

**A Call for All Members of Grace Baptist Church
To Enter a Season of Earnest Prayer
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In 2 Chronicles 7:14, God gave His people Israel these conditions for deliverance from His judgment and healing from the consequences of His judgment:

“if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

The need for God’s people in our nation to seek Him in this way has never been greater. Our country is deeply divided spiritually, morally, ideologically, and politically. What we see happening at a spiritual level is that God, in His righteous judgment, has given our nation over to a “reprobate mind”, which means a useless mind (Romans 1:28). This explains the insane ideas currently being promoted and the dangerous and damaging policies currently being employed. Unless God in His wrath remembers mercy (Habakkuk 3:2), we are ultimately facing destruction. Jesus said, “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand” (Matthew 12:25). Unless God stays His hand of judgment, this will certainly be the fate of the United States.

Meanwhile, at the very time when our nation needs strong churches and believers to be salt and light, churches in America have never been weaker, more leavened with worldliness, and more “at ease in Zion” (Amos 6:1). 2 Chronicles 7:14 applied in our day is not a call for unbelievers to be converted. It is a call for God’s people to repent and seriously seek Him. It is a call for us to turn from our ignorance and apathy, see the spiritual condition and physical peril we are in, and turn earnestly to God for His help and healing. It is a call to end our contentment with our own ease and comfort, to be willing to discontinue “business as usual” in our lives, and to sacrificially set aside time to be before God, seeking His face and getting right with Him.

Accordingly, we, as Elders of this church, are praying that such a revival in our nation will begin with us at Grace Baptist Church. We, therefore, call on our fellow members to join us in an extended season of earnest and sacrificial time spent in prayer; a season that will involve sacrifice for each of us in our personal life, our family life, and our corporate life together as a church body. We call on each member of the church to immediately begin this season of prayer by arranging their personal schedules to give priority to daily time spent praying.

We may later expand this call to our brothers and sisters in Christ in other churches, but for now let it begin with us. In the words of the old hymn we used to sing, “Lord, send a revival, and let it begin in me.”

Your servants in Christ,

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