

Revival in the Home

The Israelites had a choice to make before they could fully inhabit the newly conquered promised land. Joshua challenged them to return to the basics—the decision to reject all other gods and follow the one true God. As the people considered the challenge, Joshua put his stake in the ground.

“But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD,” he declared (Joshua 24:15).

By Joshua’s example as a family-first man wholly devoted to God, he inspired the people to also declare their allegiance. They were then released into their inheritance, free to establish homes and cities based on their covenant with God.

The family is God’s idea. It is the bedrock of any healthy society. When the family thrives, an entire nation prospers. As we pray this month for revival in the home, we will invite God to establish Christ-centered homes throughout our cities and nation. The more households committed to serve the Lord, the greater the hope for an all-consuming revival and spiritual awakening throughout our land.

1 As we approach the National Day of Prayer tomorrow, ask God to strengthen our nation’s confidence in Him. When we turn to Him, He empowers our families to overcome evil with His truth (2 Samuel 22:30).

2 Pray that families will gather in homes and public venues to cry out to God for our nation on this National Day of Prayer. His way is perfect, His Word is flawless, and He shields those who take refuge in Him. Ask Him to intervene in our nation with another great awakening (2 Samuel 22:31).

3 Pray that families will be revived to the truth that there is only one God and He is worthy of all praise (Joshua 24:15).

4 Pray for an inheritance of God’s powerful work in families throughout our nation that ushers in spiritual awakening (Joshua 24:24, 28).

5 Pray that families are revived in Christ, obedient to God’s Word, and a powerful force for spiritual awakening in our nation (Joshua 24:31).

6 Those who “bring ruin on their family will inherit only the wind.” The family is a gift to treasure, nurture and build up. Pray for a renewal of godly investment in the family as a priority in our nation. (Proverbs 11:29).

7 Pray for a revival of the family that puts relationships in right order and honors God’s design for prosperous homes (Deuteronomy 5:16).

8 Great joy comes when God’s children “are walking in the truth.” Pray for a restoration of truth about the importance of family in our culture. Pray for a revival of the family that rebuilds the foundation of the Church and this nation (3 John 1:4).

9 God raises up His people to show them His power so that His “name might be proclaimed in all the earth.” Pray that a revived family within the Church will draw a lost nation to the glory of Christ (Exodus 9:16).

10 Kneeling before our heavenly Father in worship acknowledges the foundational role of “every family in heaven and on earth.” Praise God for His design of family—and pray for the family to be revived in its critical place in our nation (Ephesians 3:14-15).

11 Pray that your family will be strengthened with the glorious riches of Christ through the power of the Spirit. Pray for Spirit-empowered families to have great impact in their neighborhoods (Ephesians 3:16-17).

12 Pray for an awakening to the depth of Christ’s love so that every family member is “filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.” Pray for a revival of love in families that reflects Christ and brings healing and restoration to any brokenness (Ephesians 3:18-19).

13 Pray that throughout our nation, God will “turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers.” (Malachi 4:5-6).

14 Fathers are key to the training and raising of children in revived families. Pray for fathers to “provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4).

15 Pray for the sacrificial love of fathers to transform families (Ephesians 5:25).

16 A man who fears and obeys the Lord will lead his wife and children toward spiritual fruitfulness. Pray for your home to be saturated with growth and maturity in Christ (Psalm 128:3-4).

17 Hannah fervently prayed for a child and stayed faithful to her promise after Samuel was born. “So now I give him to the LORD,” she declared. Pray for the answer to so many mother’s prayers—that their children will serve the Lord (1 Samuel 1:27-28).

18 A godly mother is the source of powerful prayer, wisdom, and faithful instruction in her family. Pray for mothers to be saturated in God’s Word and the Spirit as they protect, guide, and speak truth into their children (Proverbs 31:26).

19 Pray that godly faith in Christ will be passed down through your family generations as well (2 Timothy 1:5).

20 Pray that grandchildren will be influenced by an enduring faith that embodied generations before them. Pray for a restoration of honor and respect for the family as a foundation of society (Proverbs 17:6).

21 Pray for children to walk in truth rather than rebellion. Pray for families to have healthy relationships that encourage children to seek faith in Christ rather than the lies of the world (Proverbs 10:1).

22 Pray for children throughout our nation to be raised in the ways of the Lord—and for God to protect their hearts from evil influences that would cause them to stray (Proverbs 22:6).

23 Pray for the protection of children—from the womb throughout their childhood. Pray that our society will recognize that children as “a heritage from the LORD,” always valued and always treasured (Psalm 127:3).

24 In a growing cultural influence of gender confusion and same-sex marriage, pray that the biblical definition of marriage between a man and a woman is once again embraced in our nation as the pathway toward family health and wholeness (Genesis 2:24).

25 All who fear the Lord and walk in obedience to Him are blessed. Praise God for His gift of the family as the design for a prosperous society. Pray for your family to reflect obedience to Christ (Psalm 128:1-2).

26 A revived family embraces patience and forgiveness with one another, just as Christ forgives those who seek Him. Pray that families will be safe havens of Christ-like love that in turn impact neighborhoods and communities (Colossians 3:13).

27 God created mankind—the first family—and blessed them, instructing them to “be fruitful and increase in number” in order to fill and subdue the earth. Pray that God will raise up Christ-centered families to have gospel impact in their communities (Genesis 1:28).

28 The Lord’s love is everlasting to those who fear Him—and His righteousness will be known to generations. Pray for the generations to come after you, that they will follow the Lord and establish families that thrive in the truth of God’s Word (Psalm 103:17).

29 God chose Abraham to “direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just.” Pray that families will follow Jesus and bring transformation to a nation that desperately needs to know the justice and righteousness of the Lord (Genesis 18:19).

30 Cornelius was known as a God-fearing, devote, and generous man who pointed his family toward God. Yet, he still needed to know the power of the gospel to transform his life. Pray for households across our nation to fully embrace Jesus and be revived to the truth of the gospel (Acts 10:2).

31 Just as Joshua declared that he and his household would serve the Lord, commit to the Lord that you will establish a family altar of prayer and worship. Invite the reviving presence of Jesus into your home. Pray that an entire nation will know the hope and love of Christ (Joshua 24:15).