***I. Seeking the Creator’s life to Revive Church Planters***

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**1—Seek God … for His reviving joy to bring life**

***You forgave the iniquity of Your people;***

***You covered all their sin...***

***Restore us, O God of our salvation...***

***Will You not Yourself revive us again,***

***that Your people may rejoice in You?***

– Psalm 85:2, 4, 6

We stand together before You as Your evangelists and church planters. We acknowledge that among us there are sins great and small. We are grateful for the free forgiveness in Christ that covers such sins. But You have saved us for a greater purpose than merely managing our cycles of sin. Haven’t You saved us so the we might serve You in the ever-new joyful life of Your risen Son? Revive us in ways that change us deeply inside. Infuse us with the powerful resurgent life of Your Holy Spirit, so that we find ourselves rejoicing in rising, always-escalating love for Your Son.

* *For many of our Baptist youth who also know of God’s forgiveness to also experience His life-giving power for evangelism.*

**2—Seek God … for His reviving joy to bring life**

***His father saw him and felt compassion...the son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight.”***

***...But the father said to his slaves,***

***“Quickly bring out the best robe...***

***let us eat and celebrate;***

***for this son of mine was dead***

***and has come to life again.”...***

***And they began to celebrate.***

– Luke 15:20-24

Why are we surprised that Your heart overflows in party-starting joy whenever a long lost son or daughter comes home and is Born-Again? Whenever we turn toward You, even slightly, we find that You have already been seeking us. What vigilant love! What extravagant gladness! To come home to You, to sense Your delight, is like coming back to life from the dead. Make us jubilant in Your evangelism so that many more souls in our city will find their way to eternal life in You. *Pray:*

* *For God’s joy to be revealed by us church planters with His love, so that many souls come home to Him through a spiritual rebirth.*

**3 SEEK GOD…for the revealing of God’s love for souls**

***Show us Your lovingkindness, O LORD,***

***and grant us Your salvation.***

***I will hear what God the LORD will say;***

***for He will speak peace to His people,***

***to His godly ones;***

***but let them not turn back to folly.***

– Psalm 85:7-8

As young Baptists we find ourselves turning back to stubborn habits of heart again and again. It is folly to imagine that we will be changed by merely deciding to be different. Only You Holy Spirit can change us. Reveal the magnificent love of Christ as never before. Save us in ways we have not expected. Give us ears that listen for Your voice Holy Spirit, speaking Your life-changing word in ways that bring about a deep and lasting difference. Declare Your peace in us with such power that we are transfigured to live in the fullness of Christ’s life.

*• For the enormity of God’s love to be revealed to many souls in your city of - - - .*

**4 SEEK GOD…for the revealing of God’s love for souls**

***He who has My commandments***

***and keeps them is the one who loves Me.***

***And he who loves Me***

***will be loved by My Father,***

***and I will love him***

***and will disclose Myself to him.***

– John 14:21

Lord Jesus, You know our hearts. You see all of our sincere but erratic efforts to serve You as evangelists. Disclose Your love to us so that we know Your heart toward us. Even our feeble attempts to plant a new church end up delighting You because of Your vast, forever love. We have perceived only the smallest glimpse of Your mighty kindness. As You promised, show us more and more of Yourself. The more we experience Your love, the more we will find ourselves obeying You with joy.

*• For Christ to encounter struggling young Baptist believers with heart-changing clarity, so that they discover to live in the power of His love.*

**5 SEEK GOD…for revival bringing salvation and glory**

***Surely His salvation is near***

***to those who fear Him,***

***that glory may dwell in our land.***

– Psalm 85:9

We are familiar with the truth that Jesus is our Savior. Now bring us evangelists and church planters into a deeper encounter with Jesus as the victorious Living One, risen from the dead, presiding over us now in our midst. Fill our hearts with awe concerning the purpose of Your Son the Glorious Jesus. You have saved us for more than merely having a better life and a brighter afterlife. You have saved us so that we might walk, breathe and speak like You–that Your glory would be seen in each of our Baptist lives and in our Ukraine. No longer will we postpone the hope of Your glory until some other time later. We pray for You to advance Your purpose in us now, this year of 2016. Holy Spirit continually save us and fill us in these days, so that we reflect Your love and glory.

*\* For us Baptist workers to be filled with renewed hope that the glory of God will be known in our day in our city of - - -.*

**6 SEEK GOD…for revival bringing salvation and glory**

***Martha said to Him,***

***“I know that he will rise again***

***in the resurrection on the last day.”***

***Jesus said to her,***

***“I am the resurrection and the life...***

***Did I not say to you that if you believe,***

***you will see the glory of God?”***

– John 11:24-25, 40

Yes, we believe that we will see the glory of God in our day in Ukraine. We believe in You. You are the Risen One. You were raised from death, but You are more than resurrection. You are life itself. Bring Your life so many souls will be Born-Again, and with Your life, show Your brilliant glory.

*\* That many would trust in Christ to be Born-Again, and by faith, receive His life and behold His glory.*

**7 SEEK GOD...For revival bringing Righteousness and peace**

***Righteousness and peace***

***have kissed each other.***

***Truth springs from the earth,***

***and righteousness looks down from heaven. Indeed, the LORD will give what is good,***

***and our land will yield its produce. Righteousness will go before Him***

***and will make His footsteps into a way.***

– Psalm 85:10-13

You Heavenly Father have intended for the life of Christ to be planted and to thrive throughout our city of - - -. But many of us have become lacks, so that we are untended, wild and fruitless. Sow the seed of your truth again freshly into our Baptist minds and lives. Come like the sun with Your power. Come like the rain by Your Spirit. Cultivate the community where we will be planting a church, patiently bringing forth lives marked by Christ’s righteousness. Cause Your presence to come upon us evangelists and church planters, as if You were walking ahead of us, step by step marking out a way of living that abounds with the fruit and new souls of Your kingdom.

* *For Baptist Christ-followers to experience the Holy Spirit’s guiding presence as never before.*

**8 SEEK GOD...For revival bringing Righteousness and peace**

***For you will...prepare His ways;***

***to give to His people***

***the knowledge of salvation***

***by the forgiveness of their sins...***

***to guide our feet into the way of peace.***

– Luke 1: 76-77, 79

It was promised that when You came, Lord Jesus, many would experience forgiveness of sins. And so it came to pass; and so it continues today. But Your salvation comes with a further promise, that we would learn how to live in the might and joy of heaven’s peace. Visit us in peace-bringing power. Guide us step by step to walk in Your ways, and gradually bring lasting transformation to our entire community.

* *For young Baptist believers to walk in the righteousness of God, influencing the economy, values and character of their community.*

**9 SEEK GOD...To restore Baptist Workers to fruitfulness**

***Turn again, O God of hosts;***

***look down from heaven, and see;***

***have regard for this vine,***

***the stock that Your right hand planted...***

***But let Your hand be upon the one...***

***whom You made strong for Yourself.***

***Then we will never turn back from You.***

***Give us life, and we will call on Your name.***

– Psalm 80:14-15, 17-18 (NRSV)

We are like a hand-planted garden in Your sight Heavenly Father. Like a vineyard keeper watches his vineyard, You constantly examine us. You intend for us young Baptists to bloom with Your beauty and multiply Your life in others. We are alive, but often fruitless. We have produced little more than leaves. Do not merely look on us from afar Lord Jesus. Come near to us. Extend Your hand, the very hand that formed us, in order to restore us powerfully. Stretch us and strengthen us to grow enormously in Your glory, presenting to You the lasting fruit of Born-Again families and friends who praise Your name.

\* *For despondent or fruitless young Baptist evangelists to be lifted into the light of God’s brilliant presence.*

**10 SEEK GOD...To restore Baptist Workers to fruitfulness**

***I am the true vine,***

***and My Father is the vinedresser.***

***Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit,***

***He takes away [original language: He lifts] ...***

***I am the vine, you are the branches;***

***he who abides in Me and I in him,***

***he bears much fruit.***

– John 15:1-2, 5

You have destined us young Baptists to bear much fruit, yet You often find us barren. Father, lift us from the ground, where some of us lie dry and dormant in the shadows. Stretch us upward, staking us and holding us open before the light of heaven. May the power of Christ’s life course through us to bring forth a new church plant that pleases You.

*\* For Baptist spiritual workers to be stretched and committed to deeper spiritual disciplines in order to serve in God’s purposes.*

**11 SEEK GOD... To impart His life-giving Spirit**

***Son of man, can these bones live?”***

***I answered, “O Lord GOD, You know.”...***

***“Behold, I will cause breath to enter you***

***that you may come to life.”...***

***So I prophesied as He commanded me,***

***and the breath came into them,***

***and they came to life***

***and stood on their feet....***

***“I will put My Spirit within you***

***and you will come to life.”***

– Ezekiel 37:3, 5, 10, 14

We pray today for those who are physically alive but are spiritually dead. Breathe life into them, as You did at creation. Infuse them with Your Spirit. As Ezekiel did so long ago, we declare our prayer: “Come to life! He will put His Spirit within you and you will come to life!” Come upon us, Spirit of God! Resuscitate those who have suffocated in their sin. Renew many who have wavered in their love for You. Surprise some who have not yet known You. Raise up great throngs of MEN throughout our city of - - - to stand before You, filled with new life and eager to serve.

*\* For many who are far from God to hear His word and receive His life-giving Spirit.*

**12 SEEK GOD... To impart His life-giving Spirit**

***Truly, truly, I say to you,***

***an hour is coming and now is,***

***when the dead will hear***

***the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.***

– John 5:25

Holy Radiant Lord Jesus, MEN who are spiritually dead have been coming to life by Your word since the day You rose from the grave. We pray that many more in our city of - - - will hear Your voice, be Born-Again, and start living by the power of the gospel. Only Your voice gives life. A whisper from You can wake our lifeless friends. One word can rouse our sleeping Baptist churches. A shout can raise many throughout our city. Lift Your voice, Son of God! Raise many to fullness of life.

*\* For struggling or dying Baptist churches to be renewed in Christ’s life.*

**13 SEEK GOD... For Christ's resurrection power**

***Come, let us return to the LORD. For He has torn us,***

***but He will heal us;***

***He has wounded us,***

***but He will bandage us.***

***He will revive us after two days;***

***He will raise us up on the third day,***

***that we may live before Him.***

– Hosea 6:1-2

Our sin has grieved You greatly Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It has harmed us Baptists far more than we have realized. You have allowed the consequences of our sin to fall upon us. Our churches have shrunk! Wounded, we ran from You, blaming You for our pain. Even so, You have preserved us for a time of returning to You. May 2016 be the time of turning and a day of healing for many in our city of - - - . The healing of our broken souls may not happen instantly. Give us hope to wait patiently for Your healing to renew us fully. Surely You Father will revive those young Baptists you love, so that we no longer run from You, but live before You Holy Spirit with face-to-face nearness.

* *For young Baptist workers to recognize the risen Jesus in the beauty of His radiant glory.*

**14 SEEK GOD... For Christ's resurrection power**

***When I saw Him,***

***I fell at His feet like a dead man.***

***And He placed His right hand on me,***

***saying, “Do not be afraid;***

***I am the first and the last,***

***and the living One;***

***and I was dead, and behold,***

***I am alive forevermore,***

***and I have the keys of death and of Hades.”***

*– Revelation 1:17-18*

Lord Jesus, You are powerful, You are radiant in glory, You are the Living One, alive with a different kind of life. A mere glimpse of Your glory caused Your closest friend to collapse at Your feet as if he were dead. But You touched him and spoke to him, forbidding him to fear. Place Your hand upon us Baptist evangelist as well, Living One. Speak to our hearts and lift us from our fears. Use the keys in Your hand to unlock the doors of death that hold many MEN of our city of - - - in darkness, and bring salvation.

* *For the authority of Christ to liberate MEN from the grip of sin, the fear of death and the deception of evil powers.*

**15 SEEK GOD... To purify His Baptist Workers**

***Purify me with hyssop,***

***and I shall be clean.***

***Wash me,***

***and I shall be whiter than snow...***

***Create in me a clean heart, O God,***

***and renew a steadfast spirit within me.***

– Psalm 51:7, 10

We Baptist believers have tried to find ways to erase feelings of guilt and shame. But doing self-help therapy or adding religious fervency often darkens the stains of our sin. We renounce the preposterous idea that we could ever make ourselves pure. Holy Spirit Make us clean. Free us from the lingering power of pornography and sin. Wash away the sense of disgrace and distance from You. Give us confidence that we are pleasing before You. Through the Holy Spirit renew us young Baptists from the inside so that we are strong, powerful, and steady to serve You in 2016.

*\* For non-believers to see the hope of whole-hearted purity before God.*

**16 SEEK GOD... To purify His Baptist Workers**

***Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.***

– Matthew 5:8

We are conflicted by self-absorbed pride and self-accusing shame. Do Your work, Lord Jesus. We might not ever lift our eyes toward You unless You purify our hearts. Simplify and cleanse the mix of motives that drives our lives. Clear the clutter of competing evangelistic desires. Give us a simple, single-hearted passion to plant a church for You. Align our scattered thoughts and focus our hopes so that the only thing that matters is that You alone will be seen and loved by all.

\* *For believers to confess and abandon patterns of sin and tradition in order to walk in the joy of holiness*

**17 SEEK GOD... for His Baptist Workers to love and obey Him**

***I have set before you life and death...***

***So choose life in order that you may live***

***...by loving the LORD your God,***

***by obeying His voice,***

***and by holding fast to Him;***

***for this is your life***

***and the length of your days.***

– Deuteronomy 30:19-20

If all You wanted was perfect performance, You could easily commandeer our minds and program our souls to obey You with never-failing precision. But instead of robotic religious behavior, You desire genuine love that chooses to serve You freely. We have chosen that way of life, but we find that our love easily fades. Keep speaking to us. Let us hear Your voice anew, and we will choose again to obey You. Let us sense the touch of Your hand, and we will cling to You. Steady our wobbly affections so that our love for You will increase throughout our days.

* *For struggling young Baptist believers to set aside competing ambitions in order to serve Christ with authentic love.*

**18 SEEK GOD... for His Baptist Workers to love and obey Him**

***No servant can serve two masters;***

***for either he will hate the one***

***and love the other,***

***or else he will be devoted to one***

***and despise the other.***

***You cannot serve God and wealth.***

– Luke 16:13

Help us, Lord Jesus! Our possessions and phones so easily master us. We have seen how worldly pleasures fragment our lives and become cruel taskmasters. We Baptist young MEN need more than flimsy resolve to resist the seductive powers of rock music and pornography of this age. Expose our lesser affections as vain and worthless, and idol worship. Fortify our resolve to despise the reclama treasures of this world. Yes, we love You, but call forth even greater love by the power of Your Holy Spirit; a love that serves You with single-hearted joy.

* *For those far from Christ to be nauseated by worldly enticements and become hungry for a life of serving God.*

**19 SEEK GOD... for God to unite His Baptist churches**

***How good and pleasant it is***

***when brothers live together in unity!...***

***For there the LORD bestows His blessing,***

***even life forevermore.***

– Psalm 133:1, 3 (NIV)

We have been created and saved to unite in worship before You. There are times when we have worshiped together at youth rallies, tasting the joy of finally coming home as Your beloved sons. But we come to You now as a broken household. Minor differences have sometimes shattered friendships in our church as a family of faith. At times in our church of - - - we have ignored, despised or offended one another. Bring us together again. Train us in what is good and bearing fruit. Restore what is pleasant. And bring to fresh life the mighty blessing of being together as Your children.

* *For young Baptist believers to set aside foolish jealousies, repent of sins against each other and be restored to vital productive unity.*

**20 SEEK GOD... for God to unite His Baptist churches**

***The glory which You have given Me***

***I have given to them,***

***that they may be one...***

***so that the world may know***

***that You sent Me, and loved them,***

***even as You have loved Me.***

– John 17:22-23

When we are divided in our church of - - - by petty agendas or grudges, we are rightly ridiculed by the world for our foolish religious superiority. But when we are fused as one in Your purpose of winning souls, fruitfully co-working with You as You co-worked with the Father, we can reflect Your glory to all the world. Make us radiant! You have loved us and saved us that we may bear Your Heavenly beauty. Make us one so that the world will know the glorious love of the Father.

* *For divided congregations to become reconciled, reflecting Christ’s radiant beauty.*
* *For churches in your city of - - - to work and worship together.*

**21 SEEK GOD... to bring life from His people to Ukraine**

***So everything will live***

***where the river goes...***

***By the river on its bank...will grow***

***all kinds of trees for food.***

***Their leaves will not wither***

***and their fruit will not fail...***

***and their fruit will be for food***

***and their leaves for healing.***

– Ezekiel 47:9, 12

You are sending a life-giving river to the world. Your life is already streaming from Your throne, releasing reviving power to us young Baptists, and then through us to many more. Although the river may only be ankle deep at this hour, we anticipate days of grace when nothing will hold back the fullness of Your life from any place in the city of - - -. Unleash this river. Let it flow out of me further than ever before. Remove from me whatever hinders Your goodness. Flood our Ukrainian cities that have not yet known Your boundless transforming love. Establish Your Baptist churches everywhere, as if they were healing, nourishing trees amidst these cities.

* *For Baptist churches to become sources of healing for what is broken in our cities.*

**22 SEEK GOD... to bring life from His people to Ukraine**

***Now on the last day,***

***the great day of the feast,***

***Jesus stood and cried out, saying,***

***“If anyone is thirsty,***

***let him come to Me and drink.***

***He who believes in Me,***

***as the Scripture said,***

***‘From his innermost being***

***will flow rivers of living water.’”***

– John 7:37-38

Stand again in the midst of my city, as You did in that day so long ago. Cry out again, raising Your voice so that multitudes will hear. Call me to come to drink deeply of You. Satisfy my deepest yearnings. Fill me to overflowing so that I become a life-giving stream to many others.

* *That spiritually thirsty young Baptists will hear the voice of Christ calling them to Himself.*
* *For young Baptist individuals to become conduits of God’s life to others.*

1. ***Seeking His Light to Awaken the Lost***

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**23 Seek God … for God's light to bring abundant life**

***How precious***

***is Your lovingkindness, O God!***

***And the children of men take refuge***

***in the shadow of Your wings.***

***They drink their fill of the abundance***

***of Your house;***

***and You give them to drink of the river***

***of Your delights.***

***For with You is the fountain of life.***

***In Your light we see light.***

– Psalm 36:7-9

From Your house there flows a river, a stream of steady love. Give our friends a taste of that love. Many keep themselves far from You. They are sure that You are angry with them, despising and punishing them. So they wander in the shadows where they think You cannot find them. Allow them to experience Your joy–the joy of Your heart when Your children simply love You. If You give them even a small sip of the fountain of Your favor, they will be drawn near to drink their fill. Overshadow them with the warmth of Your love and bring them all the way home.

*Your light will give them life.*

* *For people to experience Christ as life-giving light, exposing darkness and imparting wisdom to live like Him.*

**24 Seek God … for God's light to bring abundant life**

***Then Jesus again spoke to them,***

***saying,***

***“I am the Light of the world.***

***The one who follows Me***

***will not walk in the darkness,***

***but will have the Light of life.”***

– John 8:12

Jesus, light of the world, give our friends who walk in darkness more than a momentary glimpse of Your life-changing light. Call them to follow You. By walking with You, Your light will reach inside them with healing and transforming power.

*Your light will give them life.*

* *For the light of the gospel to bring many people alive in Christ.*

**25 Seek God … to open the eyes of the blind**

***How blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,***

***whose hope is in the LORD his God....***

***The LORD sets the prisoners free.***

***The LORD opens the eyes of the blind.***

***The LORD raises up those who are bowed down.***

– Psalm 146:5, 8

You have long been our help and our hope. Since the days of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob You have promised blessing upon Your people. In Jesus that hope of blessing is confirmed. We are blessed in Him, and so we ask for Your blessing to come upon the spiritually blind and broken of our city. They may not consider themselves to be blind. They may not have known to call upon You for help. And so we pray on their behalf: Open the doors of spiritual bondage. Lift those who have been crumpled by sorrow. Open their eyes to see the beauty of Christ and the hope of trusting Him.

* + *For the eyes of the spiritually blind to be opened to recognize God’s love.*

**26 Seek God … to open the eyes of the blind**

***Jesus...said, “What do you want Me***

***to do for you?” They said to Him,***

***“Lord, we want our eyes to be opened.”***

***Moved with compassion,***

***Jesus touched their eyes;***

***and immediately they regained their sight and followed Him.***

– Matthew 20:32-34

How would our friends answer if You asked them what they wanted from You? They may not know what they truly desire. Keep searching their souls. Find those who are desperate to have their vision restored. Move in Your immense compassion, gently touching them so that their eyes are open to You. Restore the spiritual sight of many throughout our city. Those who see You will follow You.

* *That people would experience the amazing compassion of Jesus.*
* *For people who encounter Christ to follow Him faithfully.*

**27 Seek God … for God to prevail over powers of darkness**

***he LORD will go forth like a warrior,***

***He will arouse His zeal like a man of war.***

***He will utter a shout, yes, He will raise a***

***war cry. He will prevail against His enemies.***

***...“I will lead the blind***

***by a way they do not know.***

***In paths they do not know***

***I will guide them.***

***I will make darkness***

***into light before them.”***

– Isaiah 42:13, 16

Come on, awesome God. You have heard our cry for help. In Your mercy and in Your might, arouse Yourself as our champion warrior. Raise Your voice as a shout of war denouncing the spiritual powers that still hold millions captive in our Ukraine. Lift Your voice again, but as a tender shepherd, to summon those who are oppressed or lost. Lead many to freedom, like a herdsman bringing his flock homeward. Fight this war in ways that we cannot. Lead us in ways of freedom that we will never discover on our own. Prevail over evil so decisively that our darkness is turned to Your light.

* *For God to deliver those afflicted by demonic powers in your city.*

**28 Seek God … for God to prevail over powers of darkness**

***Now judgment is upon this world;***

***now the ruler of this world will be cast out.***

***And I, if I am lifted up from the earth,***

***will draw all men to Myself...***

***While you have the Light, believe in the Light,***

***so that you may become sons of Light.***

– John 12:31-32, 36

Lord Jesus, Your suffering on the cross has broken and shamed every satanic power. You are now raised from death and exalted in resurrection life over all the earth. You did not die to merely conquer the evil one, but to bring people back into full relationship with You. Fulfill that great purpose in our day. Lift the light of Your glory among the people of our city. Be honored by the praise of Your people. Be exalted by the telling of the gospel. Cause many to come to You and become children of light who reflect Your glory.

* *For those trapped in mere Religion, cults or the occult, that the Lord would liberate them from darkness to walk in light.*

**29 Seek God … to rescue people from powers of darkness**

***here were those who dwelt in darkness***

***and in the shadow of death,***

***prisoners in misery and chains,***

***because they had rebelled***

***against the words of God...***

***Then they cried out to the LORD***

***in their trouble.***

***He saved them...***

***He brought them out of darkness***

***and the shadow of death***

***and broke their bands apart.***

– ​Psalm 107:10-11, 13-14​

Many are locked in lifestyles that hold them in darkness. Some search in vain for escape from the grim misery of their lives. Some feel the chill of death already overshadowing them. Hear their cry, O God. Penetrate prisons locked by pride. Shatter the habits that bind them like chains. Break the bars of resentment and hatred that keep them from authentic relationships of love. Light up the darkness of their lives so they can walk away from the grief of sin and follow You.

* *For the light of the gospel to expose the bondage of rebellion, and to illumine the hope of freedom in Jesus.*

**30 Seek God … to rescue people from powers of darkness**

***Men loved the darkness rather than***

***the Light, for their deeds were evil...***

***But he who practices the truth***

***comes to the Light,***

***so that his deeds may be manifested***

***as having been wrought in God.***

– John 3:19, 21

You constantly bring the light of Your love into many people’s lives. But again and again, they choose to love darkness, preferring to hide in the shadows of habitual sin. We pray that You would energize them by the great power of Your grace to take even one step toward the light of Your truth. And after that first step, give them another, and then another, until they find themselves drawn into the bright hope that they shall be changed.

* *For God to subdue powers of evil that hold people in darkness.*
* *For new believers to put truth into daily practice.*

**31 Seek God … for the Word of God to be understood**

***The unfolding of Your words gives light.***

***It gives understanding to the simple.***

– Psalm 119:130

We long for Your words to become alive in the hearts of our friends. In fear, pride or folly, some of them have darkened the windows of their lives. Even if they have heard the words before, we ask You to send Your word to them yet again. Give them humility of heart to listen and hear Your voice. Send word-bearers who are humble and wise, whose lives match the message. Even a small portion of Your word, when unfolded faithfully, can burst into radiant light. And with Your light bring life.

* *For people to read the Bible together, understanding what they read, and obeying what they understand.*
* *For the Scriptures to get into the hands of truth-seekers in your city.*

**32 Seek God … for the Word of God to be understood**

***Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.***

– Luke 24:45

Lord Jesus, when You unrolled the scrolls in synagogues, You surprised the crowds by opening the Scriptures like no one else had ever done. But You did more than merely open the words, You opened the minds of Your followers to understand. Unblock the minds of those who hear Your word today. Pour light upon the pages as they read. Clear away deception so they will comprehend the amazing greatness of what You have done.

* *That the Spirit of God would illumine His word, bringing clarity and conviction.*

**33 Seek God … for revelation leading to repentance**

***by the hearing of the ear;***

***but now my eye sees You.***

***Therefore I retract,***

***and I repent in dust and ashes.***

– Job 42:5-6

We pray for the ones who have heard about You, and yet they remain stone-cold to You. Some have been told that You are the source of their suffering. Others are disappointed that You have failed to give them quick solutions to their problems. Reveal Yourself in all Your majesty. Vindicate Your reputation by disclosing Your mighty mercy. Allow them to see how their sin has brought incredible sorrow to Your heart. Disclose Your awesome kindness, so that their stony hearts melt in view of how determined You are to love them. Cause them to behold Jesus Himself–in all His excellence and humility. Receive them with joy as they turn to You.

* *For the hard-hearted to encounter Christ’s love so clearly that they reject false ideas about God.*

**34 Seek God … for revelation leading to repentance**

***“Who is He, Lord,***

***that I may believe in Him?”***

***Jesus said to him,***

***“You have both seen Him, and***

***He is the one who is talking with you.”***

***And he said, “Lord, I believe.”***

***And he worshiped Him.***

– John 9:36-38

Some of our friends seem cynical or blind to You. But perhaps they would trust You if they came to know who You really are. Make Yourself known to them as You have revealed Yourself to millions of others. Show them that You are the same Jesus who acted in the Gospels with eye-opening power. May the spiritually blind come to see. May those who see come to believe. And may those who believe become dedicated worshipers.

* *For spiritually blind people to see Jesus Christ so that they trust Him and become full-hearted worshipers.*

**35 Seek God … for the light of the gospel to shine**

***The people who walk in darkness***

***will see a great light.***

***Those who live in a dark land,***

***the light will shine on them.***

– Isaiah 9:2

We know the anguish of living in the darkness of our hearts, stumbling over our fears, as if it were always night. Lord of light, we plead for our friends who shuffle along through their days, groping with uncertainty, as if they were blind. They have every good intention, but they cannot find their way. Bring light from heaven upon them, as You did for us. There is no way we can throw on a switch for them. There is no candle we can light. Lift the veil of darkness. Shine like the sun upon their hearts so that they follow You with joy.

* *For Christ’s light to shine into the darkened hearts of people you know.*

**36 Seek God … for the light of the gospel to shine**

***Because of the tender mercy of our God,***

***with which the Sunrise***

***from on high will visit us,***

***to shine upon those who sit in darkness***

***and the shadow of death.***

– Luke 1:78-79

You have promised to come like the dawn, slow and steady, but eventually brightening everything. When You came, Lord Jesus, You came like a sunrise, shedding life-giving light on those who were captive to a heavy spiritual darkness. Many could suddenly see. And they began to seek You. We ask You now for such an outpouring of Your light upon our city. Come upon the people of our community, surprising them with a different kind of dawn–coming not from the east, but instead, coming from above–revealing the tender power of Your love.

* *For God to visit your community, revealing His mercy to many.*

***III. Seeking His Glory in Evangelizing All Peoples*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**37 Seek God … for His renown among all peoples**

***Give thanks to the LORD,***

***call on His name.***

***Make known His deeds among the peoples.***

***Make them remember that His name is exalted...***

***He has done excellent things.***

***Let this be known throughout the earth.***

– Isaiah 12:4-5

Living God, although You are heartily praised in our churches, You are lightly regarded, fiercely hated, or utterly ignored by many in our city. For too long You have gone anonymous. People do not recognize the good things that You do for them constantly. Your goodness is deemed to be luck or coincidence. Kindness is considered a random thing. Lord of glory, we ask You to do something great for Your name. Become famous for who You really are. Re-establish Your reputation among those who have forgotten You. Stir Your people to tell the story of Your glory in their lives so that You are praised beyond the walls of our churches.

*\* That God will reveal Himself to people who have denied or defied Him.*

*\* For believers to become story-tellers, recounting what God has done for them to friends and neighbors.*

**38 Seek God … for His renown among all peoples**

***Jesus said to them,***

***"When you pray, say this:***

***'Father: May your holy name be honored;***

***may your Kingdom come.***

– Luke 11:2

Jesus, You were jealous for Your Father’s glory. Everything You did, said and prayed was intended to reveal the singular beauty of the Father’s heart. Show us how to pray for His renown. Bolster our courage so that we pray large enough to match the great things that the Father longs to do in our community. May the marvels of the Father’s life and blessing soon become known and celebrated among those who have never experienced His love.

*\* When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be Your name.”*

*\* For God to be thanked for doing good things in your community.*

**39 Seek God … that His people would reflect His great name**

***Do something for the sake of Your name.***

***For our backsliding is great;***

***we have sinned against You...***

***Why are You like a stranger in the land,***

***like a traveler who stays only a night?***

***Why are You like a man taken by surprise,***

***like a warrior powerless to save?***

***You are among us, O LORD,***

***and we bear Your name! Do not forsake us!***

– Jeremiah 14:7-9 (NIV)

Our sin has degraded Your reputation. We are ashamed to admit that we have sometimes dishonored Your name. When we backslide, in doubt and self-reliance, on-looking unbelievers conclude that You are not to be trusted. They regard You as aloof, uncaring or even cruel. And so You have become a bygone memory, a phantom of the ancient past. Forgive us for failing to glorify You. We beg You to vindicate Your name. You are wise, mighty and good. Become great again in our sight. Be exalted in our city and glorious among the nations.

*\* For backslidden Christians to become faithful, God-honoring followers of Christ.*

**40 Seek God … that His people would reflect His great name**

***“Father, glorify Your name.”***

***Then a voice came out of heaven:***

***“I have both glorified it,***

***and will glorify it again.”***

– John 12:28

Our Father, we echo this, the prayer of Your Son, that in these days, Your renown would be greater than ever. You greatly glorified Yourself in Jesus. Now, as You have promised, glorify Your name yet again. If You are known truly, then You can be followed fully. Father, glorify Your name!

*\* For God to be glorified in the words, deeds and prayers of His people.*

**41 Seek God … to display His love and power by answered prayer**

***Hear in heaven Your dwelling place,***

***and do according to all for which***

***the foreigner calls to You, in order***

***that all the peoples of the earth***

***may know Your name, to fear You,***

***as do Your people.***

– 1 Kings 8:43

Hear and answer lost people when they pray so that You will be glorified in their sight. No matter how stubbornly they may have fought You, regardless of how far they may have fled from You, have mercy and hear their cry. Hear their desperation with Your perfect wisdom. Be moved by their sorrows with Your boundless compassion. Act swiftly, responding to the weakest whisper of prayer. Demonstrate Your power, win their praise and call them to Your kingdom.

*\* For God to hear and to answer the prayers of people who do not yet know Christ.*

**42 Seek God … to display His love and power by answered prayer**

***They were all struck with astonishment***

***and began glorifying God;***

***and they were filled with fear, saying,***

***“We have seen remarkable things today.”***

– Luke 5:26

Lord Jesus, You responded with compassion to the faith of ordinary people as they brought their friends and family members to You. God worked in response to Your prayer with such astounding power that reports rippled throughout entire communities. Honor again the faith of ordinary people who cry out to You. Demonstrate the loving power of the living God so decisively that many will openly exclaim Your praise.

*\* For Christians to pray for others in wise and sensitive ways.*

**43 Seek God … to be recognized and honored by government leaders**

***O kings, show discernment;***

***take warning, O judges of the earth.***

***Worship the LORD with reverence***

***and rejoice with trembling...How blessed***

***are all who take refuge in Him!***

– Psalm 2:10-12

We pray for the government leaders of our Ukraine. The same forces that exalted them to power could just as quickly turn on them. But angry voters and hostile armies are not their greatest danger. They stand before You, Almighty God, accountable for all their deeds. Because they govern Your little ones and make decisions concerning justice, they will answer to You for every choice and each word. And so we pray that they will submit their governance to Your greater wisdom. Give them hope in Your majesty as Judge of all the earth. May they come to honor You openly. Protect and encourage them as they find true refuge in You. Bless the cities and provinces they serve for Your glory.

* *For local, provincial and national officials to know the truth of Christ and His kingdom.*

**44 Seek God … to be recognized and honored by government leaders**

***“When you have found Him, report to me,***

***so that I too may come and worship Him.”***

***After hearing the king,***

***they went their way...***

***When they saw the star,***

***they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.***

***After coming into the house...***

***they fell to the ground and worshiped Him.***

**– Matthew 2:8-11**

Lord Jesus, move upon our government leaders so that they will give You glory. Governing leaders are still drawn to You for all the reasons they searched for You at Your birth. Some are threatened by Your coming Rule and Kingship and so try to oppose You, as if they could rival Your majesty. Yet others wisely rejoice to welcome Your coming kingdom. Reveal Yourself so that governmentleaders honor You as the only one worthy of worship in all the earth.

* *For government leaders who do fear God to find courage to openly express reverence and honor for Jesus Christ.*

**45 SEEK GOD…for every people group to hear the gospel**

***Sing to the LORD, all the earth.***

***Proclaim good tidings***

***of His salvation from day to day.***

***Tell of His glory among the nations,***

***His wonderful deeds***

***among all the peoples...***

***And let them say among the nations,***

***“The LORD reigns.”***

– 1 Chronicles 16:23-24

May the word of Your coming kingdom be announced with such winsome clarity that all the peoples of the earth will hear of Your salvation. You have brought people from distant nations to the cities of our Ukraine, but still there are many far from You. Send Your word out like a song, so that the sweet reality of Your love seeps into the souls of those who hear. May Your love be told as an epic story so that people are amazed by the beauty of what You have done for them. Let Your story be told again and again, until every people in Ukraine and every group of our city has heard the story of Your glory.

*\* For the glory and greatness of the gospel to be conveyed in heart-stirring music.*

**46 SEEK GOD…for every people group to hear the gospel**

***“Return to your house and describe***

***what great things***

***God has done for you.”***

***So he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city***

***what great things***

***Jesus had done for him.***

– Luke 8:39

One man reported the things You did for him to his own family. Then the news went beyond his household so that the whole city heard. Do the same thing yet again in our city. May one relay the gospel to another, and then throughout their households. Make Your word resound through neighborhoods and networks of friends. Fill our entire community with fresh tellings of the gospel. And from our city, send the message to many peoples and places across the face of Ukraine.

*\* For believers to tell their families the story of what Jesus has done for them.*

*\* For gospel movements to surge through whole cities.*

**47 Seek God … that many would know and follow Him**

***Many peoples and the inhabitants***

***of many cities will yet come,***

***and the inhabitants of one city***

***will go to another and say,***

***“Let us go at once to entreat the LORD***

***and seek the LORD Almighty.***

***I myself am going.”***

***And many peoples***

***and powerful nations will come.***

– Zechariah 8:20-22 (NIV)

We praise You for the great movements to Christ in far-off places of the earth. Chain reactions of faith are drawing many thousands to You every day. First a family, then a clan and then many throughout entire people groups suddenly surge toward Christ. Yet we can be satisfied if only a few visitors come to our Sunday morning worship. But since Your promise is greater, our hearts know better. Revivals will restore Your wayward people, but we ask You to fulfill Your promise for great awakenings to draw many and mighty nations to seek You. Make our city the scene of such escalating movements.

*\* For the Spirit of God to ignite the hearts of many to seek and to know Jesus.*

**48 Seek God … that many would know and follow Him**

***The Pharisees said to one another...***

***“Look how the whole world***

***has gone after Him!”***

– John 12:19 (NIV)

Lord Jesus, even Your enemies felt that the whole world was coming to You. Great throngs sought You in the cities. Crowds found You in the countryside. Leaders came to You in secret. In our day, and in our community, we ask that You would call forth movements of inquiry, repentance and faith. Train faithful followers to become fruitful leaders who will draw even more to seek You.

*\* For God to raise up disciple-making men and women to sustain new Christ ward movements.*

**49 Seek God … for God to be worshipped by all peoples**

***All nations whom You have made***

***shall come and worship***

***before You, O Lord,***

***and they shall glorify Your name.***

***For You are great***

***and do wondrous deeds.***

***You alone are God.***

– Psalm 86:9-10

You have set Your heart to call forth a worshiping people from every language and land. You have made them, and by the blood and life of Christ You have re-made them, some from every people. The coming extravaganza of worshipers is more certain than today’s headlines. And so we pray with confidence: Complete what You have begun! Surpass Yourself by exhibiting even greater deeds of healing and power. Become famous for transforming lives. Gather worshipers from the diverse peoples in our city. Be honored as the only living God. And may Your praise resound in all the earth.

*\* For worship leaders to be filled with God’s Spirit and focused on Biblical truth.*

**50 Seek God … for God to be worshipped by all peoples**

***But an hour is coming, and now is,***

***when the true worshipers will worship***

***the Father in spirit and truth;***

***for such people the Father seeks***

***to be His worshipers.***

– John 4:23

We do not have to persuade You to seek worshipers. You have yearned to be worshiped with a passion that is ancient, vast and forceful, beyond human description. It is right for us to plead that Your love would be answered by love-filled worship from all peoples. Now is the hour. Search our city and find the devoted worshipers You have so long desired.

*\* For Christians to find themselves energized by the Father’s zeal to be truly worshiped in love.*

*\* For Christ-centered worship to emerge in every ethnic community of your city.*

***V. Seeking His Righteousness in Our Communities*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**51 SEEK GOD…that the righteousness of a few would bring blessing on many**

***Abraham will surely become a great...nation,***

***and in him all the nations of the earth will be blessed...***

***For I have chosen him so that he may command his children***

***and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD***

***by doing righteousness and justice,***

***so that the LORD may bring upon Abraham***

***what He has spoken about him.***

– Genesis 18:18-19

As Abraham prayed for the city of Sodom, You disclosed Your ways to him: Because of the righteousness of a few, You would show mercy and blessing on many. We approach You now as Abraham’s children by faith, that You would have mercy and bring blessing on our community. We cannot claim to have fully lived out the justice and righteousness of Christ. Do more than forgive us. Reform us and train us to be the righteous people that You have long desired. As You transform our lives in Christ’s righteousness, even though we are few, bring about some of Your long-promised blessing upon many of our city.

*\* That people will trust and follow Christ, and live right lives by His power.*

**52 SEEK GOD…that the righteousness of a few would bring blessing on many**

***...for in this way it is fitting for us***

***to fulfill all righteousness.***

– Matthew 3:15

Lord Jesus, when You stepped forward to be baptized, You were not seeking to be made righteous. You had lived a perfect life and had no need to be washed clean. Instead, You were seeking to fulfill a larger purpose, that many would be transformed by Your life in order to live right lives. Fulfill what You began. Make many people righteous in the sight of God as they follow You in faith. May their lives become a spectacle of Your character, justice and truth in the sight of many of our city.

*\* That justice would be pursued by Christians of your city.*

**53 SEEK GOD…to intervene in order to bring forth justice**

***Arise, O LORD, in Your anger...***

***O let the evil of the wicked come to an end,***

***but establish the righteous.***

***For the righteous God***

***tries the hearts and minds...***

***God is a righteous judge, and***

***a God who has indignation every day.***

– Psalm 7:6, 9, 11

Every day You behold the evil of those who exploit the weak, abuse the young or cheat the poor. And every single day You smolder with rage at the sight. Arise, O Judge of all the earth! We cry out for justice, not because we are righteous, but because You are righteous. Only in You is highest righteousness, and at the same time, utmost mercy. And so with awe and fear we approach You, knowing our brokenness. We call on You to restrain runaway evil. And at the same time, we ask You to redeem broken people to become like Your Son. Examine our hearts and reshape our minds, so that we love what is delightful in Your sight.

*\* For the laws of the land to be framed upon God’s standards of righteousness.*

**54 SEEK GOD…to intervene in order to bring forth justice**

***Will not God bring about justice***

***for His chosen ones,***

***who cry out to Him day and night?***

***Will He keep putting them off?***

***I tell you, He will see that they get justice,***

***and quickly. However, when the Son of Man***

***comes, will He find faith on the earth?***

– Luke 18:7-8 (NIV)

We want to answer “Yes,” to Your question. You will indeed find faith on the earth. May we be among those found praying for You to overturn the works of darkness. We now approach Your court to present our case, even if we must come daily to repeat the same appeal again and again. Overrule the evil that abuses many people of our land. Intervene to bring justice. When You return, we want to be among those who never gave up asking You to put Your justice on display within the days of history.

*\* For God to overturn the status quo of injustice and entrenched evil.*

**SEEK GOD ON BEHALF OF Youth**

Then our sons in their youth will be like well-nurtured plants, and our daughters will be like pillars carved to adorn a palace... Blessed are the people whose God is the LORD!

– Psalm 144:12,15 (NIV)

For teens to radically and completely commit their lives to Christ; to make wise choices; for older mentors; for authentic friendships with their peers who are following Jesus; for open trust and communication with parents; for God’s intentions for their generation to come forth in fullest measure.

**PRAYERWALK**: Pray with your eyes open for people in their teens. Envision them following Christ five, ten or more years from now.

**55 SEEK GOD…to inspire a yearning for righteousness**

***While following the way of***

***Your judgments, O LORD,***

***we have waited for You eagerly.***

***Your name, even Your memory,***

***is the desire of our souls.***

***...Indeed, my spirit within me***

***seeks You diligently; for when the***

***earth experiences Your judgments***

***the inhabitants of the world***

***learn righteousness.***

– Isaiah 26:8-9

In these drastic days Your dealings are as mysterious as they are magnificent. We watch and yearn in hope for You to vindicate Your good and great name. Though darkness appears to prevail, You will not fail to bring Your kingly rule upon the earth. We pray for those who pursue evil, heedless of Your love or Your judgment. Show them mercy! Reveal to them the excellence of Your wisdom and the beauty of Your righteousness. Awaken many to the great hope of Your coming, and may they come to welcome Your Lordship now.

*\* For God to free people from hypnotic delusions of sin to experience the satisfying joy of life in Christ.*

**56 SEEK GOD…to inspire a yearning for righteousness**

***Blessed are those who hunger***

***and thirst for righteousness,***

***for they shall be satisfied.***

– Matthew 5:6

Of course we like the idea of living righteously. It sounds proper and virtuous. But we may have treated true righteousness as if it were merely an option for the super-committed. But the beauty of Christ’s righteousness is among Your greatest gifts. Ignite a deep and increasing desire for the risen, living Jesus to bring about His life in our midst. Cause this longing to be as all-consuming as hunger, and as powerful as thirst. Satisfy our hope to see the righteousness of God flourish in our city.

*\* For God to awaken in people a yearning like hunger to live in the fullness of Christ’s righteousness.*

*\* For transformed lives to bring about changed communities that reflect the light and love of Christ.*

**SEEK GOD ON BEHALF OF Substance Abusers**

On the day the LORD gives you relief from suffering and turmoil and cruel bondage.

– Isaiah 14:3 (NIV)

That God will break every form of bondage, including alcoholism and drug addiction. Pray for wise counselors to bring intervention and help; that God will heal their minds and bodies; that they will turn from self-centeredness to living their lives for Christ.

PRAYERWALK: Consider those in your neighborhood who may be bound by addiction to drugs or alcohol. Ask God to free them.

**57** **SEEK GOD…for His Spirit to empower His people**

***The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me...To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD.***

***...So they will be called oaks of***

***righteousness, the planting of the LORD,***

***that He may be glorified. Then they will rebuild the ancient ruins.***

***They will raise up the former devastations;***

***and they will repair the ruined cities,***

***the desolations of many generations.***

– Isaiah 61:1-4

Send Your Spirit upon Your people. Plant seeds of hope in the hearts of the downcast. Cause them to grow quickly and spread widely, implanting righteousness where there was none. Raise up Your people to rebuild devastated communities, even places considered dead for generations. The remade city does not consist of steel beams or sleek glass. The city You are creating is alive and powerful with righteous life, renewed from within, growing slow and strong like a forest of solid oaks. Come upon us Spirit of God. Bring the promised time of favor for our city.

*\* For God to empower Christians by His Spirit to renew their communities.*

**58** **SEEK GOD…for His Spirit to empower His people**

***“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,***

***because He anointed Me to preach***

***the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me***

***to proclaim release to the captives,***

***and recovery of sight to the blind,***

***to set free those who are oppressed,***

***to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.”***

***...And He began to say to them,***

***“Today this Scripture has been fulfilled***

***in your hearing.”***

– Luke 4:18-19, 21

The Spirit of the Lord is still upon You, Anointed One. Because You live with resurrected power, the same “year of favor” continues to this day. Push this promise to even greater fulfillment in this hour. Pour Your Spirit upon all of Your people. Extend favor upon entire communities, giving many the opportunity to hear Your word, to see Your love and to be lifted from all that binds them.

*\* For many to experience God’s favor.*

**SEEK GOD ON BEHALF OF Depressed People**

But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us.

– 2 Corinthians 7:6 (NIV)

That God’s healing presence will reach them; that the light of truth will dispel lies and the oppressive power of Satan; for helpful counsel; for the healing of long-standing wounds of mind and soul; that they would know the comfort and joy of the Holy Spirit; for the renewing of their minds in Christ.

PRAYERWALK: Pray for people you see today who may be downcast, even though they appear to be cheerful and strong.

**59 SEEK GOD…for freedom from terror**

***In righteousness you will be established.***

***You will be far from oppression,***

***for you will not fear;***

***and from terror,***

***for it will not come near you.***

– Isaiah 54:14

Come Prince of Peace! Reports of random violence in faraway lands have now become threats of impending terror close to home. In this darkened day, we see no right way to respond to the looming threat of evil. We stand with You in the singular goodness of Your righteousness. Your righteousness has already triumphed over hell itself. Give Your people a bold hope that under the influence of Your Lordship, there can once again be civil city life. Only such hope can withstand the fearsome force of terror itself. Established on the rock of Your righteousness, may our friendship overcome fear. As we obey You by loving neighbors as well as enemies, cause our kindness to become contagious.

* + *For believers to live free from fear and to become peace-bearers in your city.*

**60 SEEK GOD…for freedom from terror**

***To grant us that we, being rescued***

***from the hand of our enemies,***

***might serve Him without fear,***

***in holiness and righteousness***

***before Him all our days.***

– Luke 1:74-75

Give Your people a way to live uprightly for Your glory in wide-open, public ways. We have presumed that persecution is something long ago or far away. But now we face hostility. We cannot rescue ourselves. It is Yours to save. It is ours to serve. Establish Your people in the safety of following Christ in the virtue of His righteousness. Do not give us the beauty of His holiness apart from the vulnerability of His suffering. Grant Your people a way to worship and serve You fearlessly in the midst of reprisals so that Christ will be glorified.

* + *That churches and believers worldwide would be delivered from persecution.*

**SEEK GOD ON BEHALF OF Fathers**

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

– Ephesians 6:4 (NIV)

That fathers will look to God as the ultimate spiritual head of their household, serving and caring for their families; that God will instill a vision for wholesome, supportive fatherhood among the fathers of the city; that absentee fathers would change their lifestyles to nurture their wives and children; that children will see the character of the heavenly Father in the lives of their dads.

**PRAYERWALK**: Pray for the fathers in your workplace or near your home.

**61 SEEK GOD…to establish righteous leaders**

***Then I will restore your judges***

***as at the first,***

***and your counselors***

***as at the beginning.***

***After that you will be called***

***the city of righteousness, a faithful city.***

***–*** Isaiah 1:26

You know the hearts of our leaders. They have hoped that right and wise governance would be a reality in our communities. You recognize their motives to desire the greatest good. But You also know how they may have been tempted or compromised. Grant them the humility of sober hope, a hope that guards against the worst of wickedness, but stubbornly aspires to the heights of Your righteousness. Restore their courage to do what may be unpopular. Purify their motives and give them strength to do the right things for all the right reasons. May our community become notorious for righteous and wise leaders. May it be acclaimed as a place of faithfulness.

*\* For judges, court officials and lawmakers to fear God.*

**62 SEEK GOD…to establish righteous leaders**

***Do not judge according to appearance,***

***but judge with righteous judgment.***

– John 7:24

Lord Jesus, our leaders are constantly pressured to please different groups and agendas. To prolong their power, they are tempted to tell white lies that are not clearly false, but are not really true. Lord of truth, fill them with the fear of God. Give them confidence in Your ways, so that they will act according to Your righteousness.

*\* For corruption to be purged from our justice system.*

*\* For business leaders to pursue more than profits, but community-wide righteousness.*

**SEEK GOD ON BEHALF OF Agricultural Workers**

For the LORD your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete.

– Deuteronomy 16:15 (NIV)

That God will abundantly bless families who farm, ranch or support agricultural industries; that they would follow Christ and find ways to be part of life-giving churches. Pray especially for migrant workers who sometimes face injustice and great difficulties.

PRAYERWALK: Pray in a rural area for God’s blessing on the land and the families He has placed there.

**63** **SEEK GOD…for city-wide righteousness**

***Sow with a view to righteousness,***

***reap in accordance with kindness.***

***Break up your fallow ground,***

***for it is time to seek the LORD***

***until He comes***

***to rain righteousness on you.***

– Hosea 10:12

For years fellow Christians have served our city in many ways. We envisioned tremendous moves of God following after our labors and prayers. But having done what we can, our city seems only slightly improved. How long until we see the harvest of transformation? We seek You, life-giving God. Visit our city with power and life from heaven, like a slow, steady rainfall. Cause our caring deeds to be as seeds that sprout to life and bear lasting fruit. Manifest Your vast presence, even in our small acts of kindness, so that many more come to seek You and the righteous life You give. Bring forth long seasons of city-wide righteousness.

*\* For believers to seek God’s kingdom above all other things.*

**64** **SEEK GOD…for city-wide righteousness**

***But seek first His kingdom***

***and His righteousness,***

***and all these things***

***will be added to you.***

– Matthew 6:33

As individual believers, we stand before You in the marvelous righteousness of Christ. But we want more than being right with You in a personal way. We desire Your kingdom and Your character throughout our community. This is not too much to hope for. Your jurisdiction already extends to all the streets, homes and businesses of our city. Cause many more to serve You as Lord and King. By their eager obedience cause Your kingdom to come so that Your will is actually done in the affairs of business, education and governance.

*\* For Christ’s Lordship to change people in their personal life as well as in their public affairs.*

**SEEK GOD ON BEHALF OF Arts and Entertainment**

He has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts... to engage in all kinds of artistic craftsmanship.

– Exodus 35:31, 33 (NIV)

That God will inspire artists and those in the entertainment industry with creativity and wisdom that reflect God’s beauty; that they will seek God themselves and come to follow Christ with courage; that their work will bring strength, goodness and hope to our communities.

PRAYERWALK: Visit a theater, art museum or place of entertainment for the purpose of praying for the artists and those working in support capacities.

***V. Seeking His Peace among All Peoples*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**65 SEEK GOD…for Christ to bless the nations with peace**

In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.

– Genesis 22:18

You disclosed Your purpose to Abraham, assuring him that You would bring about a marvelous destiny amidst every people. When this ancient purpose comes to be fulfilled, tangible blessing will abound in every language and lineage of humankind. The promise of Your blessing means that the story of every people will somehow culminate with exhibitions of the righteousness, peace and joy of Your kingdom. We ask You to bring forth the most basic blessing: Your peace, well-being and hope amidst every segment of our city. Increase this peace so that respect, honor and goodwill flows between the diverse peoples of our community.

*\* For respect, honor and goodwill to be formed between diverse peoples and races that live in your community.*

**66 SEEK GOD…for Christ to bless the nations with peace**

***Your father Abraham rejoiced***

***to see My day, and he saw it***

***and was glad.***

– John 8:56

Abraham saw You coming. He envisioned Your day, Lord Jesus. He rejoiced to see Your coming glory throughout all peoples, cultures and nations. Open the eyes of our hearts so that we, like Abraham so long ago, will envision the peace of Your kingdom in our midst. Give us faith to labor and pray, so that we become Your blessing in our city. Cause Your people to rejoice in glad confidence that Your peace will ultimately prevail.

*\* For culturally relevant churches to be planted among every ethnicity of your city.*

*\* For Christ to bring reconciliation in the midst of racial tension.*

**SEEK GOD ON BEHALF OF the Military**

A centurion came to Him, asking for help...When Jesus heard this, He was astonished and said... “I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.”

– Matthew 8:5, 10 (NIV)

For the gospel to spread through the special relationships of military life; for courage and protection in the danger of battle; for wisdom and the fear of the Lord when military personnel are called upon to do the work of governing and enforcing law; for grace upon chaplains and other spiritual leaders; that God will fortify families stretched by numerous moves and separations.

**PRAYERWALK**: Pray near a military base or establishment.

**67 SEEK GOD…for Christ to restore relationships**

***I have hidden My face from this city***

***because of all their wickedness:***

***Behold, I will bring to it health and healing,***

***and I will heal them; and I will reveal***

***to them an abundance of peace...***

***It will be to Me a name***

***of joy, praise and glory before all***

***the nations of the earth which will***

***hear of all the good that I do for them.***

– Jeremiah 33:5-6, 9

Many of our city have surmised that there will always be conflict between races, religions, genders and generations. Our family ties, our friendship bonds have weakened, blighted by the wickedness of selfish ambition and jealousy. We will never again turn toward each other if Your face remains turned away from us. Turn toward us Lord God! Forgive our wickedness. Heal our broken souls. Persuade our cynical hearts that You can bring abundant peace. Do it for Your glory, Lord God. Become famous for bringing peace to our city.

*\* For hostile relationships to be reconciled in Christ.*

**68 SEEK GOD…for Christ to restore relationships**

***If you had known in this day, even you,***

***the things which make for peace!***

***But now they have been***

***hidden from your eyes.***

– Luke 19:42

In the hostilities of our city we can do little more than merely negotiate temporary truces. We have proven ourselves powerless to heal broken relationships. Only You, Lord Jesus, can change the hearts of people to bring forth heaven’s peace. We are blind to what You bring, a grace that truly renews relationships of every kind. Lift the blinders from our eyes. Reveal Your ways and help us to walk in them.

*\* For believers to recognize God-given opportunities to make peace in their neighborhoods and networks.*

**SEEK GOD ON BEHALF OF Broken Families**

The LORD...sustains the fatherless and the widow.

– Psalm 146:9

Pray for healing of broken or embittered relationships; for comfort when a family member has passed away. Pray that the Father heart of God will overshadow children, that they would know the joy of being part of God’s family; that God will meet financial needs, bring supportive friends and grant hope to many who come to follow Christ.

PRAYERWALK: Apartment buildings often house fragmented families. Pray around an apartment complex, focusing prayers on those who have been bereaved or divorced.

**69 SEEK GOD…for God to restore children to their parents**

***All your sons will be taught by the LORD,***

***and great will be your children’s peace.***

– Isaiah 54:13 (NIV)

You have given parents the great responsibility to become the pattern that their children will follow. Even the best of parents in stable homes can fail to guide their children well. Children often rebel with no apparent cause. So we approach You, our marvelous Father in heaven. Make Your presence known in our homes. Reconcile wayward parents to their children. Restore prodigal sons and daughters to their parents. Open our minds and lives to receive You as our teacher. And may Your peace be great in homes throughout our city.

*\* For parents to bless their children, speaking openly about God’s plans for good in their lives.*

**70 SEEK GOD…for God to restore children to their parents**

***And they were bringing children to Him***

***so that He might touch them...***

***And He took them in His arms***

***and began blessing them,***

***laying His hands on them.***

– Mark 10:13, 16

When parents brought their kids to You, Lord Jesus, what kind of blessing did You pray? What did You bestow upon the little ones? What kind of hope for them was in Your heart? As we pray today, we bring the children of our city to You. Young or old, we still present them to You. We imagine You taking them in Your arms, healing their hearts and touching their inmost brokenness. Give us ways to speak Your words of blessing so that our children will fulfill Your highest desires.

*\* For daughters to live with single-minded zeal to love and serve Jesus.*

*\* For sons to focus the passions of their hearts on Christ and His kingdom.*

**SEEK GOD ON BEHALF OF Laborers**

Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in His ways. You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours.

– Psalm 128:1-2 (NIV)

Pray that God will reveal the dignity and honor of doing work as unto Christ; that workplaces would be a setting of safety, joy and friendship; for workers to be treated with justice and dignity; for continued employment in the changing global economy; for many to follow Christ and serve Him openly in the workplace with co-laborers.

**PRAYERWALK**: Almost every community has factories, construction sites or other places of industry. Pray for the laborers in these places.

**71 SEEK GOD …for enemies to be blessed**

***When a man’s ways are pleasing to***

***the LORD, he makes even his enemies***

***to be at peace with him***.

– Proverbs 16:7

We like to think that we have no personal enemies. But in fact we avoid the ones we fear and ignore the ones we have wronged. We have often failed at making peace. Left on our own, we will only succeed in defending ourselves. We want to please You in all of our relationships. Do more than just forgive us; empower us to forgive. Train us in Your ways. Reform our attitudes. Give us hearts to bless the ones who may have harmed us. Grant us favor, even with those hostile to us, and cause us to live in peacemaking ways that please You.

* + *That believers would love and pray for their enemies.*

**72 SEEK GOD …for enemies to be blessed**

***But I say to you, love your enemies***

***and pray for those who persecute you,***

***so that you may be sons***

***of your Father who is in heaven.***

– Matthew 5:44-45

Even as Your enemies nailed You to a cross, You cried out for God to forgive them. In our day we see enemies of the cross rising up with alarming strength. Make us to be Your sons and daughters who prove Your love by enduring the hostility of those who hate You with prayers of blessing. Give these, Your enemies, what none of us deserve: the forgiveness and blessing of Your love.

* + *For those who oppose Christ to experience His mercy.*
  + *For Christians suffering under oppressive governments to remain faithful, in all things following Christ’s example.*

**SEEK GOD ON BEHALF OF:** the Athletic Industry

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory...Wealth and honor come from You...In Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

– 1 Chronicles 29:11-12 (NIV)

Pray for those in support roles and those with higher profiles, that they will know Christ and fulfill God’s calling in their lives. Pray that athletes would be good examples of dedication, commitment and courage; that they will live with integrity and carry out the responsibility of wealth and reputation; that God will reveal His calling and purpose for the students and coaches in college and university programs.

**PRAYERWALK**:

* + *Pray on-site at the scene of an upcoming sports event near you.*

**73 SEEK GOD …to calm the storm of war**

***He will judge between the nations,***

***and will render decisions***

***for many peoples;***

***and they will hammer their swords***

***into plowshares***

***and their spears into pruning hooks.***

***Nation will not lift up sword***

***against nation,***

***and never again will they learn war.***

Isaiah 2:4

Intervene by Your authority in the affairs of the nations. Calm the storm of war that rolls across the face of the earth. Accomplish what thousands of diplomats could never achieve. Isaiah’s promise speaks of what You will do at the very end of the age. But we dare to ask that in our day You will move to bring an outbreak of peace that will signify, in a momentous way, the peace of the age to come. As You bring an end to relatively small conflicts in our city, reveal Yourself as the powerful peacemaking King that You are.

* + *For God to resolve racial or ethnic conflicts that may persist in your city.*

**74 SEEK GOD …to calm the storm of war**

***In His name the nations***

***will put their hope.***

– Matthew 12:21 (NIV)

For many reasons, people from many nations have arrived in our city. Some have come with dreams of prosperity and peace. Others are exiles and refugees, with lingering anger and despair. Disappointment affects them all, despite the best intentions of nice neighbors and appointed leaders. May this be the time, Lord Jesus, that the nations look to You. And may this city be the place where You are seen to be the sole hope of the nations. Reveal Yourself now by Your Spirit so that families, clans and entire peoples are moved to hope in You.

* + *That people from distant lands will come to encounter the hope that is in Jesus.*

**SEEK GOD ON BEHALF OF:** Ethnic Communities

All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him.

– Psalm 22:27 (NIV)

That God will bring racial harmony; that long-standing offenses may be healed by the forgiveness that begins in Jesus; that Christians show honor and act in Christ’s reconciling power; that the beauty of distinctive languages and cultures would be on display in local churches.

**PRAYERWALK**:

Pray blessings in a neighborhood with an ethnic identity different than your own; or pray blessings upon a business owned by people of another ethnicity than yours.

**75 SEEK GOD …to gather all peoples in worship**

***This will be written***

***for the generation to come,***

***that a people yet to be created***

***may praise the LORD...***

***when the peoples are gathered together,***

***and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.***

– Psalm 102:18, 22

What has been promised must be fulfilled: You will save and create a people from all peoples. Since the day Christ rose from the dead You have been forming this new body of worshipers. This global people will name You with praise that resonates throughout the earth. We long to hear that song. But at this hour we are not yet gathered as one people. We still find ourselves separated and segregated in our cities. Hear us as we unite our prayers. Look with favor upon us as we gather to serve You in worship. Assemble us before You as one family drawn together from many peoples.

* + *For city-wide worship events that bring the community together in festivals of praise.*

**76 SEEK GOD …to gather all peoples in worship**

***He began to teach and say to them,***

***“Is it not written: ‘My house will be called***

***a house of prayer for all nations.’”***

– Mark 11:17

Lord Jesus, continue what You began to teach us. Correct our jaded and stale ideas about worship. Instruct our hearts so that we blaze with hope for the destiny of all peoples. The global people You are forming will become so diverse and numerous that we will never fit in any of our church buildings. Be pleased with our humble gatherings, but form us to be a global house, made without hands, coming together as summoned from every culture, language and race. Call diverse assemblies of the peoples to worship You together in the beauty of truth and in the fullness of Your Spirit. As we come to You, make Your home with us.

* + *For churches divided by different traditions to experience unity in worshiping Jesus.*

**SEEK GOD ON BEHALF OF: the Unborn**

For He will deliver...the afflicted who have no one to help. He will...save the needy from death. He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in His sight.

– Psalm 72:12-14 (NIV)

That these precious children will be acknowledged and honored by all; for each of them to find sheltering homes; that the awful waste of their lives would cease; that they would come to Christ at an early age; for the parents of unborn babies, that God would turn their hearts toward their children.

**PRAYERWALK**:

As you pray for your neighbors or coworkers, pray that God will break the power of self-centered lifestyles that disregard children, and that He will forgive and heal those who have harmed their children in any way.

**77 SEEK GOD …for Christ’s Lordship to be welcomed by the nations**

***Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!***

***Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem!***

***Behold, your king is coming to you.***

***He is just and endowed with salvation,***

***humble, and mounted on a donkey...***

***And the bow of war will be cut off.***

***And He will speak peace to the nations;***

***and His dominion will be from sea to sea.***

– Zechariah 9:9-10

Before You come to bring an end to the age, You will come in triumphant humility, to bring a better salvation than anyone expected. Your voice will be lifted up, somehow speaking so that everyone will hear. What You say will be gentle, disarming evil powers without conventional weapons. Already many have heard Your voice. Already You have been speaking peace in the midst of war. We welcome You as You come to our community. Without waging a war of conquest, You have already conquered our hearts. You will soon be utterly victorious over evil. Come magnificent King! Our hope is fixed on You.

**78 SEEK GOD …for Christ’s Lordship to be welcomed by the nations**

***And as Jesus returned,***

***the people welcomed Him,***

***for they had all been waiting for Him.***

– Luke 8:40

We cannot know when You will come again, but find us waiting expectantly when You do. We are not merely waiting for the end of all things. Instead, we are waiting for You to begin all things that last and matter. And that’s why we do more than wait for You. We welcome You. As an act of love, we welcome You. May our expectancy incite others of our community to receive You. May there be many in our city who love Your kingdom and Your appearing. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

* + - *That Jesus will be expected and loved by many who wait eagerly for His return*
  + *For a visitation of Christ’s peace-bringing presence to be welcomed by millions across the face of the earth.*

**SEEK GOD ON BEHALF OF Elderly People**

Now Abraham was old, advanced in age; and the LORD had blessed Abraham in every way.

– Genesis 24:1

That God’s strength and peace will be poured out on everyone who is advanced in years. Pray that they may be honored, that they may be cared for; that loneliness be banished through lasting friendships and family bonds; that sickness be lifted; that they may live to see their prayers answered; that their latter years will be significant, reflecting the glory of God.

**PRAYERWALK**:

Pray for the oldest person you know in your neighborhood. Or pray at a retirement community or an extended care facility.

***VI. Seeking His Visitation—Welcoming Christ our King*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**79 SEEK GOD …for Christ to visit our communities with His presence and transforming power**

On the first Palm Sunday, the crowds shouted phrases from Psalm 118, which was one of the songs traditionally sung at the Passover holiday. Jesus had been rejected as the Messiah before then, but on that day He was put on display. Many honored and received Him, while others confirmed their rejection. But no one ignored Him. Suddenly, it became clear that the Almighty God was visiting with transforming power.

***The stone the builders rejected***

***has become the capstone.***

***The LORD has done this,***

***and it is marvelous in our eyes.***

***This is the day the LORD has made.***

***Let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

– Psalm 118:22-24

Many have repudiated Your Son, but bring a day in our community when Jesus will be honored and received by many, even if others still reject Him. Open our eyes to recognize what You have done to exalt Your Son as Lord of all the earth. May the Lordship of Christ become such an abounding reality that we find ourselves rejoicing in Your day of finishing fullness.

Many suddenly saw that they could be saved in ways they hadn’t ever thought possible before. They could see You accelerating Your purpose toward Your intended goal. The cry, “Hosanna!” was a way of saying, “We’re saved!” and at the same time, a way of asking for the fullest purpose of His salvation to be fulfilled.

**80 SEEK GOD …for Christ to visit our communities with His presence and transforming power**

***O LORD, save us! [literally: hosanna]***

***O LORD, push things forward to finish.***

***Blessed is He who comes***

***in the name of the LORD.***

– Psalm 118:25-26 (Translation by author)

Open our eyes to see Jesus coming to our city. Awaken hope that He will save us more than we’ve ever been saved. We say, “Yes!” to Him. We welcome Him now with joy. He has come, but He will yet come, to reveal the name and glory of God.

More than anything else, Palm Sunday was a day in which God revealed His Son. It stands as a fact behind us, but it also looms large and beautiful before us, as a promise of Christ’s visitation.

**81 SEEK GOD …for Christ to visit our communities with His presence and transforming power**

***The LORD is God, and He has given us light.***

***– Psalm 118:27***

Lord God, give us light so that Jesus becomes utterly marvelous in our eyes. Make us strong in hope and eager in expectancy. Give light to many throughout our city, so that Jesus will be welcomed, followed and loved.

***When He came near...the whole crowd of disciples***

***began joyfully to praise God in loud voices***

***for all the miracles they had seen:***

***“Blessed is the king who comes***

***in the name of the Lord!***

***Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”***

– Luke 19:37-40 (NIV)

On Palm Sunday, many people had not only heard, but had also seen with their eyes, miraculous answers to prayer that were done in Your name. There was joy because You were recognized as more than a miracle-worker. Somehow it became clear that God was exalting You to lead the entire human race as king. You have come, not by campaign or by conquest. You come in the name of the everlasting God, to be our king. You are the Lord.

Be welcomed in our city in the same way You were received on Palm Sunday. Many people had tasted the sweet freedom of the gospel of Your kingdom. They had seen Your humble might in overcoming evil powers. They raised their voices exclaiming You as altogether unique. They loved the idea of You as their Lord.

Do such great things, wondrous things, in our city. Act in answer to prayers in Your name. Heal, restore and reconcile. Make people different in ways that defy simple explanations. Move in ways that are open and public, that cannot be dismissed. Bring about a groundswell of open praise. And may the peace of Your kingdom in our city be as great as Your glory in heaven.

Comment on today’s prayers and see what others are saying.

**82 SEEK GOD ON BEHALF OF The Coming Generation**

***When the chief priests and the scribes saw***

***... the children who were shouting in the temple,***

***“Hosanna to the Son of David,”***

***they became indignant and said to Him,***

***“Do You hear what these children are saying?”***

***And Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read,***

***‘Out of the mouth of infants...You have prepared praise for Yourself’?”***

– Matthew 21:15-16

That many who are now small children would soon become passionate followers of Christ; that during their lifetimes they will finish evangelizing the world; that they will endure suffering to overcome evil and bring forth the promised blessing of God upon all peoples; that they will give Christ the finest whole-life worship of all history.

PRAYERWALK: Walk your city thinking of the people who will live there in years to come, should the Lord delay His second coming. Pray for the generation that will be dwelling in your city when Christ returns.

**83 SEEK GOD ON BEHALF OF Men**

Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows Me.

– Jeremiah 9:23-24 (NIV)

That men will seek God and honor Him in faithfulness, wisdom and truth; for their identity to be centered in Christ-like servant leadership; that the vision of their lives would be to serve and advance God’s purposes.

PRAYERWALK: Ask God to help you focus prayers of blessing on a few of the men that you see today.

**84 SEEK GOD ON BEHALF OF Women**

This woman was abounding with deeds of kindness and charity which she continually did.

– Acts 9:36

That MEN will honor women in their unique, God-created glory; that MEN will cease every kind of injustice toward women; for pornography among us Baptist brothers to be stopped; for protection from sexual violence by MEN; that MEN would renew hope for the beauty of a Godly marriage and children; that single women would lay hold of God’s full purpose in their lives.

PRAYERWALK: Without being demonstrative, pray prayers of blessing for some of the women you come in contact with today.

**85 SEEK GOD ON BEHALF OF Homeless MEN**

But He lifted the needy out of their affliction and increased their families like flocks.

– Psalm 107:41 (NIV)

Pray for immediate relief, shelter, food and health care; that Christ will restore hope for the future; for wise counsel and trustworthy friendship; for protection from the risks of life on the streets; for employment, housing and restored family life.

PRAYERWALK: Visit a place where homeless MEN seek shelter or employment. Pray God’s blessing on the lost MEN you see who appear to be homeless

**86 SEEK GOD ON BEHALF OF Jerusalem**

*\* Pray for God’s peace and glory to be upon Jerusalem*.