

Fifteen Days to Speed Recovery

March 31 – April 14, 2020

Fifteen Days for Extraordinary, United Prayer & Fasting

Americans have been practicing “*15 Days to Slow the Spread.*” Let us now build on that by coming together for “*15 Days to Speed Recovery*” through united and unified prayer for our nation and the world.

This is not to say that people have not been praying for protection and recovery. Multitudes have been. Rather, this is a unique call to Christians everywhere to amplify their cry as the united Body of Christ. Fasting, as led by Christ, can intensify praying, if health permits.

The Urgent Need of This Desperate Hour

Our nation is in need of forgiveness and healing. God seeks the attention of His people that they may turn to Him and experience His recovery. Consider *His* promise:

“...when I...send pestilence among My people, 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 will I hear their prayer, forgive their sin, and heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7: 13 - 14

God offers – to *His* people - a pathway for recovery and healing. He invites *us* to participate with Him.

What Will You Do?

Who can deny the chaos, uncertainty, fear, and potential devastation of these days brought about through the global pestilence called “*CORONAVIRUS?*”

To be certain, God is not the author of chaos, uncertainty, fear, or devastation. Rather, these things occur when the people of God have strayed from the priority of seeking His face and walking in His ways.

The Old Testament is filled with examples, demonstrating how the unfaithfulness of God’s people to Him brought on His judgement. Judgement came in many forms: invasion, exile, *pestilence*, famine, and drought, etc. However, their return to Him resulted in His blessings in many forms: *restoration* of their nation, victories over enemies, peace, *health*, prosperity, the recovery of lost property, just to name a few.

Do we, as God’s people, recognize the signs of His judgement all around us? What can you do?

Will you, in your personal devotion time, unite with Christians everywhere – even while still scattered - in the following three-step guide to Speed Recovery?

Keep in mind the limitless potential of God’s intervention: God “*is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, according to the power at work within us...*” Ephesians 3:20

And, God can do two things beyond human control and will, according to Romans 4: 16-25:

1. He “*gives life to the dead and...*”
2. He “*calls into existence the things that do not exist.*”

In this hour of urgent need, what better action can we take?

FIFTEEN DAYS TO SPEED RECOVERY

STEP ONE

We must humble ourselves by acknowledging our helpless state and need for forgiveness.

Allow your personal awareness and God's Spirit to influence you regarding which sins to confess.

Confess personal sins that might include but, not limited to:

immobilizing fear	lack of love	a critical spirit towards others
worry	immorality	hypocrisy
failure to trust God	pride	greed
lukewarmness towards God	dishonesty	judgmental attitude

National sins that might be confessed including but, not limited to:

hoarding of needed medical supplies and price gouging	corruption and manipulation in our financial systems
corruption within government by people seizing political power rather than addressing the needs of citizens	failure to protect the unborn and the truly poor
corruption within our judicial and law enforcement institutions	the failure of the church to boldly proclaim the Gospel and teach Biblical truth
	the failure of the church to unite in love regardless of denomination

STEP TWO

We must read His Word and listen to His Spirit for direction and hope.

DAILY READING GUIDE

As you read, ask God to reveal to you anything having application in your life or in our nation.

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| 1. 2 Chronicles 7:14 | 6. I John 1 | 11. Nehemiah 2 |
| 2. Joel 2 | 7. Hosea 6 | 12. I Peter 4:7-19 |
| 3. Ephesians 5 | 8. Psalm 51 | 13. I Samuel 12 |
| 4. Ezra 9 | 9. Matthew 5 | 14. Isaiah 40 |
| 5. Ezra 10:1-17 | 10. Nehemiah 1 | 15. Hebrews 11 |

Having confessed sins revealed by Him and received direction from His Word, thank and praise God:

1. *for His forgiveness, instruction, and promises.*
2. *for using this crisis* to turn the hearts of His people towards Himself.
3. *for His reminder* to our nation that our "unalienable rights of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness" come from Him. He is the Creator and Giver of life.

STEP THREE

We must pray, asking for ourselves and interceding for others & the nation.

Allow God's Word and Spirit to speak to you regarding the things for which you are to intercede.

Personal prayers might include but, not be limited to:

comfort and support for all who have lost loved ones during this global crisis	the exercise of Godly wisdom & responsibility
protection from Coronavirus infection	increased personal integrity
recovery of infected family & friends	stronger marriages & families
restoration of jobs and personal finances	greater understanding of God & God's Word
personal revival and spiritual growth	demonstrating the "fruit of the Spirit" by being filled with the Holy Spirit
increased love for God and one another	the salvation of family & friends

National, strategic prayers might include but, not be limited to:

wisdom and strength for President Trump, Vice-President Pence, and the coronavirus task force	the honest manufacture & rapid distribution of needed medical supplies & equipment
unity, humility, and wisdom among elected officials at the federal, state, and local levels	a rapid and peaceful return to social contact, local business, and commerce
strength & protection for those gathering and distributing resources	the return to our Christian heritage and government "of the people, by the people, and for the people"
wisdom & insight for researchers seeking antidotes & vaccines to the coronavirus	the overcoming or removal of people, authorities, and bureaucracies standing as barriers to achieving God's purposes for our country and the world
protection of front-line medical personnel & first responders	purity & unity within the Body of Christ
endurance and aid for cities & states most severely affected	national revival & awakening

May the Lord bless you, your family, and our nation as our hearts focus on Him!

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