

Pray for unity in our churches, that doctrinal integrity would bind that unity, and that men would guard that unity against false teaching.

### **JANUARY 18**

*"Saul, however, was ravaging the church, and he would enter house after house, drag off men and women, and put them in prison," (Acts 8:3).*

Pray that men will be strong when opposition attacks the church, that men would stand guard over the church, and that they would see persecutors as potential converts.

### **JANUARY 19**

*"To God's church at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus and called as saints, with all those in every place who call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord—theirs and ours," (1 Corinthians 1:2).*

Pray for men to be in a great number when Christ's sanctified saints gather for worship.

### **JANUARY 20**

*"According to the grace given to us, we have different gifts: If prophecy, use it according to the standard of faith; if service, in service; if teaching, in teaching; if exhorting, in exhortation; giving, with generosity; leading, with diligence; showing mercy, with cheerfulness," (Romans 12:6-8).*

Pray for men to discover and exercise their spiritual gifts within their local church.

## **MODELS OF MISSION ACTION**

### **JANUARY 21**

*"When the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had welcomed God's message, they sent Peter and John to them," (Acts 8:14).*

Pray for men to have the missionary heart of Peter and John, being willing to go short or long distances to tell all people—even ones very different from themselves—about the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

### **JANUARY 22**

*"An angel of the Lord spoke to Philip: "Get up and go south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to desert Gaza," (Acts 8:26).*

Pray that men would become spiritually aware of God's mission assignment(s) for them near their homes and realize that the world can be engaged—even near home—to hear the gospel.

### **JANUARY 23**

*"As they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work that I have called them to.' Then, after they had fasted, prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them off," (Acts 13:2-3).*

Pray that men would fast and seek the Holy Spirit's wisdom to discern who among them might be called out by God for a special mission somewhere in the world.

### **JANUARY 24**

*"After some time had passed, Paul said to Barnabas, 'Let's go back and visit the brothers in every town where we have preached the message of the Lord, and see how they're doing,'" (Acts 15:36).*

Pray for men to develop lasting Christian relationships through missions that they can treasure all their lives.

### **JANUARY 25**

*"This is why I have sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord. He will remind you about my ways in Christ Jesus, just as I teach everywhere in every church," (1 Corinthians 4:17).*

Pray for young men who are willing to be mentored in the faith and prepared for mission service. Ask God to prepare their hearts and remove fears about financial support.

## **THE HEARTS OF MEN**

### **JANUARY 26**

*"Son of man, these men have set up idols in their hearts and have put sinful stumbling blocks before their faces. Should I be consulted by them at all?" (Ezekiel 14:3).*

Pray that men will recognize the idols of their hearts that steal their allegiance to God. Ask God to remove these stumbling blocks from men's lives.

### **JANUARY 27**

*"Instead, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please men, but rather God, who examines our hearts," (1 Thessalonians 2:4).*

Pray that as God examines the hearts of men to determine their stewardship of the gospel, men will be convicted of their shortcomings and have a passion to spread the pure gospel.

### **JANUARY 28**

*"And he will turn the hearts of fathers to [their] children and the hearts of children to their fathers. Otherwise, I will come and strike the land with a curse," (Malachi 4:6).*

Pray for God to bond the hearts of fathers and their children together through creating mutual confession and forgiveness, tearing down barriers, and uniting families at the foot of the cross.

### **JANUARY 29**

*"This is what the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, says: Correct your ways and your deeds, and I will allow you to live in this place. Do not trust deceitful words, chanting: This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord. Instead, if you really change your ways and your actions, if you act justly toward one another, if you no longer oppress the alien, the fatherless, and the widow and no longer shed innocent blood in this place or follow other gods, bringing harm on yourselves, I will allow you to live in this place, the land I gave to your ancestors forever and ever," (Jeremiah 7:3-7).*

Pray that God will convict men to change their "ways and deeds" that are contrary to the Father's nature. Pray that men will desire justice and compassion for the downtrodden.

### **JANUARY 30**

*"If only they had such a heart to fear Me and keep all My commands, so that they and their children will prosper forever," (Deuteronomy 5:29).*

Pray that God will give men a heart to fear and obey Him and the realization that this legacy will bless the generations that follow.

## **WORKERS FOR THE HARVEST**

### **JANUARY 31**

*"Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest," (Matthew 9:38).*

Pray that God will burden men to be proactively evangelistic and missional with a burning desire to share Christ and make disciples.

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## **SIMULTANEOUS PRAYER PLAN FOR AWAKENING**



**INTRODUCTION**

The following prayer plan is for January 2009 as BMEN leaders at NAMB, state Baptist conventions, associations, and churches simultaneously pray in unity for God to do a major work in the lives of the men in our nation and denomination. There are seven themes with five points each, except for January 31. Please make this a central part of your prayer exercise in January as together we cry out to God for His blessing and favor upon husbands, fathers, and sons. All Scripture is from the Holman Christian Standard Bible unless otherwise noted.

**RECOGNIZE GOD'S PLAN FOR MEN****JANUARY 1**

*"Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the animals, all the earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth,'" (Genesis 1:26).*

Thank God for creating mankind in His image and that we are able to know Him intimately through prayer, study, and mission action. Ask God to teach men how to be stewards of all that He has entrusted to them.

**JANUARY 2**

*"So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to come over the man, and he slept. God took one of his ribs and closed the flesh at that place. Then the Lord God made the rib He had taken from the man into a woman and brought her to the man. And the man said:*

This one, at last, is bone of my bone,  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one will be called woman,  
for she was taken from man.

*This is why a man leaves his father and mother and bonds with his wife, and they become one flesh," (Genesis 2:21-24).*

Thank God for the institution of marriage. Pray that God will revive the hearts of men to be fully devoted to their wives and be committed to honoring them more than themselves.

**JANUARY 3**

*"He established a testimony in Jacob and set up a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers to teach to their children so that a future generation—children yet to be born—might know. They were to rise and tell their children so that they might put their confidence in God and not forget God's works, but keep His commandments. Then they would not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not loyal and whose spirit was not faithful to God," (Psalms 78:5-8).*

Pray that men are willing to assume their role as spiritual leader within their family and able to teach the truth of Scripture in such a way that their children will embrace it and teach Scripture to the next generation.

**JANUARY 4**

*"And fathers, don't stir up anger in your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord," (Ephesians 6:4).*

Pray that God will bless the relationship of fathers and their children by removing any enmity that might exist and creating teachable moments as children learn about God from their father.

**JANUARY 5**

*"Be alert, stand firm in the faith, be brave and strong," (1 Corinthians 16:13).*

Pray for the conviction of Christian men to be so deep that they are steady and strong in their Christian faith, witness, and ministry.

**CALL TO HOLINESS****JANUARY 6**

*"For I am the Lord your God, so you must consecrate yourselves and be holy because I am holy," (Leviticus 11:44).*

Pray that men will submit to God's command to be holy, consecrate themselves, and commit to purity of heart, soul, mind, and actions.

**JANUARY 7**

*"...be holy because I am holy," (Leviticus 11:44).*

Pray that men will see this passage not just as a command but also as an invitation from God to take on His holiness so their lives truly bring glory to God.

**JANUARY 8**

*"...so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints," (1 Thessalonians 3:13, NASB).*

Thank God that He desires to establish holiness within us, and pray that men will let down their defenses of resistance so that God can do this work in their lives.

**JANUARY 9**

*"As obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires of your former ignorance but, as the One who called you is holy, you also are to be holy in all your conduct," (1 Peter 1:14-15).*

Pray that men will forsake lifestyles and habits that are contrary to the nature of God and seek to be holy in their attitudes and actions.

**JANUARY 10**

*"Let them praise Your great and awe-inspiring name. He is holy. Exalt the Lord our God; bow in worship at His holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy," (Psalms 99:3, 9).*

Pray that men will freely and gladly worship their holy God, as they give praise for the holiness of the Father.

**CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE****JANUARY 11**

*"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," (Romans 3:23).*

Pray that men will be contrite for their sins, desire to flee iniquity, and come to God for salvation and the restoration that comes through repentance.

**JANUARY 12**

*"The person is to confess the sin he has committed. He is to pay full compensation, add a fifth of its value to it, and give [it] to the individual he has wronged," (Numbers 5:7).*

Pray that men will humbly confess their sins before God and those they have wronged and they would have the integrity to make restitution when possible.

**JANUARY 13**

*"(If) My people who are called by My name humble themselves, pray and seek My face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land," (2 Chronicles 7:14).*

Pray that men will humbly seek the face of God and repent from their sins, so God will heal our land.

**JANUARY 14**

*"He opens their ears to correction and insists they repent from iniquity," (Job 36:10).*

Pray that men will recognize the sin in their life and hear the Holy Spirit calling them to repent.

**JANUARY 15**

*"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe in the good news!" (Mark 1:15).*

Pray that men will have a sense of urgency toward repentance and faith in the God of their salvation.

**PASSION FOR THE BRIDE OF CHRIST (THE CHURCH)****JANUARY 16**

*"I am jealous for you with the jealousy of God himself. For I promised you as a pure bride to one husband — Christ," (2 Corinthians 11:2, NLT).*

Pray for the purity of the body of Christ and for men to have a passion to protect the church as they would protect a bride (daughter/fiancée) from defilement.

**JANUARY 17**

*"I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, urge you to walk worthy of the calling you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, accepting one another in love, diligently keeping the unity of the Spirit with the peace that binds us, (Ephesians 4:1-3).*