

QUIET TIME ALONE WITH GOD PRAYER GUIDE

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“HOW DOES GOD SPEAK TO US?”

*Spend the next hour and read slowly through this "Prayer Meditation for Renewal"
Before you start, ask God to speak to you during this next hour*

If we are to have Renewal, Renewal must begin with me!

I must be willing to lay my life, talents, time, money, and all that I am on God's altar.

Renewals come from God Almighty alone. They come to his people through soul searching, confession of sins and emptying of self. These make ready for the filling with the Holy Spirit.

Am I willing to be filled with the Spirit?

Have I faith enough just to let God do with me as He wills?

Confess all known sin to the Lord.

Read Proverbs 28:13; 2nd Samuel 12:13; 1st John 1:8-9; Psalm 51:1-6

Three kinds of sin which must be confessed:

- 1. Private -----against God alone ---- must be confessed to God Alone.**
- 2. Personal ---- sins against others. --- There can be no peace until this sin is confessed to God.
Disturbed fellowship!**
- 3. Public ---sins against the church, the Body of Christ ----all gossip, tale bearing, wrong attitudes, whisperings “You know what?” Sins against society --- lack of involvement, wrong attitudes, “I was thirsty and you,,,,”**

If these are not confessed, we cannot be filled with the Holy Spirit.

There must be cleansing “then filling; power “then witnessing; self-prepared “then others.”

Give God your best “make room for God's best.” Ask God.

In a quiet time alone with God

Take time to examine your own heart, turn the pages slowly, consider each question, Let God grade you, lay bare every sin and ask God's forgiveness.

Remember, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" And If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

Am I really concerned about renewal?

Am I willing to pay the price?

Do anything God wants me to do?

Is renewal first in my plans?

Am I sinning the sin of prayerlessness? "Ye have not because ye ask not"

Have I neglected the Word of God?

Have I forgiven anyone?

Is all resentment out of my heart?

Am I willing to ask forgiveness from anyone I have wronged in any way?

Am I impatient? Irritable?

Am I offended easily?

Do my "hurt feelings" keep me from serving God?

Do I get angry?

Bear grudges?

Do I blow up?

Do I swell up? With resentment?

Have I enmity toward anyone?

Am I willing “here and now “to ask God to help me put it out of my heart?

READ Matthew 6:12-15 & 18:21-35

Luke 6:27-37

Have I been dishonest with God? With my church?

Have I broken any promise or pledge made to God?

Since my emergency is over, have I kept my promise made in prayer?

Am I dishonest with others?

Do I try to leave a wrong impression if I can- without falsehood?

What about covetousness?

Am I too concerned about things?

Have I sought blessings more than spiritual blessings?

Have I paid all my debt to others?

Do I have anything in my possession which does not rightly belong to me?

Have I any habits which I should forsake?

Have I asked God’s help?

Is there jealousy in my heart?

Do I have sinful pride in my heart?

Have I wronged anyone and failed to make restitution?

Did I pray for those involved?

Is my mind honest and clean in the site of God?

Are my thoughts pure?

**Am I faithful to my wedding vows? In deed and thoughts?
READ MATTHEWS 5:28**

Am I willing and ready to forgive any wrong against me? Against my family?

Have I secret sin which I excuse but should forsake?

Have I worried and been over-anxious about things over which I have no control?

Do I fret? Complain? Toward the leaders in the church?

Does my pastor know that he can count on me?

**Am I a minister of reconciliation and an ambassador of Christ in the marketplace and in the community where I live, work, and play?
READ 2nd CORINTHIANS 5:20**

Am I guilty of the sin of unbelief?

**Am I salt and light in my world?
READ MATTHEWS 5:13-16**

Do I really believe in the power of God to cleanse any sinner? Change my life? Take care of any situation? Guide me in my decisions?

Remember now the marvelous grace of God.

**God has promised to forgive every confessed sin.
READ ISAIAH 1:18 & 44:21-22 HEBREWS 8:12 & 10:17 1ST JOHN 1:7, 9**

Do not despair, God loves you!

Pray for yourself, for cleansing, for strength and courage to forsake sin.

Ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit. Trust God, fear not!

Surrender all, “all self, will, ambition, desire, plans, hopes, time, talent”

**You are giving yourself to one who loves you, who knows you, the future, the past, all about you.
God' way is best for you!**

**PRAY: for your church, your pastor, for other leaders and weak Christians. For unity and love in the church, be sure you are a
Helper, not a problem here.**

Worship God! Suggested Bible readings:

Read: PSALM 95:6 JOHN 4:24 REVELATION 14:7 ISAIAH 6:1-8

Praise the Lord! Thank God for the blessings you have received.

READ: PSALMS 9:11 & 67:3 HEBREWS 13:15

Four-fold reason for praise:

Read: 1st PETER 2:9

THANK GOD! For your cleansing, for God's forgiveness, for the Holy Spirit, for victory! For renewal! For the opportunity God is going to give you to witness before this renewal weekend is over!

Expect great things from God!

Do not be afraid, to go where God leads, to give "your testimony" your impressions, your dedications, your concern.

How has God impressed you through this meditation?

The Scriptures used are great to help us give honor and glory to Christ and to know we can trust Him to lead us every step of the way. Read: Revelation 3:19-22

If there were absolutely no limitations to what you could ask the Holy Spirit to do during the Lay Renewal Weekend, write down what would you ask Him to do (1) for the Church and (2) for you personally?

1. For your Church _____

2. For yourself _____

Read Matthews 7:7-11

Pray, asking the Father for the things you listed above for your Church and for you personally.

May God bless you and His church and the world through you.