

Why Pray on our Fellowship Day of Prayer this Sunday?

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Historically, every spiritual awakening began with a movement of intercessory prayer that precipitated the Church being renewed and scores of people coming to Christ. If this is actually true, why aren't we praying?

This Sunday, November 20, 2022, we are calling on all Fellowship churches to spend time in their worship services to PRAY for our Fellowship for:

- Our churches' allegiance to Christ and His Word
- Our leaders to shepherd our movement on mission
- Our missionaries and chaplains to demonstrate Christ's love
- Our men and women to be models of godliness in their families and communities
- Our teens and children to love Jesus with all their strength
- Our country and its need to turn back to God

A.T. Pierson said, *"Every step in the progress of missions is directly traceable to prayer. It has been the preparation for every new triumph and the secret of all success."*

The word "intercession" is a compound word made up of two Latin words: *inter* (between) and *cedere* (to go). An intercessor is a "go-between". To stand between a cancer victim and death, to stand between a lost soul and Almighty God. Ananias was an intercessor (see Acts 9). Prompted by God he prayed for the Christian-killer named Saul. And because of his intercession the "scales" fell from Saul's eyes and he became Paul.

Is intercessory prayer happening in your life or your church? There are no fewer than 11 revival movements in the Old Testament. While each revival is unique, a common factor preceding each revival was that God's people gathered together in prayer. Look at the Biblical record:

- Exodus 32-34 – Moses took the tent and pitched it outside the camp and required everyone who sought the Lord to meet him there.
- 1 Samuel 7:5-6 – Samuel required all of Israel to gather at Mizpah where they fasted and confessed their sins.
- 2 Chronicles 15:9-15 – Asa gathered the people in Jerusalem to enter into a covenant to seek the Lord with all their hearts and with all their souls.
- 2 Chronicles 20:3-13 – Jehoshaphat gathered the tribes of Judah, and the people fasted and sought the Lord.

- 2 Chronicles 23:16ff – Jehoiada made a covenant with all the people, that they should be the Lord’s people. They then proceeded to cleanse the land of evil.
- 2 Chronicles 30:5ff – Hezekiah and the other leaders established a decree requiring all the people to gather for the celebration of the Passover. Fourteen days were devoted to seeking the Lord.
- 2 Chronicles 34:31-33 – Josiah gathered the people to enter into a covenant with the Lord to walk in all His ways.
- Ezra 6:16-22 – Zerubbabel led the people in seven days of separating themselves from the impurity of the nations and pledging themselves to seek the Lord.
- Ezra 8:21-23 – Ezra proclaimed a fast at the River Ahava for the people to humble themselves, put away their sins, and seek the Lord.
- Nehemiah 8-10 – The people assembled in front of the Water Gate where the Law of Moses was read by the hour and an agreement was made in writing to put away sin and to seek the Lord with all their hearts.
- Joel 1:14; 2:12-17 – Joel gathered the people to return to the Lord with all their hearts with fasting, weeping, and mourning. They were required to rend their hearts and not their garments.

Our Québec Region has been praying for several years for revival in their churches and province. Almost 200 intercessors have committed to pray one hour each week, and to fast and pray once per month. At 10:02am each day, smart phone alarms across our Québec Region buzz, reminding the faithful to pray for workers to come to Québec (see Luke 10:2).

My prayer is that the rest of our Fellowship family will join and become an “army” of intercessors praying for revival in Canada. To use or watch video prayer requests from our National staff please follow us on social media [@thefellowshipCa](https://www.instagram.com/thefellowshipCa)

Why not start this Sunday during our *Fellowship National Day of Prayer*?

Have a blessed week,

Steve