

Prayer for Renewal week 3

"Give us this day our daily bread" (Matthew 6:11)

This phrase of the Lord's prayer invites us to call upon and wait upon God's provision, wisdom, inspiration, and empowerment.

The following prayer will help us to do that.

Let's pray:

God, we know you are holy and set apart from all earthly things. We know that your kingdom is an extension of your goodness on earth. We also know that we hunger and thirst for your kingdom rule and reign to flood our hearts and minds and transform our earthly will into your heavenly will.

We confess that we your church, need your wisdom, your guidance, and your empowerment to reach the missing generations. We have tried, but we haven't succeeded. We are at a loss. Our ideas haven't worked. Our efforts have proven fruitless. It's as though we have tried to dig wells looking for water, but the water we found dried up quickly. We are weary of trying to reach and retain the next generations. We are almost at our wits end.

Please come to us in our time of need, as you did for Israel as they wandered the wilderness for forty years. We need your daily bread. We need your manna and quail. Your heart of compassion and grace. Your wisdom, insight and understanding. We need You Holy Spirit to inspire us, revive us, and help us to connect with and minister to those who are missing from the church. We don't want programs – they haven't worked. We want real food. We want your presence. We want to experience you as Moses did, as David did, as the Disciples did. We want to feast upon the power of your presence so that our hearts will burn with passion for you! As John Wesley said, "Light yourself on fire with passion and people will come from miles to watch you burn." That's what we want!

Lord, in your mercy, hear the cry of our hearts, and Revive your church! Renew our land! Restore your kingdom reign in the hearts of all people! You alone are worthy of all glory, all honour and all praise! Hallelujah! Amen!