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## **MAY 19, 2023**

- WE have not had the spiritual grace and strength to acknowledge our spiritual needs, and in contriteness of spirit to ask for God's mercy and forgiveness (Psalm 32:4-5; 1 John 1:9).
- WE have not taken seriously the Great Commission or the Great Commandment (Matthew 28:18-20; Matthew 22:37).

*Pray that we as Christ followers will become a "light" to dispel darkness and "salt" to prevent social and spiritual decay (Matthew 5:13-16).*

## **MAY 20, 2023**

- WE have not equipped ourselves with the Armor of God in our battle with the Enemy of our souls (Ephesians 6:10-13).
- WE have not understood the value of every human life (Psalms 139:14-16).

*Pray that we as Christ-followers will love our God, our spouses and children and build strong marriages that testify to the reality of our faith (Ephesians 5-6).*

## **MAY 21, 2023**

Intercessory prayer time in Lightbearers classroom (201) from 9:00–9:35 am. A time to earnestly seek God for His wisdom, power and protection as we prepare to assemble together at 10:30 am for our Solemn Assembly in the worship center.

# **SOLEMN ASSEMBLY PRAYER GUIDE**

*PREPARING FOR THE SOLEMN ASSEMBLY  
ON MAY 21, 2023*

## **THE PROMISE OF GOD**

It is our belief that as WE OBEY the voice of God in the calling of a Solemn Assembly, that God will keep His promise to send revival – true revival – life-transforming revival to our church and community. We will also fulfill the prayer of Christ in John 17:20 "that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me."



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## A CALL TO HUMILITY

One of the greatest hindrances to personal and corporate revival is spiritual pride. This subtle sin manifests itself in an attitude displayed in the Revelation passage already noted: "I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing" (Revelation 3:17). The image is one of smugness, self-sufficiency and superiority. Unfortunately, this is an attitude that is pervasive in the church today. We do not recognize our true spiritual condition. Like the church at Laodicea, we may well find ourselves to be "wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked" (Revelation 3:17). Rather than crying out to the Lord in humility and contriteness of spirit, we harden our hearts and become "too righteous to repent." We need to heed the admonition of Joel: "Now, therefore, says the Lord, turn to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning. So rend your heart and not your garment" (Joel 2:12, 13).

## A CALL TO SEEK GOD

A clear indication of the apostasy of the contemporary church and of its need to repent is the emphasis on money and material possessions. Popular preachers and teachers tell us that God is obligated to prosper us not just spiritually, but financially as well. The inference is that to be a successful Christian and to be happy, we must not only keep up with the Jones, but we must leave them in the dust. The glitzy sets for Christian television programs, the elaborate clothes and the affluent lifestyle of many Christian leaders model this philosophy. The admonition to "set your affection on things above" and to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Colossians 3:1; Matthew 6:33) seems to have gotten lost in the shuffle. In our effort to seek wealth, power, gifts, and blessing, we may well have overlooked the most basic spiritual need – to seek the face of God. It is interesting that the Lord admonishes us to seek His face. That means we should know Him intimately, look into His eyes, and listen for His voice. Jesus declared that the greatest of all commandments is to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37). To seek God in this way is one of the prime purposes of the Solemn Assembly.

## A CALL TO REPENTANCE

Finally, as the people of God, we are called upon to "turn from (OUR) wicked ways." Confession and repentance are key factors in the Solemn Assembly. Many Christ followers are offended when it is suggested that they may need to repent. However, we have only to look at the spiritual condition of our nation and also the church to agree that there is need for corporate as well as personal repentance. We would all do well to repent of the sins that cause us to stumble and miss God's best.

**Note: Before praying, please look up the Scripture listed behind each request, discuss, and then pray.**

### MAY 15, 2023

- WE have disregarded His Lordship for our own selfish desires and self-serving practices (Matthew 7:21-27; Luke 6:46).
- WE have not honored His holiness and are not becoming holy as He is holy (1 Peter 1:16-17).

*Pray that as a community of Christ-followers, we would surrender anew to God so that we may accomplish amazing ministries for Him (Joshua 3:5).*

### MAY 16, 2023

- WE have not obeyed His standards and commandments. His Word is not being used to determine right and wrong (Isaiah 5:20).
- WE are disoriented to Him and apathetic to His voice and activities (Luke 19:41-46).

*Pray that we as Christ-followers would daily practice the spiritual disciplines of private prayer, Scripture reading and family devotions (Deuteronomy 6:4-5).*

### MAY 17, 2023

- WE as His bride have prostituted ourselves with worldly values, priorities and methods and is not preparing herself for the wedding feast at Christ's second coming (Ephesians 5:25-26).
- WE have ignored His warnings again and again (Romans 10:21, Ezekiel 12:21-28).

*Pray that we as Christ-followers do the will of God by living counter to the world and its distorted way of living (1 John 2:15-17).*

### MAY 18, 2023

- WE have not made His house a "...house of prayer." God is displeased with much of the religious activity and worship of His people (Matthew 21:13).
- WE have not been bold enough to "own" our sins and repent of legalism, racial prejudice and bigotry, hardness of heart, materialism, competitiveness, moral laxity and denominational elitism and exclusivity (Deuteronomy 9:6; Micah 6:8).

*Pray that we as Christ-followers, like Caleb of old will "have a different spirit and follow God fully" without any reservation. When we do not follow God fully, we spend years in a spiritual wilderness and miss the Promised Land God has prepared for us (Numbers 14:24).*

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