

The Awakening

Week One of Prayer and Repentance

August 3-9, 2020

If you have signed up for the text messages (405-251-6757) for our 40 Days of Prayer and Repentance, you will receive a text beginning August 2, at 8:00 pm and each evening for 40 days prompting what our Prayer Focus, Scripture, and Church/Community Intercessory Focus will be for the next day. At the end of this 40 Day Journey of Prayer and Repentance, we will meet together on the front lawn of Mustang UMC for our Worship finale, "The Awakening." (more info to come)

Thank you for being a part of this 40 Day Journey. May God bless you and keep you!

Day 1- Monday, August 3

- Prayer Focus: Repentance - "Repentance is not just being sorry for the things that you have done but being sorry that you are the kind of person who would do such a thing." Robert Mulholland
- Scripture: Acts 3:17-21: "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."
- Church/Community Intercessory Focus: Pray for Vacation Bible School Leaders and Students that begin tonight.

Day 2- Tuesday, August 4

- Prayer Focus: Self-Realization – "Self-realization" is the truth of who we are, what we are - the realization that we are not the physical body, the physical form that we believe ourselves to be, but the energy within that physical form that gives us life. It is the fulfillment of our personal potential in life. Ask yourself, "What is the purpose of my life?"
- Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."
- Church/Community Intercessory Focus: Pray for God to reveal His gifts through the people of Mustang UMC.

Day 3- Wednesday, August 5

- Prayer Focus: Turning Back to God (Praying) – "We have lived too close to shore, having fallen in love with life, we have lost our thirst for the waters of life." Sir Francis Drake
- Scripture: Joel 2:13: "And rend your heart and not your garments." Now return to the Lord your God, For He is gracious and compassionate, Slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness and relenting of evil." Revelation 2:4-5: "But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent."

- Church/Community Intercessory Focus: Pray for an “awakening” throughout the church and the community.

Day 4- Thursday, August 6

- Prayer Focus: Being with God (prayer) - “As a shoemaker makes a shoe, and a tailor makes a coat, so ought a Christian to pray. Prayer is the daily business of a Christian.” Martin Luther
- Scripture: James 4:8: “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.”
- Church/Community Intercessory Focus: Pray for our church members who are homebound or isolated.

Day 5- Friday, August 7

- Prayer Focus: Healing (Faith in God) - “Faith is a conviction that He can and a hope that He will.” (by Max Lucado in “He Still Moves Stones”)
- Scripture: Mark 5:27-29: “When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind Him in the crowd and touched His cloak, because she thought, “If I just touch His clothes, I will be healed.” Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.”
- Church/Community Intercessory Focus: Pray for healing and restoration for all in our church and the Mustang community.

Day 6- Saturday, August 8

- Prayer Focus: Surrender/Self-Denial – Surrender is when a believer completely gives up his/her own will and focuses their thoughts and deeds to the teachings of God and to follow Him. Surrender yourself to God.
- Scripture: Luke 7:37-38: “And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that He (Jesus) was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, and standing behind Him at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed His feet and anointed them with the ointment.”
- Church/Community Intercessory Focus: Pray for Pastor Aaron and the worship team as they prepare for Sunday worship.

Day 7- Sunday, August 9

- Prayer Focus: Worshiping God – Worship means, ‘worthy’. John Wesley stated, “We worship God because God is worthy of worship.” Wesley understood worship as a means of grace.
- Scripture: Philippians 2:9-11 – “Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”
- Church/Community Intercessory Focus: Give thanks and praise to God because He alone is worthy of our praise!

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