

Light the Highway Prayer Guide Week Three

This week's focus is: Holiness in our Cities and States

Day One

Then Joshua called the twelve men whom he had appointed from the children of Israel, one man from every tribe, and Joshua said to them: "Cross over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of the Jordan, and each one of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, saying, 'What do these stones mean to you?' Then you shall answer them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. And these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever." Joshua 4:4-7

Today is the "crossing over" day where the sanctified church comes together in unity to pray for the city. It takes all the tribes to change a city. As you pray for your city, ask the pastors and representatives to bring a stone with the name of their church to build an altar of unity unto the Lord. (If possible)

On this day, be sensitive to the Lord to make sure that you take nothing from the wilderness or time of personal sanctification into this phase of praying for the city. Pastors and churches, come cleansed before God. If you have been hurt when you lived in another city, "*shake the dust off your feet*" (Matthew 10:14) of rejection or pain.

Perhaps you may need to forgive the city where you live. You may feel like it hasn't been welcoming to you, or receiving of the church. Let's come with clean hands and a pure heart as we prepare to pray for the city and repent for its sins. Have a time of "*nauling on the cross*" the pain you have encountered while living in your city, if any.

Day Two

Then the Commander of the Lord's army said to Joshua, "Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy." And Joshua did so.

Today, we begin to "sanctify" the city as holy unto the Lord. Perhaps you ought to take your shoes off as a prophetic act unto the Lord that you are standing on holy ground.

This is the day to begin to "clean up your city" through intercessory prayer, just as in 2 Chronicles 7:14 where we are "*praying for God to heal the land.*"

This is the day where we officially recognize **racism as a sin** within our city. First, search your heart and ask God if you have anything against another race. Has your family been racist? If so, repent for this sin. Look into the history of the city. Were there any lynchings? Ask people from different races if they have experienced any modern day racism.

As the Lord identifies these things, you might want to wash the feet of a person of a different race from yours. Bless them in the name of the Lord. You might also want to repent on behalf of your family before God for their sins. Nail these sins to the cross.

Day Three

“So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found no one.” Ezekiel 22:30

Today, let’s enter into prayer on behalf of our city for crimes that break God’s laws. The breaking of God’s laws allows a spirit of lawlessness to enter into our cities. One of the areas of lawlessness in our cities is violence and blood shed. What is the crime rate of your city? Hosea 4:2 gives a list of the crimes against God that cause the land to mourn. (Hosea 4:3) What are the troubled areas of your city? Specifically pray over these areas today.

Pray for the police of the city. Get the names of gangs operating in the city and cry out for their salvation.

Ask God to stop the drug, crime, and prostitution rings in your city and for corruption to be exposed in any part of city government. Pray for righteous leaders to arise to govern the city.

Day Four

“Then He said to me, ‘The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great, and the land is full of bloodshed and the city full of perversity.’” Ezekiel 9:9

Today, let’s focus on the **sin of abortion**. This is both a city and a national sin. Do you know how many babies are aborted in your city and state? Where do the state legislators stand on this issue? Repent for the sin of abortion and the organization, “Planned Parenthood.”

Deuteronomy 21 tells of the need to cleanse the land from the sin of murder. Pray and ask God to cleanse your city from the sin of shedding innocent blood.

Pray and repent for the sin of unrighteous judges who are pro-abortion or pro-choice. Believe God to “shift” the courts of your city and nation until righteousness prevails. Pray through the prayer stations of the Ten Commandments in any manner where judges in your city have supported unrighteousness.

Day Five

“Look, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: She and her daughter had pride, fullness of food, and abundance of idleness, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.” Ezekiel 16:49

Today, let’s focus on our response as a city and as believers in the area of **poverty**. Only a biblical worldview will eliminate poverty. When the city doesn’t have a plan to eliminate systemic poverty, then other ideologies move in to take their place. Islam is establishing banking systems and foundation that give interest-free loans. Communism is working to move into Latin America because of this. Cry out and repent for any way that your city has seen the plight of the poor. Decree that your city will be a **poverty-free zone**. Pray for godly economists to rise up in city government to help heal the economy of your city and state.

Day Six

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For this reason, God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error what was due.” Romans 1:18, 26-27

Repent on behalf of your city for the **sin of homosexuality** and ask Him to forgive those in your city who break His law. The Creator made the human body to be married to the opposite sex, and it breaks down when it is used incorrectly. Likewise, cities become like Sodom when they consider this sin lawful. Cry out that laws will not be put in place that allows same-sex unions. Intercede that unrighteous judges will be put out of office who overturn godly legislation in this regard.

Place this sin of your city on the cross, and ask for the cleansing power of God to sweep through your city.

Day Seven

“There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High. God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved.” Psalms 46:4-5

Today’s focus is to see that streams of righteousness flow from the church to the city. Repent that the church has not been the solution-provider for city governments on a large-scale basis. Pray that God will release a strategy from the church for the university campuses to establish a biblical worldview consistent with biblical thinking.

Pray through the Beatitudes and cry out to the Lord to release their manifestation from the church to the city. (Matthew 5:3-10)

Streams of mercy should flow from the church so that we can establish a “city set on a hill” that is a model for other cities of the transforming power of God. (Matthew 5:14)