

DAY ONE
Thursday May 1



"... and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God ... He commanded them ... to wait for what the Father had promised."
—Acts 1:3-4 (NASB)

Pursuing **THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST**

For the transforming power of Christ's kingdom

Concerning: *spiritual darkness, church divisions, economic oppression*

- For the hearts of everyone in SIM to blaze with love and loyal obedience to Jesus as King and Lord of all.
- For the goodness and glory of Christ's kingly love to be experienced by many throughout whole countries where SIM is working.
- For Christ to bring believers to dwell in cities and villages where breakthroughs of blessing have not yet occurred. Pray that we would patiently pursue the promised blessing of Christ's kingdom in difficult places.
- That the power of Christ's love will bring lasting transformation throughout **entire** communities.

"If my people ..." —2 Chronicles 7:14

Prepare to encounter God as his people: Present yourself to God as his beloved servant, purchased by Christ's death. Answer his call to serve him with others. Pray for many others to gather before him as families, as churches, and as one people of all nations.



DAY TWO
Friday May 2



"These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer ..."
—Acts 1:14 (NASB)

Increasing in **UNITED PRAYER**

For sustained movements of united prayer

Concerning: *prayerlessness, occult practices, materialism*

- That God will unite all of us in SIM in prayer with "one mind" (Acts 1:14, 2:46, 4:24), empowering us to pray passionately together for Christ's glory in all the world.
- That God will hear and answer the prayers of the poor, the young, and the marginalised and will be glorified by their praises.
- That God's Spirit would inspire and empower us to pray specific blessings upon our neighbours and friends.
- That people throughout our communities will be moved to call out to God for his help as never before.

"... who are called by my name ..." —2 Chronicles 7:14

Preparing to live for his glory: Confess ways that we may have brought shame to our God. Renounce foolish jealousies and small ambitions. Yearn afresh for his glory to be great in our lands.

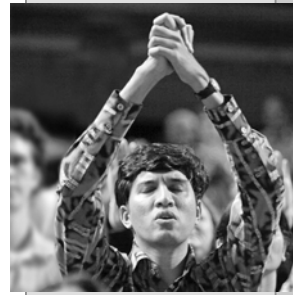


Being filled with **THE HOLY SPIRIT**

For God to pour out his Spirit upon all

Concerning: *intellectual pride, demonic oppression, spiritual blindness, depression*

- For God to guide and direct our lives and our ministry activities in SIM by his Spirit.
- For the Church to be filled afresh with God's Spirit, empowered as Christ's witnessing servants in the world.
- For the Spirit of God to reveal Jesus to those in spiritual darkness around us.
- That the Spirit of God will awaken the nations to hear his voice and to see his works (Acts 2:33).
- For many to be stirred by Spirit-given dreams to envision Jesus alive and at work in their lives.



"In the last days, God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.'"
—Acts 2:17

"... will humble themselves ..." —2 Chronicles 7:14



Preparing to meet God in brokenness: Invite God to soften our hardened hearts. Admit your brokenness. Adore the excellence of Jesus with fresh awe and wonder. Practise humility by seeking for others to be honoured.

Turning to God in **REPENTANCE**

For many to turn from sin to new life in Christ

Concerning: *pornography, addictions, rebellion, immorality*

- For Christ to encounter us and those around us with his forgiving love, so that millions will turn from their sin to the joy of following him.
- That the Word of the cross of Christ would break the grip of sin's power so that many will find hope for their sins to "be wiped out" (Acts 3:19).
- That God would bless SIM by helping us first turn "from our wicked ways" (Acts 3:26) so that movements of repentance will sweep through those around us.
- That movements of repentance would bring "times of refreshing" (Acts 3:19) so that men, women, and children will experience the presence of God.



"Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord."
—Acts 3:19

"... and pray ..." —2 Chronicles 7:14



Preparing to pray beyond ourselves: Pour out your heart before God. Thank him for what he has already done. Lift the burdens of others, allowing your heart to be moved to cry out for the tremendous needs of your community and country.

DAY **FIVE**
Monday May 5



"All the believers were together ... They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people ..."
—Acts 2:44-47

Pursuing **THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

For relationships to be transformed

Concerning: *racism, poverty, violence, crime*

- That reconciliation among churches will remove divisions and hostilities, marking relationships among Christians with love, joy, unity, and gladness of heart.
- For Christ to move so powerfully and clearly that his people, as well as the onlooking world, are "filled with awe" (Acts 2:43).
- For God's people to turn away from greed and worldly desires and become more generous than ever.
- For God to intervene in wars, restraining spiritual forces of evil, subduing terrorism and protecting the lives of those afflicted.
- For God to use us in SIM, working together with other Christians through partner churches and organizations, to help lift people from the oppression of extreme poverty.

"... and seek My face ..." —2 Chronicles 7:14

Preparing to seek God's face: Set the desires of your heart beyond your own needs. Come near to God in order to know him and to be known by him. Be still before him. Speak to him confidently and listen carefully, as if face to face with Jesus.



DAY **SIX**
Tuesday May 6



"For the promise is for you and your children ..."
—Acts 2:39 (NASB)

Empowering

THE COMING GENERATION

For God's purpose for families and children

Concerning: *broken homes, sexual perversion, child exploitation, abortion*

- For Christ to strengthen marriages and homes within SIM and his entire church.
- For young people to follow Christ early in life, serving him for a lifetime.
- That we would boldly show the love of God to orphans, widows, the defenseless, and the homeless.
- For Christians to extend God's fatherly love to millions of children orphaned by wars and the AIDS epidemic.
- For God to empower the coming generation to fulfil his promises throughout the earth.

"... and turn from their wicked ways ..." —2 Chronicles 7:14

Preparing to repent: Seek more than mere wordy confessions. Instead, ask God to give you power to turn from any hint of evil and to abandon any hurtful way. Let God lift your heart with hope that he will bring lasting change throughout your community and relationships.



Resounding THE CALL OF GOD

For the nations to hear the voice of God

Concerning: *unreached peoples, idolatry, unbelief, illiteracy*

- For the Word of God to be proclaimed to people of every language, tribe, and nation (Acts 1:8, 2:5).
- For all peoples to hear of the "mighty deeds of God" in the words of their own languages and the ways of their own cultures (Acts 2:11).
- For Christ to be followed in every people, especially among the thousands of unreached people groups who still lack vital, growing, multiplying churches.
- For the Bible to be translated for the thousands of people groups without even one verse in their language.
- That God would call many to himself (Acts 2:39) who would call on him to be saved (Acts 2:21).



*"... and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to himself."
—Acts 2:39 (NASB)*

"... then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin ..." —2 Chronicles 7:14



Preparing to confess: Open your life to Christ. Admit your sin before an open heaven. Confess your wrongdoing to those you may have harmed. Ask God to free you and others from the burden of sin's guilt and the bondage of sin's power.

Suffering with power for

THE GLORY OF JESUS

For the faithful courage of his people

Concerning: *persecution, injustice, terrorism*

- That those who face opposition because they serve Christ will respond with the gentle, courageous character of Jesus (Acts 4:13).
- For Christians who suffer for Christ's name to be strong in joy and faith. May SIM, by God's grace, set an example in this area.
- For God to glorify himself by his great deeds in places where he is rejected (Acts 4:21).
- For our leaders and governments to be blessed.
- That government leaders who oppose Christ (Acts 4:25-27) will be blessed with wisdom so as not to be found "fighting against God" (Acts 5:39).



*"... rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name."
—Acts 5:41*

"... and will heal their land ..." —2 Chronicles 7:14



Preparing to be transformed: Expect God to bring great changes throughout your community and country, some coming slowly and others suddenly. Renew your hope for the earth to be restored, sick societies lifted, and relationships healed.

DAY **NINE**
Friday May 9



"Stretch out Your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of Your Holy Servant Jesus."
—Acts 4:30

Bringing **THE HEALING OF CHRIST**

For Christ to bring substantial healing

Concerning: *lack of health care, the AIDS epidemic, witchcraft, pollution*

- That our communities will see the hand of Christ extended, bringing miraculous healing among the sick (Acts 5:14-16). SIM devotes significant resources to this end.
- That the name of Jesus will be declared with signs and wonders in the presence of many (Acts 3:16).
- For Christians to act with wisdom, compassion, and persistence to eradicate diseases. For the end of HIV & AIDS in our generation.
- For Christians to engage in providing basic health care to the needy. Thousands of children worldwide die daily from preventable diseases.
- For God's people to work wisely, trusting God to work powerfully, in order to bring healing to the land.

"... Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive ..." —2 Chronicles 7:15

Preparing to meet God's gaze: Turn your heart toward God in expectancy. Allow your heart to be moved in awe that he will listen to your every word and gaze upon us all with life-giving love.



DAY **TEN**
Saturday May 10



"He said to Abraham, 'Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.'"
—Acts 3:25

Extending **THE BLESSING OF CHRIST**

For promised blessing among all peoples

Concerning: *hunger, warfare, gangs, corruption*

- For us to live in expectancy that the ancient promise of blessing would soon be fulfilled, bringing transformation to our communities and countries.
- For churches and other agents of the Gospel to work together as one family in Jesus' name, co-working with God to change lives, cities, and nations.
- For the righteousness and justice of God to affect the ways of commerce and politics, cleansing whole societies from the curse of corruption.
- For the joy of Christ's kingdom to erupt in celebrations of grateful praise amidst SIM and among every people group on earth.

"... I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there." —2 Chronicles 7:16

Preparing to consecrate ourselves as his dwelling: Welcome his Spirit to fill you and your family and friends. Invite Christ to make his dwelling among his people, so that his heart will overflow our hearts with his magnificent love, in order to bring his glory to all the earth.

