



## END TIME RAIN

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**“Prayer is the match that lights the fuse to release the explosive power of the Holy Spirit in the affairs of men.”**

**Joy Dawson**



#### A Prayer for All Seasons

### Could You Be A Spiritual Ambassador?

Dear Intercessors and Friends, I greet you in the precious name of our Lord and soon coming King!



It was a blessing seeing a number of you during our recent Evangelism Expo at Newbold College. The fellowship was good as we interacted together. For those of you who were unable to make it to the Expo, please permit me to share our project for 2015. The Prayer Ministry Department is seeking to train and implement a ministry called The Spiritual Ambassador Program.

An ambassador is someone who represents someone greater than themselves.

They do not seek their own agendas but instead make it their mission to fulfil the desires of whomever they represent. As Spiritual Ambassadors, we represent Christ.

Spiritual Ambassadors are followers of Christ who have joined together to put their faith into action. They are called and chosen by God to love and serve those around them. Together they build relationships of trust, create a sense of belonging, and provide an outlook of hope. They pray. They listen. They encourage. They care and support those who are in need.

It was Mother Teresa who once said “We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty.”

I’m sure you will agree with me that we have a lot of poor people in our churches as well as our communities. The Prayer Ministries Department will seek to train



and empower Spiritual Ambassadors to care, love, pray, listen, comfort, support, help, encourage those who are in need of our ministry.

It is our hope that our churches will be transformed and become an environment where trust between members and visitors is experienced through authentic relationships. It is also hoped that we can create and nurture a sense of family through ministry of service, prayer and other activities that brings hope to the heart of all.

This year for our Annual Prayer Conference, we have invited the leaders

of the Spiritual Ambassador Program from Florida Hospital to be with us to prepare us for this great ministry.

It is my prayer that you will join us and implement this ministry in your local church and community.

The Annual Prayer Conference will be held on August 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> at the Devere Hotel Latimer Place, Latimer, Chesham, Buckinghamshire, HP5 1UG. Yours truly,

**Dr Emmanuel Osei, Ministerial Association Secretary & Prayer Ministry Coordinator, SEC.**



**Prayer is the opening of heart to God as a friend- Ellen White**

**Watch & Pray**

**Matthew 26:40 (NIV)**

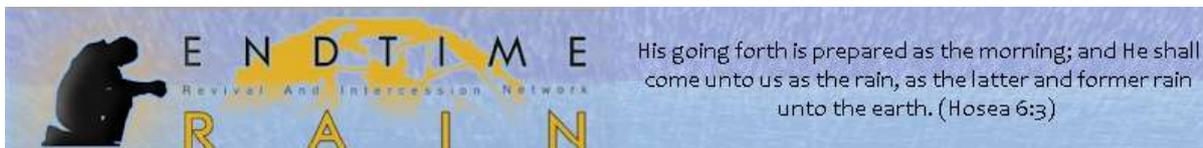
**“Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter.”**

These are the closing scenes of our Lord’s final painful moments on earth before his crucifixion. He chose to take his closest friends with him into the garden of Gethsemane. The garden represented his last struggle against sin where he was tempted to reconsider whether to drink the cup of suffering - to be or not to be the ‘curse of sin’ for humanity. It included the painful separation from the Father in order to win back the dominion, spiritual authority and fellowship with God that was forfeited by the first Adam. His experience illustrated how important it was for him to succeed, as sister White expressed below:

*“Had he found them praying, he would have been relieved. Had they been seeking refuge in God, that Satanic agencies might not prevail over them, he would have been comforted by their steadfast faith. But, unheeding the repeated warning, “Watch and pray,” they had fallen asleep. They knew not the necessity of watchfulness and earnest prayer in order to withstand the temptations of Satan” (Signs of The Times).*

We are blessed to have a record of the Saviour’s trying hour, struggling against the enemy of our souls. As Christians and imitators of Christ we are all called to follow in his footsteps. Because of his victory we do not have to suffer as he did and yet the scriptures make clear that we will all suffer some form persecution (2 Timothy 3:12). However the purpose of our persecution is for our perfection which is for our own good. This type of suffering will fit us for heaven and enable us to become partakers of the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4) Christ fought and won for us. In Matthew 26:41, his last word on prayer to us, his surviving relatives, Christ provides us with advice that will guarantee our victory - *“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”*

**Dear Saviour thank you for your sacrifice on the cruel cross of Calvary. We are grateful that you became the curse of sin for us so that we could be righteous before God. Through your experience help us to learn important lessons concerning the significance of prayer in the life of a victorious Christian. Teach us how to tarry with you. There is so much in our lives that we are powerless to change. Without you we can do nothing. Praise be to God that with you- we can do all things! We bless your holy name which is above all names, amen.**



## Events & Prayer Calendar- February-April 2015

**February prayer:** Unity for church members: growth in giving: talents, time, tithes; worship & witnessing

**March prayer:** Physical, spiritual, emotional healing & compassion for the elderly, sick, disabled & bereaved

**April prayer:** God's providence for those who are poor, disadvantaged & facing challenges in life

**February-April:** Battersea Church Monthly All Night Prayer-28th February; 1st March 8am, Advent Centre  
**Mother's Prayer Breakfast;** 15<sup>th</sup> March Prayer Ministries Co-ordinators Meeting, Advent Centre; 22nd March  
**MOHAP Day Retreat, Advent Centre; Battersea Church All Night Prayer- 28th March.**

## A Revival Of True Prayerfulness

*We may ask of God multitudes of other things, but amongst them all, let this be our chief prayer: "Lord, revive us; Lord, revive us!" We have uttered it in song; let me stir up your pure minds, by way of remembrance, to utter it in your secret prayers, and make it the daily aspiration of your souls. (Charles Spurgeon 1859)*

A revival of true prayerfulness must first take place in each individual heart with an earnest and prayerful return to the Word of God. Meditating upon His words, doing His will and searching our hearts earnestly will produce the necessary fertile ground in order for this undertaking. This includes the following daily activities: dying unto sin, living unto righteousness, putting off the old man and putting on the new man; repentance for sin, and turning to and laying hold of Christ. 2 Chronicles 7:14 "If My people who are called by My name will 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." God's people need revival when finding themselves going through the motions they, have "a form of godliness but denying its power" (2 Timothy 3:5). Revival is essential when someone who wallowing in and perhaps regretting sin, is unwilling to repent. Revival is required when our relationship with Christ is strained . Revival is needed when we are low on zeal and have grown lukewarm. Packer (1987) lists five Marks of Revival:

### 1. Awareness of God's Presence

A sense of awareness of his presence enables godly behaviours and characteristics. That is why we are told in Philippians 4:8 to meditate upon things that are, true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report;

virtuous and praiseworthy.

### 2. Responsiveness to God's Word

John McArthur said that somebody should put a warning label on the Bible, and maybe it ought to read like this, "Warning: this book is habit forming, regular use causes loss of anxiety, decreased appetite for lying, cheating, lust, hating and stealing. Symptoms of this condition are increased feelings of joy, peace, love and compassion". We cannot stay as we come, when we come as we are, there must be a change and responsiveness to the word."

### 3. Sensitiveness to sin

'The word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart' (Hebrew 4:12) is confirmed. The gospel call to repentance, faith, holiness, praise, prayer, and worship, authenticates itself to our conscience: there is no room for half measures.

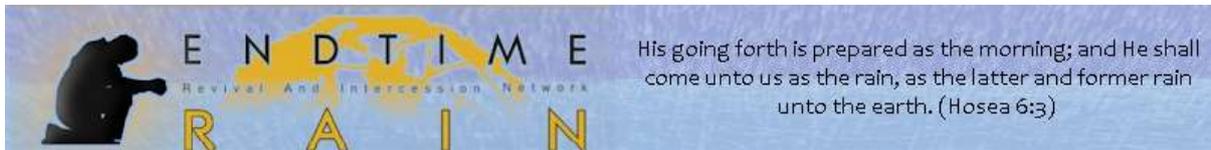
### 4. Liveliness in community

A revived church is full of the life, joy and power of the Holy Spirit. The glorified Christ is shown, known, loved, served, and exalted. Love and generosity, unity and joy, assurance and boldness, a spirit of praise and prayer, and a passion to reach out to win others are recurring marks of a people experiencing a prayerful revival.

### 5. Fruitfulness in testimony

Revival always has an evangelistic and ethical overspill into the world. When we are revived in true prayerfulness, God revives the church, new life overflows from the church to the world and its impact is felt outsiders, in the surrounding community and neighbourhood and ultimately, in society. As we become fearless in witness and tireless in God's service through lives lived worth of his calling.

**Sources:** J I. Packer , Arthur Wallis, Charles Spurgeon sermons.



## Testimonies

### Overcoming By The Blood And The Word Of Testimony

Please join us as we thank and praise God for his faithfulness in answering prayers.

#### September 2014

Dear ETR I recently asked for prayer for my dad and his prostate problem. Thank you for prayers my sister reported that she spoke to dad on the phone. He is in very good spirits. For the first time since he's been ill He went to church for the first time in weeks for the whole day on Sabbath and says he had a great day. He wants me to tell everyone that prayers have been answered and he feels good. He had no problem at church and is taking it easy today. He sounds like his old self again and his joy is almost tangible! it was great to hear how happy he was and giving God the praise. Praise be to god he answers prayers! God bless you all, J.

#### October 2014

Dear intercessors, C has asked to pass on thanks for God's blessings on her life and answered prayers regarding finances.

#### November

2014

Thank you for your prayers for the young vulnerable man in October. Our prayers have been answered. He was provided with supported housing, his own flat in a supported establishment. His support worker didn't know how to keep him safe because he allows anyone into his home. But God came through again.

#### January 2015

The family of a young person who was be detained under the Mental Health Act for up to 28 days, would like to thank you for your prayers. They were released within one week.

The parents of Christopher a young disabled boy who has had surgery recently have expressed their thanks for your prayers. They have also received additional support from carers that will help his parents tremendously.

L asked to pass on thanks to ETR intercessors for praying for her husband who had suspected cancer and has received the all clear.

CN who asked for prayers for prayers for B her husband and 4children, who were homeless on arrival in the UK and in need of somewhere to live would like to thank ETR for their prayers. They were given temporary accommodation which will lead to permanent housing in less than a week.

*Testimony of Jesus*

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