**Memphis 365 Prayer Guide**

**March 2023**

*Rushing wind blow through this temple,*

*Blowing out the dust within,*

*Come and breathe your breath upon me,*

*I’ve been born again.*

Pastor Bill Street writes:

In 1981, a long haired, bearded (former hippie) named Keith Green released this powerful song, *Rushing Wind*. The opening words of that song came back to me today. As I reflected why, there are three reasons. First, I saw the film *Jesus Revolution* the night after it opened. Wow, what a clear and powerful picture of how God moved in life, power, and love while a country was marred in war and social rebellion—and in churches that were steeped in traditionalism and deadness. Calvary Chapel, where the Jesus Revolution had its roots, was AT BEST a “dusty” church. However, by the time the “rushing wind” of God’s presence and love blew through, it became a church alive and growing.

The second reason I think of this song is the revival at Asbury Seminary. For over 10 days, God’s people waited on him. They forgot about their own agenda and experienced his. You can’t see the scenes or watch the videos without witnessing new life of the Holy Spirit.

The third reason is what we will be celebrating next month, Easter—the resurrection of our Lord and the resurrected life we have in Him! In 1981, at Leawood Baptist Church, I saw a poster that I’ve never forgotten. While I can’t remember the images on it, the words are etched in my mind, “We are an Easter people, and Hallelujah is our song!” Forgiveness of sin. Eternal Salvation. Intimacy with God. Hallelujah!

God is a God of new beginnings and life. *“Do not call to mind the former things, or ponder things of the past. Behold, I will do something new, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, rivers in the desert”* (Isaiah 43:18-19). A road where there is not one. Rivers (plural) in the desert. God is able to bring provision and life where there is nothing! He is able to do that in lives, churches, a city, and a country.

**To experience a fresh breath of the Holy Spirit this Easter (if not before!), please join me
in praying:**

* **For a burning heart from hearing Jesus speak.***And He said to them, “O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory? Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures. And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He were going farther. But they urged Him, saying, ‘Stay with us, for it is getting toward evening, and the day is now nearly over.’ So He went in to stay with them. When He had reclined at the table with them, He took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight.* ***They said to one another, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?’*** *And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them, saying, ‘The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon’”*
(Luke 24:25-34).
* **Power to testify of the reality of the resurrected Lord.***“But Peter said, ‘I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene—walk!’ And seizing him by the right hand, he raised him up; and immediately his feet and his ankles were strengthened”* (Acts 3:6-7).

*“And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all”* (Acts 4:33).
* **For Christians to walk in newness of life.***“Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life”* (Romans 6:4).

*“Therefore. do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace”* (Romans 6:12-14).

**PRAY FOR EASTER SERVICES**

* Pray for God to bless our Easter Services. May people be drawn to Jesus.
* Pray for believers to joyfully invite people to church.
* Pray for our pastors and those leading worship to be empowered to speak and sing with spiritual wisdom and power.
* Pray for many to repent from sin, receive salvation, and connect with the body of Christ.
of Christ.
* Pray for Easter to be the time when those who have wandered from intimacy with Christ and His Church to come home.

**PRAY FOR MEMPHIS**

Please take time to verbally pray for our city using this prayer as a guide.

 Heavenly Father, thank You for Memphis. Thank You for strategically locating our city in the middle of this nation, so we can be a catalyst for revival and spiritual awakening. Please pour out Your Spirit on Memphis, Shelby County, the Mid-South, and beyond. Help every Christian and every Bible-believing, Jesus-loving, Gospel-preaching church to Love God, Love People, Share Jesus, and make disciples. Demolish every demonic stronghold of pride, violence, racism, poverty, crime, sexual immorality, drug abuse, sickness, religious formalism, fanaticism, legalism, liberalism, and traditionalism. Replace them with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, blessing, mercy, grace, hope, healing, liberty, and freedom. Destroy the stronghold of religion in Memphis that has a form of godliness but denies the power thereof. Give us churches that believe in the Bible and preach salvation only in Jesus Christ. Let Your Kingdom come and Your will be done in Memphis, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Bring pastors, lay leaders, and congregations together as we pray for this city. Bless our governmental leaders, schools, and economy. Please send good jobs to Memphis. Keep casinos, strip clubs, and occultic activity out of Memphis. Do a work of revival in Memphis that can only be explained by Your presence and power, and do it all for Your glory. Call Your people to fervent, united, visible, extraordinary prayer. May the latter glory of Your Kingdom in Memphis be greater than the former, and please grant Memphis Your peace. Do exceeding and abundantly beyond all that we can ask or think. In Jesus’ name, Amen!

**PRAY FOR POLITICAL LEADERS**We have been commanded to pray, *“for kings and all who are in authority”*(1 Timothy 2:2).

* Pray that those who are saved will lead with righteous values and will share the gospel of Christ with other political leaders.
* Pray that the pressures of leading will cause lost politicians and judges to call on Jesus to be saved.

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