



Being the Church Winter 2025
Praying for Revival
February 1 - February 14

Prayerfulness

“A heart that is humble before God expresses itself to Him in prayer. Prayerlessness is one of the biggest diseases plaguing the Church today. Prayerless hearts beget prayerless homes, and prayerless homes produce prayerless churches. On the other hand, a prayerful heart is attuned to God and eager to commune with Him nonstop. God’s desire for us is simple. *Rejoice always, prayer without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.* (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

We see in the parable of the wheat and the tares: *While men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way...* (Matthew 13:25) The church has been asleep far too long. Now it’s time to get on our knees and ask God to move in the hearts and minds of the church.

Prayerfulness must be central in our lives and in His Church! Seeking the Lord in prayer is key to a nation that pledges to be “one nation under God.” After all, He created people for worship. He wants sinful people to return to worshipping Him, and He has made a way for them to do so. A prayerful heart desires to worship God and to commune with Him.

Prayer Points

- Pray for your own prayer life then ask the Holy Spirit to invigorate it and help you listen to what He wants you to pray. (Romans 8:26) *The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what to pray for, but the Holy Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.*
- Pray for a new and deeper devotion to prayer in the Church that seeks and welcomes spiritual renewal and revival. (Colossians 4:2) *Devote yourself to prayer, being watchful and thankful.*
- Pray for a prayer movement which will unite us with a shared desire to see God move in our midst. (Acts 1:14) *They all joined together constantly in the prayer, along with the women, Mary the mother of Jesus and his brothers.*

- Pray for believers to desire and pursue a life of unceasing prayer rooted in worship and thanksgiving. (Philippians 4:6) *Do not be anxious about anything but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*
- Pray God’s conviction for people to pray and He will draw near to all who call upon Him in truth.”¹ (Psalm 145:18) *The Lord is near to all who call upon him.*”¹

¹*Fanning the Flames of Revival, Participating in the Continues Activity of God, an IFA Prayer Guide.* IFApray.org. p.2-3.

² Graphic George Washington at Valley Forge by Edward P. Morgan

Background for St. Mark Church’s Winter Call to Prayer for Revival

During the Spring of 2024 our members chose the mission statement: **Loving God and All People.** This Fall and into 2025 St. Mark Prayer team called our congregation to continue to embrace our first vision statement to **pray.** Through the gift of prayer, God has given His people (us) the ability to shape the very future of the nation.

St. Mark Prayer Team will focus on **Revival** this winter until Lent begins. What are revivals? “Concentrated periods of time of intense and often widespread ministry by the Holy Spirit.”¹ They have occurred throughout history; different forms and various reasons. Usually in two categories.

- Movements of spiritual renewal and reformation among God’s people;
- An outpouring of conviction among unbelievers, leading to repentance from sin and the conversions of many.

A vital role is played by praying Christians called “prayer warriors.” We are asking you to be a key player in the ignition and spread of flickering sparks for a national revival. We are in the midst of a critical time for God’s outpouring of grace and mercy. Will you be instrumental in praying with us?

¹*Fanning the Flames of Revival, Participating in the Continues Activity of God, an IFA Prayer Guide.* IFApray.org. p.1.

²Ibid.

³*Fanning the Flames of Revival, Participating in the Continues Activity of God, an IFA Prayer Guide.* IFApray.org. p.2.