

## Prayer Guide– Repent and Return

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<p><b>Thursday-</b> Bow down before the Lord and ask Him to take deeply into our hearts that repentance depends upon His mercy and that He is in mercy calling us back to Himself as He calls us to repent.</p>	<p>“And rend your heart and not your garments. Now return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious... relenting of evil. Who knows whether He will not turn and relent and leave a blessing behind Him...” (Joel 2:13-14, NASB)</p>
<p><b>Friday-</b> Implore the Lord to help us grasp that repentance results when Holy God encounters sinners. Beg Him to grant His church in North America the heart conditions for seeing Him and to provide us a deep cleansing encounter with Himself.</p>	<p>“...I saw the Lord... Then I said, ‘Woe is me! For I am undone and ruined, because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.’” (Isa. 6:1-5, AMP)</p>
<p><b>Saturday-</b> Ask God to awaken us to the elements of an encounter with Him, which include confessing and expressing shame over sin, agreeing with Him that He is just in disciplining us, and thanking Him for grace expressed in not totally judging us. Ask Him to help us put action to our words of confession and repentance.</p>	<p>“We have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. We have not listened to your servants, the prophets. Lord, you are righteous but this day we are covered with shame... because of our unfaithfulness to you... O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive!” (Dan. 9:5-7, 19 NIV)</p>
<p><b>Sunday–</b> Beseech the Holy Spirit to awaken our awareness to the truth that group or corporate repentance is required for corporate sin and that no matter what else we do without repentance the relationship with God will not be restored.</p>	<p>“... These are the words of him who holds the seven stars... and walks among the... lampstands: I know your deeds... I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.” (Rev. 2:1-5, NIV)</p>
<p><b>Monday–</b> Beg God to help us see that He revives those who ask and are willing to pay the price. Ask Him to help us accept His discipline as His work of bringing us to repentance.</p>	<p>“Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent.” (Rev. 3:19, NIV)</p>
<p><b>Tuesday-</b> Tell God that you will open the door for Him. Invite Him in to come and fellowship with you. Ask Him to guide you to what needs to be done to help you, your family, and your church return to Him.</p>	<p>“To the angel of the church... ‘Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with me.’” (Rev. 3:20, NASB)</p>
<p><b>Wednesday–</b> Seek God to take the truth into our hearts that His call to us is to repent or perish. Ask the Lord to help us turn away from sin and to guide us to return to Him.</p>	<p>“Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent... If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.” (Rev. 2:5, AMP)</p>

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### Scripture

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### Reflection

"God calls His people to repent and return to Him or perish."

-Henry Blackaby and Claude King (*Fresh Encounter: Experiencing God Through Prayer, Humility, and A Heartfelt Desire to Know Him*, pg. 101)

### Prayer

Lord, help us recognize Your coming to us. Give us ears to hear Your warning to repent or perish. Help us understand that impenitence leads to a time when even the godliest in the land could plead and You would not relent of judgment. Amen.