save us and we shall be saved for You are our praise. Help us to work through the challenges we are facing in our community with Black on Black crime and police brutality throughout America. Bring change, deliverance, and transformation in our hearts, our minds, and our world.

Thursday, August 27, 2015

Cry Out for Salvation and Protection of African American Males and the Implementation of the Male Investment Plan (Exodus 1:22; Matthew 2:13-23; Psalm 2:8; Acts 16:31; Romans 10:13; Psalm 91; I Peter 2:9-10)

Throughout history, there has been a plot and a plan to destroy males of African descent. Lord, we have seen it in Your Word. We saw it through the days of American slavery, through the Jim Crow era, and now through the new Jim Crow mass incarceration of African American males. We plead the blood of Jesus over their lives and call for salvation, mercy, and grace to open doors of opportunity for them. Help us to meet their spiritual, social, relational, and economic needs. Forgive us for the ways we have neglected their care and their need for healthy fatherly examples of manhood. Give us the wisdom and the power of Your Holy Spirit to reach them. Open doors and provide human and financial resources for the Male Investment Plan that is being launched nationally. We ask for the mass salvation of African American males. Raise up deliverers that will lead and guide them out of bondage. Protect them from the snares of the evil one and restore them as royal priests in their homes and as leaders in their communities.

Friday, August 28, 2015

Seek God for Revival and An Ingathering Harvest Among Children, Youth and Young Adults (Psalm 127:3-5; Deuteronomy 6:7-9; I Timothy 4:1; Proverbs 20:11; Luke 10:2)

Mighty God, we know that children are a blessing from You. We repent for neglecting our duty to diligently teach them Your precepts and commands. Many walk in disobedience and lawlessness because they do not know Your Word. Many of our youth and young adults that have grown up in houses of worship are being seduced and drawn away by the thousands through cunning doctrines of demonic spirits because they are led to believe their faith traditions are no longer relevant. Many are being lured by counter kingdom messages through seductive music and lifestyles. We seek You, the Lord of the harvest, to raise up laborers for revival and the new ingathering of souls among our children, youth, and young adults. We know that the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. We need workers who are filled with Your love and the Holy Spirit who can teach and reach them at the point of their need. Give us the wisdom to minister relevant messages and provide experiences that will shape their faith to impact their generation.

Saturday, August 29, 2015

Plead for the Eradication of Racism, Bigotry, and Heal Race Relations Through Reconciliation (Genesis 1:27; Genesis 3; Acts 10:28; Acts 17:26; Galatians 3:28; Colossians 1:19-22; Romans 5:10; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20; Ephesians 2:14-18; Psalm 107:20; Proverbs 6:16-19)

Lord, in the beginning of time, from one man and one woman, You made the entire human race. From the beginning there were no distinctions. There was a time of complete harmony among humanity, but sin has marred the oneness of all creation. We are constantly faced with race wars, hatred, bigotry, classism, and inflicted with violence because of differences in skin color. Open our eyes to see Your oneness in the universe. There are no distinctions in divinity. Those who create distinctions based on skin color are not walking in divinity. Help us to tear down the walls that separate and divide us. Help us to know and understand that Jesus reconciled us through His death on the cross and made us one nation under God with liberty and justice for all. Bring the walls of racism and bigotry down in the name of Jesus. Send Your Word to heal us and deliver us from self-destruction. Bring us to the table of discussion to fellowship in love and peace as we work through our discord.

Sunday, August 30, 2015

Commitment and Covenant to Individual, Community and World Peace (Genesis 1:1-2; Romans 14:17; Psalm 34:14; Psalm 85:8; Psalm 119:165; Psalm 96:3; Isaiah 54:10; Malachi 2:5; Amos 5:24)

Great Creator of the universe who brought chaos to order, we agree to commit ourselves to walk and live under Your covenant of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. You have revealed Your heart's desire by declaring that we must turn from evil, seek peace, and pursue it. We commit to walk in peace and not return to the foolishness of inhumanity to humankind. We covenant to model love and teach Your precepts in the earth. We commit to declare Your name to the nations. Lord, You have promised not to take Your covenant of peace away from us even in the midst of great trial, persecution, and tribulation. We admit that we are burdened, weary, and wounded by the afflictions of injustice in our world, but we seek Your face to find rest for our souls. We commit to living in peace in our homes, communities, the marketplace, the nation, and the world. We will be champions of peace and will take peace to the nations until justice rolls down like water and righteousness flows like a mighty stream!