# 2 Chronicles 7:14 Prayer Emphasis

- Pray for our church leaders to have wisdom from the Father, to know how to protect the body of Christ well, and to be growing in their personal faith with Jesus.
- Pray for our members to desire to be transformed more and more like Jesus, to love Jesus with all their hearts and minds, and to love those around them by the power of the Holy Spirit working in them.
- Pray for our schools to be kept away from any evil, for those students and teachers and administrators who know Jesus, to stand firm in their faith, and speak truth in love at the right times.
- Pray for our school board members to stand firm on truth and not be swayed to go along with the culture.
- Pray for our local law enforcement agencies to continue to have people of integrity working for them and for our community to respect their authority. Pray for their protection from evil and for our community to be a light to the surrounding communities.
- Pray for our state officials to operate with integrity and honor. Pray that our state would also be a light and be willing to stand firm on truth.
- Pray for our nation to see the truth, to recognize what are God's ways and what is
  evil. Pray for our nation to desire the ways of our Lord, our Creator and the one
  who designed us to honor Him and not ourselves.
- Pray that our nation would recognize evil and be able to turn away from it.
- Pray that the people of our nation would fear God more than fearing man and would love what God loves and speak truth about what grieves the Spirit of God.
- Pray that our nation would desire to have leaders that make policies that align with the Word of God.
- Pray for leaders to have courage to stand behind policies that align with the word of God.

# **Sample Prayers**

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The following is a compilation of Harvest Prayer Ministries' prayers which were extracted from the ministry's daily devotionals. Most are short (only a few sentences) with a few being several paragraphs. The purpose for the sample prayers is that during your prayer time you might select one or more prayers that speak to you personally. You may choose to "adopt" one (or more) to pray on a regular basis. Bottom line: use as the Lord directs.

#### **God's Presence**

Father, I don't want to miss You. Help me personally not to get so caught up in activities and busyness that I forget to pay attention to all that You are. Awaken Your people to Your presence in our midst. Forgive us for making worship about us and our preferences. We turn from self and turn to You. Change us forever by Your presence in our gatherings.

#### **Heart Awakening**

Glorious King, I long for a fresh touch from You! Teach me to pray for an awakening in my life that will change me forever! Make Your Presence known in the midst of my congregation so that we might burn with a passionate desire for Your kingdom now and forever.

Father, I long to slow down long enough to hear Your voice and then to learn how to hear You even in the midst of my busy life. Fine tune my hearing so that I might be able to walk in the direction You desire. May Your holy presence flood into my every day living for the sake of my family and others in my life.

#### Intercession

Father, may I be a devoted intercessor, committed to seeing Your kingdom established in the lives of all people in order to see Your glory spread throughout the world.

Father, give me eyes to see what is happening around me. Help me to see things from Your perspective. I choose to use times of exposure to news from around the world as valuable times of intercession. Help me to be disciplined in praying as I watch and read. Show me how You would have me pray. Thank You for allowing me to be a part of what You are doing in the world today.

#### **Loving Others**

Lord, draw my heart close to Yours so that I might love You with everything in me. Transform my sinful state into a lifestyle of joyful sacrifice so that others may know Your heart also. May I be compelled by love to see my neighbors through Your holy eyes.

## **Prayerlessness**

Lord, forgive me of my prayerlessness. And when I do pray, I so often make it about me. It's so easy for me to stay on a horizontal plane, even in my prayers. Help me to look up and see You. Help me to understand more of what it means to be a house of prayer. Show me how to pray without ceasing in a way that pleases You and releases Your power to accomplish Your purpose. Your Kingdom come, Father! Today and forever!

Father, forgive my prayerless life. Draw me into Your Presence in fresh ways so that I desire to deepen my relationship with You more than any other activity I can engage in. Help me to turn loose of the things that keep me from knowing You more fully.

## Repentance

Lord, help me to understand how easy it is to begin to drift away...allowing my own desires to supplant what You desire. Forgive me when I have grieved Your Holy Spirit. I confess my sin, bow before You in repentance, and bring all that I am under the precious, atoning blood of Jesus. I set You before me Lord, choosing through the power of the Holy Spirit to seek You with all my heart.

Praiseworthy Lord, I confess that often I neglect to honor You as I pray. I am so quick to present my requests to You that I have not prepared my heart by honoring You. Please give me a heart that longs to offer praise for all that You are and all that You have done, are doing and will do!

## **Revival (Personal and Church-wide)**

Lord of the Harvest, I repent of my prayerlessness and the lack of prayer in my congregation. Spark a revival in me, and within our church so that our hearts will burn for what is upon Your own heart! Awaken us to the power of Your presence in our midst so that we might be fully aware of the dark and lost condition of our city, our nation...and the world. May we respond to Your call to go into the world to make disciples, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all You have commanded us to do!

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all" (1 Chronicles 29:11). Father, empower Your people to draw near to You in intimate relationship so that through the prayers that result, You will move powerfully in lives, families, governments and nations. Use Your people to turn this world upside down, as the early believers did in their day. Give us the hearts of servants, to serve as Jesus served! May Your power be made perfect in our weaknesses so that our culture and our world will see the awesomeness of our God!