

AWAKEN THE HOPE OF THE WORLD

RAISE THE MARK PRAYER GUIDE

O Lord, we plead for an awakening in Your Church. We pray for Your Spirit to work in and through every pastor, elder, church planter, leader and believer around the country and in the world to fulfill Your calling to be the hope of the world through the power of Jesus Christ.

Given the incredible privilege over the past week through the Church Leaders Conference to encourage, inspire and strengthen churches from around the country and the world, use this guide to join together in praying for the Bride of Christ, the Church.

Praise and Thanksgiving

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." - Psalm 103:1-2

- Father, thank you for the hope of the gospel and the privilege of bringing hope to the world as ministers of the gospel.
- Thank you Lord for all the great things You have done through Watermark in spite of us and entrusting us with the care and encouragement of churches from around our country and the world at the Church Leaders Conference.
- We rejoice in all the wonderful works you are doing through churches around the world, and we celebrate their service to You.
- We praise You for the provisions, the people and the passion You have placed at the core of our church that we may be a blessing to others.

Forgiveness and Repentance

"If my people who are called by my name 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." - 2 Chronicles 7:14

- Father, cleanse us from all sin. Fill us with knowledge and wisdom that we may be worthy of Your blessing and may be equipped to stay strong in the faith. Grant us patience as we labor to make Your ways known in our nation and Your world.
- Forgive us for failing to love as You love. Forgive us, Lord, for ever misrepresenting You in the way we speak and act. Correct us and guide us, we pray.

- O Lord, protect us from ourselves. May we continue to be a body of believers who walk humbly before you and faithfully follow you.
- Free Your Church from bondage to dead religion and awaken it to authentic, radical Christianity that makes the world marvel at Your love.

Reawaken the Church

"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God . . ." - 2 Timothy 1:6

"... and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." - Matthew 16:18

- Father, for all those who You brought to the Church Leaders Conference, we pray they will remember that Jesus is alive, powerful and wants to use them.
- We pray for every pastor, elder, church planter, leader and believer who spent the last week with us to be recharged by Your calling, reminded of the joy of serving You and inspired to even greater effectiveness.
- Thank You, Heavenly Father, for equipping each of Your children in unique ways. We pray against confusion in the minds of many of us who claim to know You, so that we, as Christ followers would be beacons of light to our given circles of influence.
- We ask for religious leaders who understand and are devoted to Your Truth and who proclaim Your Truth boldly, with courage and insightful grace.
- We pray for courage and wisdom for Your people, Lord. Give us the boldness to show up, stand up and speak up for Your Truth, with winsomeness and grace.
- We ask You to give us a renewed hunger for Your Word. May we rediscover both individually and corporately as a nation, that Your Word not only lights our path, but also provides the roadmap for our journey through life. May we discover how Your Truth not only protects, but truly liberates anyone who allows its precepts to be written on the tablets of the human heart.
- Remind, awaken, strengthen and renew Your Church's conviction that the gates of hell will not prevail against it. May we live faithfully out of that boldness.
- Bring about a work in Your Church that shows the world that our Savior still lives because Your power at work in the community of believers is undeniable.