Optional Revive '19 LOCAL Prayer Guide

For it is the time to seek the LORD. —Hosea 10:12

The Lord has promised that when we *Seek HIM* with all of our heart, we will find Him (<u>Jer. 29:12–13</u>)!

During your **Revive '19 LOCAL** event, we hope you'll incorporate times to seek the Lord through prayer.

This guide provides prayer prompts for your use before or after conference sessions or during the extended breaks. For large groups, we've found it works well for women to form prayer huddles of 3–5 people. Please tailor these suggestions to meet the unique needs of your group.

Each of the three prayer activities is divided into three segments: LOOK UP, LOOK IN, LOOK OUT. Three prayer points are given, but feel the freedom to extend the segments by adding more prayers.

LOOK UP:

The first step in prayer is to fix our eyes upon God. Before we intercede, let's worship the Lord in awe of who He is and thank Him for all He's done for us through Christ. Through this segment, we are aligning our hearts with His and acknowledging His right to rule and reign in our lives. By beginning with praying Scripture, we submit to its beauty and authority.

LOOK IN:

Once we have worshipped, we surrender to God's Truth and allow the Holy Spirit to expose where our lives do not match the plumbline of the Word. As the Spirit reveals sin to confess, the right response is to agree with Him and humbly repent. We are confident that God hears our confession and forgives us fully.

LOOK OUT:

During this final segment of prayer, our hearts begin to burn with the things that matter to God. We look to Him to guide and empower our intercession through the Spirit and the Word. Our desires are for the glory of God, and our prayer requests reflect the petition "Thy will be done."

As the leader closes the prayer session, it's appropriate for her to express confidence in God's gracious power to answer and to thank Him in advance for His perfect provision!

May you be refreshed in spirit, united in heart, and emboldened in faith as you pray together!

We are praying with you for many hearts to be revived!

The Revive Our Hearts Team

PRAYER ACTIVITY #1

Theme: It's Time to Seek the Lord!

Encourage the group turn to <u>Hosea 10:12–13</u> in their Bibles while a leader or volunteer reads the passage.

LOOK UP:

- Fill our mouths with praise, for Your righteousness reaches the heavens. You have done great things; there is no God like You. Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord (Ps. 71:18–19; Luke 19:38–40).
- You draw near to us when we draw near to You. Your face, Lord, do we seek. (James 4:8; Ps. 27:8; Isa. 55:6; Hos. 10:12).
- Lord, You are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon You. We cry out: hear us from heaven and heal our land (Ps. 86:5; 2 Chron. 7:14).

LOOK IN:

- Lord, we've eaten the fruit of lies because we don't know Your Truth. Forgive us for not seeking intimacy with You through the Scriptures daily (<u>Hos. 10:13</u>; <u>Ps. 32:6</u>).
- We confess putting our trust in military might, financial stability, and political power to resolve our problems instead of looking to You and Your Word (<u>Hos.</u> <u>10:13</u>; <u>Zech. 4:6</u>; <u>Ps. 20:7</u>).
- Soften our hearts toward You. We invite You to break up the hard ground of our spiritual lives. Rain down Your righteousness and give us a burning desire to walk in Your ways (Ezek. 36:26; Hos. 10:12; Gal. 5:16).

LOOK OUT:

- Send a mighty outpouring of Your Spirit that will rapidly advance the gospel and the glory of Jesus Christ throughout the whole earth (<u>Isa. 11:1–9</u>; <u>1 Thess. 1:2–10</u>).
- Spread a spirit of prayer like wildfire across our nation and the world until every church becomes a house of prayer (Phil. 4:6–7; Matt. 21:13).

In Your great mercy, unite people where there is division. As Jesus prayed, make
us one as the Father and the Son are one. May Your Church once again radiate
the glory of Christ to a watching world (<u>Eph. 4:4–6</u>; <u>Ps. 133:1–3</u>; <u>John 17:21</u>;
<u>Rev. 2:5</u>).

PRAYER ACTIVITY #2

Theme: Revive Us Again!

Invite women to turn to Psalm 85:6–9 in their Bibles while a leader or volunteer reads the passage. You may also invite participants to take turns reading one verse at a time.

LOOK UP:

- We lift high Your holy name and exalt Your infinite riches, wisdom, and glory. For from You and through You and to You are all things. To You be glory forever (Rom. 11:36).
- We praise You for drawing near to us when we call on You in Truth. Revive us again so we may glorify Your Name and rejoice in worshipping You, our King (Ps. 145:18; Ps. 85:6).
- Thank You, Jesus, for securing our peace with God through Your shed blood on the cross. We sing praise because we are now no longer enemies of God but are Your precious children (Col. 1:19–22; Rom. 5:8; 1 John 3:1).

LOOK IN:

- Father, You know the true condition of our hearts that no one else sees. Show us how much we need You. We confess that often we rely on our human wisdom and ability apart from You (Heb. 4:13; Ps. 121:1–2; Prov. 3:5–6; John 15:5).
- Reveal our sinful thoughts, attitudes and actions that offend You. Give us grace to turn away from sin, seek forgiveness, and return to You (Ps. 139:23-24; 51:1-4).
- Thank You, Lord, that spiritual refreshment follows genuine repentance. We ask You to open our eyes to see the beauty and majesty of Jesus and to restore Him as our first love (Acts 3:19–20; Rev. 2:4).

LOOK OUT:

• Father, cause our hearts to mourn and weep over the things that break Your heart. Unite our hearts to fear Your name. Pour out a spirit of humility upon Your Church (Matt. 23:37; Ps. 86:11; 1 Peter 5:4–6).

- Lord, it's not Your desire that anyone should perish, so we cry out for salvation of the lost. Thank You that You are able to save all who come to You (2 Peter 3:9; Heb. 7:25).
- Give us compassion for the poor, the hurting, and the hopeless around us. May
 we be generous in giving our time and resources to love and serve our fellow
 image-bearers (James 1:27; Gen. 1:27).

PRAYER ACTIVITY #3

Theme: Send Me, Lord!

Have the group turn to <u>Isaiah 6:1–8</u> in their Bibles while a leader or volunteer reads the passage. You may also invite participants to take turns reading one verse at a time.

LOOK UP:

- We bow before Your throne of grace. We worship You in the splendor of holiness. Shine Your face on us, and make Your power known to all the nations (Heb. 4:16; Ps. 29:2; Ps. 67:1–3).
- Let everything that has breath praise You. Holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come! Let all the earth be filled with Your glory (Ps. 150:6; Rev. 4:8; Ps. 72:19).
- Lord God, we tremble at Your Word. Your kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom and Your dominion endures throughout all generations (Isa. 66:2; Ps. 145:13).

LOOK IN:

- Like Isaiah, we humble ourselves before You. Give us the desire and power to obey You in every moment. A broken and contrite heart You will not despise (Phil. 2:13; Ps. 51:17).
- Lord, give us courage to be honest with one another and with You so we can
 walk in the power of Your Spirit. Help us to stop pretending to be something
 we're not. Thank You that Jesus said, "If the Son sets you free, you will be free
 indeed!" (Ps. 51:6; Ps. 15:1–2; John 8:36).
- Ground us in the love of Christ. Impress on our hearts the breadth, length, height, and depth of His love that surpasses knowledge. May we each continue to seek the Lord and experience the joy and freedom of personal revival (<u>Eph. 3:17–19</u>; <u>Ps. 69:32</u>).

LOOK OUT:

- Rend the heavens and come down! Send revival to make Jesus known throughout the earth and to fulfill Your promise to exalt Your Son (<u>Isa. 64:1</u>; <u>Eph. 1:15–23</u>; <u>Col. 1:15–20</u>).
- Increase the fervency and urgency of our prayers for spiritual awakening. Use us to make prayer contagious to others (Mark 1:35; 1 Thess. 5:17).
- Oh Lord, nothing is too hard for You. Give us faith to believe You for the impossible. For no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no heart has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him (<u>Jer. 32:17</u>; <u>Matt. 17:20</u>; <u>1 Cor. 2:9</u>).