

## PRAYING FOR GOD'S MANIFEST PRESENCE

Then [Moses] said to [the LORD], "If Your presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here. For how then can it be known that I have found favor in Your sight, I and Your people? Is it not by Your going with us, so that we, I and Your people, may be distinguished from all the other people who are upon the face of the earth?"

The LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing of which you have spoken; for you have found favor in My sight and I have known you by name." Then Moses said, "I pray You, show me Your glory!" And He said, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the LORD before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion" (Exodus 33:15-19 NASB).

- 1 Pray that the members of your church will live with a continuous awareness of God's manifest presence (Exodus 33:15).
- 2 Pray that church leaders and their congregations will understand how God holds Christians accountable individually and corporately when they depart from His presence, purposes, and ways (Malachi 2:8).
- 3 Pray that as the members of your church go about their daily activity, others will be able to discern the presence of God in and through them (Exodus 33:16).
- 4 At a time when natural disasters, financial pressures, and ungodliness in our culture are increasing, pray that Christians across the country will make the connection between their personal and corporate sins and the remedial judgments of God (Jeremiah 18:7-8).
- 5 Please ask God to bring repentance and encouragement into the lives of pastors who are struggling with sin in their own lives or with knowing how to deal with sin in the church. Pray that they will have wisdom, biblical insight, and boldness to stand for righteousness (Psalm 119:101).
- 6 Ask God to reveal to your church if there is anything hindering His presence from abiding among you in more powerful ways (Matthew 13:58).
- 7 In Matthew 21:12-13 we see Jesus cleansing the temple in Jerusalem. Ask God to cleanse your own heart of anything that displeases to Him.
- 8 Pray that your Christian friends will purpose to demonstrate their love for Christ, without hesitation or question, by doing whatever He asks them to do (John 14:15).
- 9 Pray that followers of Jesus in your community will lay down whatever displeases Him and do that which brings Him the greatest pleasure (Psalm 40:8).
- 10 Typically, before God sends widespread revival and spiritual awakening, His people must acknowledge their desperate need for Him and earnestly cry out in prayer. Pray that this burden will once more rise and be evidenced by the church's return to fervent prayer (Psalm 85:6-7).
- 11 During the Great Prayer Revival of 1857-58, there was a tremendous burden on the part of the church for the salvation of the lost. Pray that today's church will have this same burden and cry out to God for specific individuals who do not yet know Christ as Savior and Lord (Romans 10:1).
- 12 Pray for pastors who live and minister close to each other to experience true oneness of heart and mission. Pray that walls separating Christian congregations will come down, and that the love and synergy that come from being united in Christ will be seen by the lost (John 13:34-35).
- 13 Ask God to make your church into a place where His will is done and His kingdom advances (Matthew 6:10).

- 14** Ask God for ongoing power to live out His two great commandments: loving God with all your being, and loving your neighbor as you love yourself (Matthew 22:37-39).
- 15** Ask God to bring an end to our culture's love of self, money, and pleasure. Pray that the church will choose to love Christ more than the blessings He brings into our lives or the passing pleasures of this world (Mark 4:18-19).
- 16** Pray that God will powerfully move among the nations, breaking addictions to sexual immorality and violence (Genesis 6:5).
- 17** Pray that Christians will choose to take a stand within their own communities against abortion, especially by promoting abstinence among the unwed and helping those who are with child to choose life for the unborn (Psalm 139:13-14).
- 18** Pray that churches across the country will see the importance of repenting from bitterness, sin-based divisions, and strife. Pray that forgiveness and unity in the Holy Spirit will prevail (Psalm 133:1).
- 19** Pray that Jesus' reputation within the community will be more important to each pastor and congregation than their own reputations. Pray that churches will guard their hearts from selfish pride or any mindset that lifts itself up above Christ (Philippians 2:3).
- 20** As you gather together to worship, pray that every member of your church will experience the convicting, cleansing, and empowering presence of Christ in their lives (1 Corinthians 5:4).
- 21** Pray that Christians across the nation will recognize that the hope for change within our country and within our churches is not found in political platforms, educational reforms, or religious programs, but in humble submission to the reviving presence and will of God (1 Peter 5:6).
- 22** In the face of ongoing cultural persecution, ask God to empower His children with boldness and clarity in declaring the truths of Jesus and His saving work (Acts 4:29).
- 23** Pray that your church family will explode with fresh love for the Lord Jesus Christ and a powerful commitment to walk in His ways (Philemon 1:5).
- 24** Pray that the Holy Spirit's power will be released throughout our land as Christians submit to the abiding presence of Christ within them (Philippians 2:13).
- 25** Pray that the members of your family will experience a genuine thirst for the righteousness, presence, and power of God in their lives (Matthew 5:6).
- 26** Pray that your pastors will boldly follow Christ, laying down the paralyzing fear of man and anything else that stands between them and obedience (Acts 5:29).
- 27** Please pray that the convicting, empowering work of the Holy Spirit will take place within your congregation as you gather to worship. Ask God for the grace to worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).
- 28** Paul warns the church of those who live wickedly yet have the appearance of godliness. Pray that the power of God within genuine believers will not allow them to live hypocritically (2 Timothy 3:5).
- 29** Pray that God will move within the hearts of the spiritually lost attending your church. Ask Him to bring them to genuine repentance and a transforming faith in Jesus (Romans 10:13).
- 30** Pray that more and more Christians in your community will become burdened for revival and will carry that burden into their prayer lives (Psalm 141:2).
- 31** Pray that the presence of God's Spirit within believers will shine brightly in this world's spiritual darkness (John 1:5).