

HELP!

**I'm
a Pastor
Who's
Being
Asked
to Rally
My Church
to Pray!**

What a glorious calling it is to be a pastor!

In I Peter 5:4, Peter says, "When the Chief Shepherd appears, we will receive the unfading crown of glory." That is a great promise to strengthen us as we find ourselves pasturing in an age of apathy towards the church and Christianity in general.

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We all know that America has been drifting from her Christian roots with devastating consequences, while at the same time the Church has been limited in its ability to transform culture in a positive way. Our plans, programs and activities have left us tired, with little fruit for the Kingdom. Yet at the same time, we have all been thrilled and challenged at what God has accomplished in American history, with the Great Awakenings and revivals of the past; sinners repenting, churches exploding with growth, social transformations and ministries of mercy meeting the needs of the people.

Pastor, it can and will happen again! They key has always been God's people praying. God has already promised in II Chronicles 7:14, "If My people, who are

called by My name humble themselves and pray and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin and heal their land."

It is a fact from God that has been proven in history worldwide and is still a reality today in various places in the world. This exciting vision is within our grasp. He wants to do it in New Hampshire.

We are living in a time and in a State that is bursting with divine possibilities. Pastors' prayer groups have been springing up all over this State for the last ten years and now the Lord wants us to use our God given unity, to rally His people to cry out to Him in prayer. As an under shepherd to Jesus, He is now looking to you to encourage His people to get involved with corporate prayer gatherings for our State, so we can see Him do what only He can do.

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If you are like me and the desire is there but the "how" is the big question then this material is for you. Remember the Scriptures say in Ephesians 4:11-12 that our job is to equip the saints for ministry. Later in chapter 6:18, Pau

teaches us that a big part of that ministry is to pray “with all prayer and petition”; people will follow your lead.

Together we can see God move in power and love for our State. Why just sit by and watch the news when we can see Jesus make it happen. Psalm 133:1, “Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!” and in verse 3, “For there the Lord commands the blessing – the forever.”

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May God strengthen your heart with a vision and passion for the harvest.



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Here is a list of “helps” that you can do:

- ✦ Be bold to teach and preach on prayer. Remember, you get what you preach. The disciples went to Jesus after seeing and hungering for the power of God and said “teach us to pray”.
- ✦ Be trusting that God is laying a burden on their hearts to pray, and so expect them to be ready and excited. What we do for the Kingdom is accomplished by our faith!
- ✦ Be unmoving in the truth that when we pray heaven hears and responds. Our faith is based on God’s promises. God is faithful and our need is great.
- ✦ Be encouraging to the timid that prayer is easy, it works and God wants to hear from all of us. Prayer is just talking and God knows we all know how to do that. When we simply talk with God, we are “praying”. There is no special calling or anointing or training.
- ✦ Be realistic about working with other denominations. Remember, unity is not conformity. God doesn’t expect us to change or to change anyone else, only to stand shoulder to shoulder and proclaim our dependency on Him. This is absolutely imperative, we must stand together as the Bible teaches and history has proven, if we are to ever see the social impact we all hunger for.