

Renewal Ministries of Colorado Springs

A Call for United Prayer

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I would like to speak to you about four areas of prayer where we can make a positive difference in our community; (1) United prayer for our elected officials, (2) United prayer for reconciliation, (3) United prayer for protection, (4) United prayer as a witness for Christ in our community.

1. United Prayer for Elected officials

Daniel 2:2-5, 11-19 So the king summoned the magicians, enchanters, sorcerers and astrologers to tell him what he had dreamed. When they came in and stood before the king, ³he said to them, "I have had a dream that troubles me and I want to know what it means." ⁴Then the astrologers answered the king in Aramaic, "O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will interpret it." ⁵The king replied to the astrologers, "This is what I have firmly decided: If you do not tell me what my dream was and interpret it, I will have you cut into pieces and your houses turned into piles of rubble. ¹¹What the king asks is too difficult. No one can reveal it to the king except the gods, and they do not live among men." ¹²This made the king so angry and furious that he ordered the execution of all the wise men of Babylon. ¹³So the decree was issued to put the wise men to death, and men were sent to look for Daniel and his friends to put them to death. ¹⁴When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, had gone out to put to death the wise men of Babylon, Daniel spoke to him with wisdom and tact. ¹⁵He asked the king's officer, "Why did the king issue such a harsh decree?" Arioch then explained the matter to Daniel. ¹⁶At this, *Daniel went in to the king and asked for time*, so that he might interpret the dream for him. ¹⁷Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. ¹⁸He *urged them to plead for mercy from the God* of heaven concerning this mystery, so that he and his friends might not be executed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. ¹⁹During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven

- Pray that Godly Ministry leaders will have Favor and opportunity to speak with elected officials.
- Pray that elected official would delay impacting decisions giving us time for united prayer.
- Pray that God would give revelation and counsel that could be shared with our elected officials that will positively affect our community and promote righteousness and peace.

2. United Pray for Reconciliation

Matthew 18:19-20 "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

In context, this scripture deals with reconciliation of brothers separated because of sin. When there is a break in fellowship it can't be ignored. There needs to be united pray and effort to maintain the unity of the Body of Christ.

Romans 12:5 so in Christ we who are many form one body, and *each member belongs to all the others.*

1 Cor. 10:16-17 Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷*Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.*

3. United prayer for Protection and Holiness

John 17:11, 15, 17 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name--the name you gave me--so *that they may be one as we are one.* ¹⁵My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that *you protect them from the evil one.* ¹⁷*Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.*

- United prayer to promote and protect the unity of those in ministry and the Christian community at large.
- United prayer for protection against the schemes and traps of the evil one, that God would be honored with our lifestyle.
- United prayer for personal holiness of those set apart for the work of the ministry.

4. United Prayer as a Witness for Christ

John 17:20-21 "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so *that the world may believe that you have sent me.*

If we embrace Christ we MUST embrace each other as a witness to our community. We must come together for united prayer in a public forum so they can visibly SEE our unity and believe.