

Why Should We Pray for Revival? Some Motivations.

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One of the best ways to pray is to present a case to God and state, using His own Word, why He should act and answer the prayers. In other words, give God no rest and take hold of God in prayer. Here are reasons to pray for revival.

1. Revival would glorify God.

Revival would glorify God because the gospel of Jesus Christ, the grace of God, and the power of the Spirit would be richly and dynamically displayed before all. So, God's glory would appear.

2. Revival would put the gospel on display.

The more the authentic gospel is raised high, the more that God and His supreme worth and beauty is known. Revival would display the gospel both to the saved and to the unconverted.

3. Revival would cause more people to give thanks, praise & worship.

In reviving first the church, it would prompt the church to thank God and praise Him with greater fervency. And then in reviving the lost, it would cause converts to worship God alone.

4. Revival would awake a dead church in USA.

A church that is on fire would spread rapidly. Just as only a spark sets a forest ablaze, so God could use revival to wake sleeping, dead, and impotent churches to new life, joy and power.

5. Revival would snatch souls out of Satan's paw.

When God saves a sinner, He transfers the sinner out of the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of His Beloved Son. This snatching from Satan's paw into Christ's hand is glorious.

6. Revival would grow the church, mature the church, sanctify the church.

The more people that hear the gospel, believe the gospel, follow the gospel, and grow in the gospel, the more churches would mature in theological depth, intentional discipleship, and numerical growth. People saved, sanctified, and secured who skyrocket in growth are catalysts for God's glory to be richly displayed before a watching world.

7. Revival would produce more discipleship, more zeal.

If God were to bring conversion to a soul — or five, or ten, or one-hundred — during a sermon, consider the glorious responsibility and heavenly delight a church would have to take that new believer; disciple him, plug him in, get him serving, evangelizing, helping. What glory!

8. Revival would invite more persecution causing more people to take a stand for Christ.

Revivals and riots often go together. Revivals often incite persecution. Revivals bring opposition. Revivals bring hot affliction from the unsaved. But persecution is the seed which grows the church. A revival brings a resolution to follow Christ irregardless of the cost which consequently demands that people choose to be wholly for Him or against Him. This would glorify Christ!