

Praying for Our Spiritual Revival:

A guide for prayerful preparation



Preparing individuals, families, and small groups
for fresh encounters with Christ through prayer.
We are preparing our hearts for God to work!



HARDY STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH

A Call to Pray

Dear H.S.B.C. Family Member,

We are delighted that you have answered the call to prayer revival and awakening! You are joining in with others on a journey of seeking the Lord in prayer for **revival** and **renewal**. Our church, our community, & our nation are in need of both! We'll come to see that revival & renewal are simply a stripping away of self-sufficiency that comes through a holy realization of His lordship & presence."

As your Pastoral Staff, we are encouraging everyone in the church to find a prayer partner and join in on this journey! Jesus declared that His followers are the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matt 5:13-16). We must engage in this battle for the Kingdom! We desperately need to draw close to the Lord & experience revival in our own lives, seeking to apply the Gospel to our lives daily. We must seek to honor the Lord regarding our church's future as well as to see our nation's moral foundations restored.

The battle is first and foremost a spiritual contest. We must pray for a great outpouring of God's Spirit on our families, our church, and our community! Then, as God has responds with His outpouring, His people will be empowered and motivated to joyfully live out obedient lives.

This Prayer Guide will help you join with other fellow believers to bring these great needs before God. Each day you need to invest in a time of personal spiritual reflection and petition for yourself, the church, and our community. Please keep in mind though, that the Guide is just that — a guide. It is designed to give you a starting place for your time of prayer. God bless you on this journey, and may God richly bless Hardy Street as we seek Him together!

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

Together, let's seek Him!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Hardy", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Our Three-fold Prayer Plan for revival:

(1) FORTY DAYS OF PRAYER - A call for EVERY member of Hardy Street Baptist Church to pray specifically for revival for 40 days! Beginning Tuesday, July 5 and finishing on August 14th. Use this guide as a manual to help focus your prayers for revival over these 40 days. We encourage everyone to find a prayer partner and work through this guide together!

(2) FASTING FRIDAYS - A call for EVERY member of Hardy Street Baptist Church to consider fasting for **6 straight Fridays** (July 8th - August 12th) as a focused emphasis on seeking God in a fresh encounter of revival. This might be a food fast from a single meal or for the entire day... It might be a fast from social media or t.v., or a fast from anything that might consume your time and attention. Fasting is simply a plan to intentionally give something up and replace it with an emphasis on prayer. More information on types of fasts to consider at hardysbc.net/revival.

(3) COTTAGE PRAYER MEETINGS - A call for EVERY Sunday School Class and or Family Group of Hardy Street to gather in a home **AT LEAST ONE TIME** before August 14th to pray for revival and to fellowship. Below you will find a *Guide for Cottage Prayer Meetings*.

Above all, this booklet and this prayer emphasis is about returning to God in genuine revival!

Only God can send the wind of the Spirit...but we can raise our sails in preparation and move when He moves.

Only God can send down fire from Heaven...but we can raise a match in anticipation for that spark!

40 DAYS OF PRAYER

The following are Scripture prayers and ideas to help you seek God for revival in and through Hardy Street Baptist Church. Ask God to help you pray these points from your heart in the power of God's Spirit.

The prayers are designed for personal, small groups or corporate prayer meetings. These suggestions are offered to you to help you plead with God for genuine revival in our church, in the Pine Belt, and across the nation. I want to emphasize that these suggestions are not magical formulas. They are simply ways that you can seek God for revival. Revival comes from God. Receiving revival calls for believers to seek God with faith and with the Word of God. These are suggested starting points for your intercession concerning revival in our church and the nation. You can use these suggestions, add more to them, or you can develop your own prayer requests from these.

As you pray for revival, be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leadership. He may give you additional insights on how to pray for revival in your particular place among your family members, co-workers, your neighbors... and even in the season of your life. As you pray through these requests, start with yourself. Ask God to do these things in your life. Plead with Him for a fresh work of His grace and His power. More prayer resources can be found at hardysbc.net/revival and hardysbc.net/pray.

Forty Days of Prayer

We strongly urge believers to do more than just “say” some daily prayers. Invest time in the Word. (Isaiah 1:12-15, 58:1-6) Seek Him in repentance! Deep daily cleansing and repentance are crucial to any genuine return to God. Only as we truly return to God can our prayers have New Testament power. Obviously, our main goal is the glory of God's name and the spread of His kingdom. (Matthew 6:33)

Day One - Plead for God's mercy on the Church, our nation and the world. Pray that He would stay His righteous judgment and turn us to Himself in fervent love and deep repentance. Confess any and all known sin. (2 Chronicles 7:14; Psalm 85:4-7; Daniel 9:18-19; Hebrews 4:16; James 4:8-10; 1 Peter 4:17) Pray for believers to be much more concerned about the glory of God's Name and spread of Christ's Kingdom than economic, political & social comforts. (Matthew 5:10-12, 6:33; James 4:1-3)

Day Two - Ask God to bring deep conviction of sin, spiritual brokenness, a holy fear of God and genuine repentance among His people. There will be no revival without these elements and only God can produce them in His people. After all we cannot program or work up genuine brokenness & repentance. (2 Cor. 7:10) Pray for believers to fully humble themselves, placing their primary trust in God not in political parties, economics or governments. (2 Chronicles 7:14; Psalm 33:12-22)

Day Three - Pray for an explosion of first love passion for Christ and a deep burden for lost humanity (Matthew 5:6, 44, 22:37-39; Phil 2:13; 1 Jn 4:7-11, 20-21; Rev 2:1- 4, 3:15) Pray for believers to be filled with great conviction and reverential fear of God. Pray that none would commit the blatant idolatry of placing economics or politics above God & biblical truths. (Exo 20:3-5; Acts 5:29)

Day Four - Cry out for a mighty movement of fervent personal and corporate prayer with Spirit-led fasting (2 Chronicles 7:14; Joel 1:14; 2:12-18; Matthew 6:16-18, 17:21, 21:13; Mark 11:17; Acts 2:1, 4:30-31; James 5:16) As you fast today, focus your prayer attention on a movement of prayer. Ask God to stir the hearts of all of Hardy Street to become prayerfully dependent.

Day Five - Plead for God to rend the heavens and pour out His powerful manifest presence. Pray for the restraining of evil and a mighty outpouring of God's Spirit (Exodus 33:15; 1 Kings 8:11; Isaiah 59:19; Zechariah 4:6; Acts 1:8, 2:1-2, 4:31) Plead that God will give the believers in our city a deeper love for the Lord Jesus Christ (1 John 4:1-3). In revival, He leads believers to love & to confess Jesus Christ in a deeper, more faithful way than at other times. Pray that the Holy Spirit will deepen the believers' love for & confession of Jesus Christ!

Day Six - Pray for a burning passion for evangelism, discipleship and missions to sweep God's people. Commit to fresh evangelistic passion in your own heart (Matt 24:14, 28:18-20; Luke 19:10; Acts 1:8; Romans 9:1-3)

Day Seven - Plead for pastors and church leaders to be filled with holy boldness, fervent prayer, spiritual power and strong Scripture focus (1 Timothy 3:1-2; 2 Timothy 1:6-7; 1 Corinthians 2:4)

Day Eight - Pray for deep cleansing, genuine repentance, and spiritual power to engulf pastors and Christian leaders. Revival and spiritual awakening are extremely unlikely without a mighty move of God in pastors and Christian leaders. Renewed pastors are absolutely crucial to a move of God in our day! (Ephesians 6:14-20)

Day Nine - Pray for powerful faith, pure motives & Godly wisdom for yourself & for the leaders of H.S.B.C. (Joshua 1:9; Jer 29:16-18, 45:5; Acts 4:29-31; Matt 6:33, 9:29, 16:18, 17:20; Mk 9:23, 11:22-24; 2 Tim 1:7; James 4:1-4) Pray for a mighty resurgence of believers who will honor God & stand boldly for absolute biblical truths & principles upon which our nation was founded.

Day Ten - Plead for churches to fully proclaim Christ's preeminence, Calvary's Cross and true new-birth conversion. Pray that the Gospel would be central in our church & community. (Jn 3:3, 13:32, 16:8-14; Acts 4:12; Romans 6:1-14; Phil 2:5-11; Col 1:9-18)

Day Eleven - Cry out for churches to proclaim all Scripture, sound biblical doctrine and theology with full exaltation of God's glory (1 Chronicles 29:10-13; Isaiah 42:8; Acts 20:27; 1 Corinthians 1:29; Ephesians 1:3-6, 2:7-9; 1 Timothy 1:17)

Day Twelve - Pray that God will bring loving unity in our churches and a deep harmony between our churches. Many churches need healing among members and many churches need to stop competing jealously with other churches. (John 13:35) As you fast today, pray for other pastors in the Pine Belt and for their churches. Pray for their success, growth, & health.

Day Thirteen - Pray for God to fill His Church with a passion to see people saved. (Only God can give a genuine burden for souls.) Until God's people intensely pray for the lost and do aggressive soul winning revival will tarry. Be sure you are constantly praying for many lost people by name. (Romans 9:1-3)

Day Fourteen - Pray for God to give His people a passion for missions & starting churches. Great revivals produce an explosion of mission projects, new ministries and new church starts. Only God can grant a genuine passion for missions. (Matthew 28:19)

Day Fifteen - Pray that God will call thousands into ministry, missions & Christian service. Many churches are dying for lack of soul winners, teachers and church workers. Furthermore, we can start only as many churches as we have church planters to start them. (Matthew 9:37) Jesus commands us to pray to the Lord of the harvest for workers to be sent into the fields.

Day Sixteen - Pray that God will pour out His Spirit like a mighty purifying flood. Ask God to purify our "motives as we pray for revival. After all it is possible to pray for revival for selfish or ambitious reasons. Our motives must be solely for: (a) the glory of God, and (b) the increase of the kingdom of God. We must not pray for revival just to solve our own problems or make our church successful in the eyes of men. (James 4:2)

Day Seventeen - Pray for God to pour out His Spirit in a fashion even greater than He did in America in 1858 & Wales in 1904. (Ten percent of Wales' population was saved in five months!) Ask God for a modern day of Pentecost. (Mk 11:22-24; Jn 14:13-14.)

Day Eighteen - Pray that God would search your heart and reveal anything in your life that is not right with Him. Confess and forsake it! As you fast today, let this day be about deep introspection. Ask God to bring to mind any and all sin so that you can drag it into the disinfecting light of His truth & confess it.

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.—Psalm 139:23–24

Day Nineteen - Plead that God would break any stubbornness and hardness of your heart... and the hearts of the members of our Faith Family at Hardy Street Baptist Church.

I said, 'Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will harvest a crop of love. Plow up the hard ground of your hearts, for now is the time to seek the Lord, that he may come and shower righteousness upon you.'—Hosea 10:12

Day Twenty - Pray that God would show you any relationships that need to be restored and would give you the courage to make them right - to seek reconciliation - to ask for and to extend forgiveness.

"If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. —Matthew 18:15

Day Twenty-One - Pray that God would help you to have a sensitivity to the Holy Spirit that you have never experienced.

And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.—Ephesians 4:30

Day Twenty-Two - Plead that God would grant you a deep conviction of sin, repentance, and a renewed fear of God.

For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There's no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly

sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death.—2 Corinthians 7:10

Day Twenty-Three - Call on God to convict believers that they must give an account of their lives at the judgment seat of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:9-10). Believers need to realize that they must give an account to God for their lives. There will be a day of judgment for the believer. Believers need to be gripped and motivated by the fact that they will give account to the Lord Jesus Christ one day. Pray that believers will realize this and remember this.

Day Twenty-Four - Cry out for God to give you a spiritual hunger and fervency that you have never known and that it would lead to deep and loving unity and deep harmony in my church and my family.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.—Matthew 5:6

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.—John 13:35

Day Twenty-Five - Pray that God would fill your heart with a passion to see people saved... Pray that He would break my heart for the lost around me, and that He would guide me to share the Gospel. As you fast today, pray specifically for lost people that you know and ask God for opportunities to share!

I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:—Rom 9:1–3

Day Twenty-Six - Pray that Hardy Street Baptist Church would be faithful to the mission that God has given to our church:

We are a family of faith in the heart of Hattiesburg making disciples among our neighbors, the nations, the next generation

That we would be 1) A true family of faith 2) A disciple-making Church 3) Concerned over our neighbors 3) Serious about reaching the nations 4) Investing in the next generation.

Day Twenty-Seven - That God would take what He does in our church family and use us to the furtherance of the gospel around the world - Pray for global impact beginning at 1508 Hardy St.

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations,[a] baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.—Matthew 28:18–20

Day Twenty-Eight - Pray for a mighty move of conviction and salvation upon communities of cultural influence. Some key examples are business owners, government officials, educators, teachers, and college professors, news and media people, talk shows hosts, comedians, LGBT activists groups, the music industry, etc... (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

Day Twenty-Nine - Pray that our church would develop a strong gospel-centered focus (Rom. 1:16) Pray that there would be a renewed emphasis of the role of the Gospel in our daily lives. We would grasp the magnificence of God's grace!

Day Thirty -Ask God to make us a true House of Prayer. May we begin to develop a culture of prayer (Mt. 6:9-13) Pray that both individually and corporately the members of H.S.B.C. would understand, value & practice prayerful dependence in our daily lives.

Day Thirty-One - Ask God to make us a true disciple-making Church. That a culture of discipleship would develop and our members would thrive in an environment where devoted followers of Christ learn, obey, and reproduce. (Mt 28:18-20/ 2nd Timothy 2:2)

Day Thirty-Two - Pray that God would grant believers a deeper understanding and awareness of His holiness (Isaiah 6:1-5; 1 Peter 15- 16). The holiness of God is a neglected subject in the church today. Yet, it is essential to revival. We need to understand that God is utterly holy. He does not and cannot sin. He is not tempted nor is He tempted. He is pure and without the stain of sin. He always does what is right and good. Pray that believers would be gripped by the absolute holiness of God. As you fast today, pray that God would make you holy as He is holy!

Day Thirty-Three - Ask God to reveal to believers the depth and the evil of their sin. Just as you considered His holiness yesterday, consider the sin of your own life and call on the Holy Spirit to move you to confess and repent of all sin (Psalm 19:12-14; 1 John 1:9). The Holy Spirit is grieved when a believer cherishes sin and does not confess and repent of it (Psalm 66:18; Ephesians 4:30). When the Holy Spirit is grieved, He will not release His miraculous, life-transforming power into our midst. Sin has to be dealt with by believers. Believers must be honest about their sin and must come clean with God about these things.

Day Thirty-Four - Plead with God to grant the believers a hunger for the Word of God and a readiness to obey the Word of God (Psalm 119:97, 103; 1 John 2:3-6). Plead with the Holy Spirit to stir within every believer a desire to search and to know the Word of God. Ask Him to remove any complacency toward the Word of God by the believers. Call on Him to stir the believers to be doers of the Word and not simply hearers of the Word (James 1:22-24).

Day Thirty-Five - Ask God to reveal any obstacles that could hinder our church from experiencing genuine revival. Then pray for its removal (Psalm 139:23). Pray that God will reveal anything that is not pleasing to Him in our church. Call on Him to deal with these obstacles. Plead with Him to remove anything that is hindering the church to experience a genuine working of the Holy Spirit in revival.

Day Thirty-Six - Pray that our Pastor (on a weekly basis) and Tony Lambert (during the days of revival meetings) will preach the Word of God with power, conviction, and authority (1 Corinthians 2:1-4; 2 Timothy 3:16-4:4). Revival usually comes when God gives His people bold, faithful, and fearless preachers of the Word of God. True and powerful preaching of the Word of God is used by God to revive His people. Plead that our pastor will powerfully preach the Word of God. Pray that He will proclaim the fundamental truths of the faith with great clarity, conviction, & power.

Day Thirty-Seven - Pray that Jed Bayes would lead us to worship the Lord with our hearts, our minds, and our voices! That he would be a lead-worshipper as much as worship leader... Pray that he would spend time with the Master and then invite us to join him there in His presence.

Day Thirty-Eight - Cry out for a spiritual awakening in the Pine Belt. (Ps. 85:6) Pray that we would experience an undeniable demonstration of the power & the presence of God here in our city.

Day Thirty-Nine - Ask God to deal with any unforgiveness or bitterness among the believers of the church (Ephesians 4:30-32). Unconfessed sin grieves the Holy Spirit. When believers are at odds with each other, the Spirit is grieved. Nothing quenches the presence & the power of the Holy Spirit like broken relationships among believers. Pray that the broken relationships among believers would be healed. Ask Jesus Christ to bind Satan's work through the broken relationships (Eph 4:27). Call on God to deal with the unforgiveness or bitterness that is grieving the Holy Spirit. As you fast today, pray that the members of Hardy Street Baptist would be known for their love for one another.

Day Forty - PRAISE AND THANK GOD for Who He is, for what He has done... and what He will do in the coming week! Take time to praise & thank Him today! Prepare your heart for a week of worship!

We PRAISE God by reflecting on His awesome character and nature:

His glory	His power	His holiness	His mercy	His grace
His wisdom	His purity	His worthiness	His faithfulness	His forgiveness
His peace	His love	His protection	His righteousness	His redemption

We PRAISE God when we recall his special names:

Elohim: The Creator	
El Elyon: The God Most High	
El Roi: The God who sees	
El Shaddai: The All Sufficient one	The Great I AM
Jehovah: The Self-Existent One	Living Water
Jehovah-Jireh: The Lord Will Provide	Bread of Life
Jehovah-Raah: The Lord My Shepherd	Light of the World
Jehovah-Shalom: The Lord is Peace	The Resurrection and Life
Jehovah-Rapha: The Lord Who Heals	The Door

We thank God for all of the blessings that he bestows. **Take time to count your blessings".**
Write them down and then thank Him for them! **CELEBRATE His goodness & His greatness in preparation to worship tomorrow with your Faith Family!**
True Vine

FAMILY GROUP PRAYER MEETING GUIDELINES

Before the Prayer Meeting

If you are considering hosting a prayer gathering for your Bible Fellowship Group or Family Group, here are a few tips:

1) **Relax**.... Things you don't have to do:

- Provide a spacious and luxurious home; this is a prayer meeting, not a Parade of Homes.
- Prepare a lot of food; fasting would be more appropriate than feasting. Coffee and a few cookies are OK, but not necessary.
- Present a Bible study; on this occasion, we are gathered to talk to God, not listen to a study.

In the Prayer Meeting

- Once everyone arrives, explain that the purpose of this prayer meeting is to pray for **REVIVAL** and **SPIRITUAL AWAKENING** – and that this is not a meeting to pray for the sick.
- Take prayer requests that are on point for the prayer meeting. Explain when you begin taking requests, that you are seeking requests that are related to the stated purpose of the prayer meeting.
- Start the prayer promptly and early in the meeting; then if people want to hang around to talk, they can – but those who need to, can leave – without missing out on the prayer time.
- Don't allow the prayer request time to drag out too long (Otherwise the prayer meeting may end up being all requests & no prayer. You may

even wish to use a timer & end requests when the bell rings.)

- Tell people they can pray more than once. If they forget something, they can pray again.

Thank you for valuing prayer as a part of revival preparation...and thank you for gathering with other believers to pray! Pray with expectation and use these suggestions to open your mind to how the Holy Spirit will lead you to pray. Listen and obey the Holy Spirit's leading as you pray.

PRAYER PROMPTS

(1) Pray that God will create a spirit of humility and brokenness among the believers (Isaiah 57:15; James 4:6). God will not revive those who are self-sufficient and proud. The believers must come to see their spiritual bankruptcy and utter dependence on God.

(2) Pray that God would grant believers a deeper understanding and awareness of His holiness (Isaiah 6:1-5; 1 Peter 15- 16). The holiness of God is a neglected subject in the church today. Yet, it is essential to revival. We need to understand that God is utterly holy. He does not and cannot sin. He is not tempted nor is He tempted. He is pure and without the stain of sin. He always does what is right and good. Pray that believers would be gripped by the absolute holiness of God.

(3) Ask God to deal with any unforgiveness or bitterness among the believers of the church (Ephesians 4:30-32). Unconfessed sin grieves the Holy Spirit. Yet, in the context of Ephesians 4, the emphasis on right relationships in the church. When believers are at odds with each other, the Spirit is grieved. Nothing quenches the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit like broken relationships among believers. Pray that the broken relationships among believers would be healed.

(4) Ask Jesus Christ to bind Satan's work through the broken relationships (Ephesians 4:27). Call on God to deal with the unforgiveness or bitterness that is grieving the Holy Spirit.

(8) Plead that God would convict and save any deceived, unregenerate church members (Matthew 7:21-23; 2 Corinthians 13:5-6). There are times when deceived, unregenerate church members work against what God

is doing in the church. They cause believers to stumble. Plead that God would deal with any members who may be deceived and are not truly saved. Call on God to strip their hope in themselves and reveal to them the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

(9) Pray that God will grant the believers an agonizing burden for lost people and an unceasing desire to share the gospel with them (Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Romans 9:1-3). Call on God to create within believers a burden to pray for and share the gospel of Jesus Christ with lost people. Plead with Him to grant this to every believer.

(10) Pray specifically (by name) for the salvation of people that you know. Pray that they would attend the revival services. Make it a point to personally invite them (and even bring them, if possible).

OTHER SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF REVIVAL MEETINGS

For Dr. Tony Lambert (The Evangelist)

- Pray that he will hear God's voice and will preach in obedience to what God tells him to say.
- Pray as he studies and gets clarity on the Word of God that he'll preach
- Pray that he will come with pure motives and be totally surrendered to the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for God's protection for him and his entire family.
- Pray that he would be bold and courageous and declare the Word of the Lord with Spirit-infused power.
- Pray for anointing and for clarity of mind, heart, and speech.
- Pray for safe travels from Picayune.

For Jed Bayes (Worship Leader)

- Pray that he will hear God's voice and will lead worship in obedience to what God tells him to sing and to say
- Pray that he will come with pure motives and be totally surrendered to the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for God's protection for he and his family.
- Pray for anointing and for clarity of mind, heart, and speech.
- Pray that the music will inspire and encourage sincere praise to God.
- Pray for safe travels for Jed from Georgia.

For our congregation

- Pray that our hearts will be open to the messages and that we will respond in obedience to God's direction.
- Pray for an explosion of first love passion for Christ and a deep burden for the lost.
- Pray for a renewed love for one another and for reconciliation of any and all fractured relationships.
- Cry out for deep brokenness, reverential fear of God and a humble repentance.
- Pray that God would supernaturally draw the lost to the services. Ask for God given opportunities to invite the lost and for the boldness to seize the opportunity.

Prayer Arguments

The following are "prayer arguments" that you can use to plead with God for revival. These prayer arguments are biblical reasons that you can use to call on God to revive His people. Nehemiah provides an example of this kind of praying (Nehemiah 1). Nehemiah 1 records Nehemiah's prayer

for the restoration of Jerusalem. The city was in ruins and God's name and glory were at stake. Nehemiah prays to God and calls on Him to restore Jerusalem. In calling on God to restore Jerusalem, Nehemiah quotes from Deuteronomy. He gives scriptural reasons why God should restore Jerusalem.

The key concept is to plead with God's own Word. Call on God to be faithful to His own Word and to His own Name!

(1) Father, Hardy Street Baptist Church bears Your name. We are Your representatives in this world. At times, we have dishonored You and Your name through our indifference, unconcern, and lack of holiness. How can You bear allowing us to continue as we are? Have mercy on us, O God! Grant revival to us that we might live lives worthy for Your name's sake (2 Corinthians 5:20).

(2) Father, we have become a reproach to the lost world around us. Our lack of holiness and failure to deal with sin has brought on us the contempt and ridicule of the world. How can You let Your church be ridiculed? How can You stand the fact that Your church lacks influence in this community? O God, have mercy on us! Revive Your church that we may exercise a righteous influence in the world. Cause Your presence and power to be displayed in this church so that believers and unbelievers will be in awe of You. Do this, O God, for the sake of Your Son, who bought and established the church with His own blood! For the sake of Jesus and His love for the church, grant revival to Your people (Acts 20:28).

(3) Father, You have commanded in Your Word that we must not grieve the Holy Spirit. Yet, I confess that we have grieved Your Holy Spirit. He is grieved because of our sin and unwillingness to deal with that sin. I plead that You would grant revival so that we would deal with our sin as never before in our relationship to You. Do this so that Your Holy Spirit will no longer be grieved. Do this so that Your Holy Spirit will be pleased to release His power into our midst (Ephesians 4:30).

(4) Father, we plead that You will grant revival in order to deal with our unbelief. Jesus will not work in an atmosphere of unbelief. I believe, Lord; help my unbelief! I pray that You will grant revival and increase our faith in You as never before in our relationship to You. As you do this, I trust that Jesus will transform lives by the power of the Holy Spirit. O God, I plead

that You would remove our unbelief. Have mercy on us! Forgive our lack of faith! Grant revival so that Your people will have a renewed faith so that we can experience the miraculous power of Jesus Christ in our midst (Hebrews 11:6; James 1:5-8).

(5) Father, Your gospel is the good news about Your Son, Jesus Christ. It is the glorious and gracious message that through His Person and His work, sinners can be brought into a right relationship with You. It is the power of God to salvation. It is the message that brings sinners into a right relationship to You. It is the greatest message ever given among people. Yet, we are not sharing this message. We have grown indifferent to this message. We have failed to proclaim this message on a continual basis to the lost who are in desperate need of it. Forgive us of this abominable sin! Have mercy on us, O God! Grant revival to us that we would share this message with the lost. Send genuine revival so that Your gospel will go forth in power from us! For the sake of Your gospel, I plead that You will grant revival (Romans 1:16).

(6) Father, You have declared in Your Word that if I call to You that You will show me great and mighty things which I do not know. I am calling to You, O God! I am pleading with You to grant revival to the believers of Hardy Street Baptist Church. We desperately need it. You have the power to grant it. I am calling on You and am believing You for this. This is Your Word. I am calling to You, Father. Will You be true to Your Word? Are you going to be faithful to Your promise Father? For the sake of Your Word, I plead that You will grant revival to Your people (Jeremiah 33:3).

Scripture Prayers Concerning Revival

The following are Scripture prayers that you can use to plead with God for revival. These requests are based on the Word of God and are the revealed will of God for the church. Plead these Scripture prayers with confidence and persistence. As always, begin by praying for yourself and then move to interceding for the other believers concerning revival.

O God, revive the believers of Hardy Street Baptist Church so that we may rejoice in You (Psalm 85:6)

Restore, O God, the believers of Hardy Street Baptist Church; make Your face to shine on us that we may be delivered from our backsliding (Psalm 80:7).

Rise up and help the believers of Hardy Street Baptist Church; restore us to Yourself because of Your redeeming love (Psalm 44:8).

Father, grant a spirit of brokenness and repentance to the believers of Hardy Street Baptist Church (Isaiah 57:15).

Living God, give the believers of Hardy Street Baptist Church a fresh and powerful vision of Your holiness (Isaiah 6). Almighty God, create in the believers of Hardy Street Baptist Church a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us (Psalm 51:1).

O Lord, do not take away the sense of Your presence from us and do not take away Your Holy Spirit from us (Psalm 51:11; Revelation 2:5). Holy God, cause the believers of Hardy Street Baptist Church to acknowledge our transgressions and to see that our sins are ever before You (Psalm 51:3).

Father, cause the believers of H.S.B.C. to be receptive to and responsive to Your holy Word (Nehemiah 8:8-9). Father, cause the believers of H.S.B.C. to be broken and humble, trembling at Your Word (Isaiah 66:2).

Lord God, cause the believers of H.S.B.C. to call on Your name and to stir ourselves to lay hold of You (Isaiah 64:7).

Father, stir the believers of H.S.B.C. to remove anything from our lives or church that would hinder our experience of revival (Luke 3:4-6).

God, convict the believers of H.S.B.C. of any unforgiveness and bitterness. Give us no joy, peace, or rest until this is dealt with (Ephesians 4:30-32).

Father, as the deer thirsts for the streams of water, so cause our Faith Family to thirst for You (Psalm 42:1-2).

Lord, I plead that the Holy Spirit will work powerfully among the believers of H.S.B.C. (John 16:7).

Revive us, O God, that the believers of H.S.B.C. will obey Your holy Word (Psalm 119:88). O Lord, heal our backsliding; love us freely; turn

Your anger away from us (Hosea 14:4). Though our sins testify against us, restore the believers of H.S.B.C. for Your great name's sake (Jeremiah 14:7).

Father, I plead that You will convict and save those who belong to this church who have been deceived about true salvation and are actually lost. Have mercy on them and save them (Matthew 23:27-28)! Lord Jesus, enable the believers of Hardy Street Baptist Church to return to You as our first love (Revelation 2:4).

Father, convict the believers of H.S.B.C. of the sin of compromise. Cause us to hate this sin and to deal immediately with it (Revelation 2-3).

Lord Jesus, break the believers of H.S.B.C. from a spirit of self-sufficiency and grant us a spirit of dependence on You (Revelation 2:17). Father, I plead that You will create a spirit of praise among the believers of H.S.B.C. (Psalm 150).

Father, enable us to deal with anything in our lives and our church that we have placed above You (Exodus 20:1-2). Have mercy on the believers of H.S.B.C. and restore us to a right relationship to Yourself (Psalm 51).

O God, grant the believers of Hardy Street Baptist Church a burden for lost souls (Romans 10:1). Father, create within the believers of H.S.B.C. a spirit of prayer and fasting (Colossians 4:2).

Lord, reveal to the believers of H.S.B.C. what is not pleasing in Your sight. Give us an unceasing burden about these things until they are dealt with (Psalm 139:23).

O God, cause Your people of H.S.B.C. to love You with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength (Matthew 22:37-38).