

Humble Yourself, and Pray

Happy Wednesday!

Today is “See You At The Pole” day! It is a student-led prayer event for schools across the country to pray for their neighborhoods and nation. Let’s do the same thing today.

“[I]f 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 ESV

<https://bible.com/bible/59/2ch.7.14.ESV> [bible.com]

What does the Lord promise us?

- *I will hear from heaven.* He will hear our prayer! God will not hear prayers that aren’t to Him or prayers that are hidden by unrepentant wickedness.
- *I will forgive their sin.* He will forgive us! We have FORGIVENESS and SALVATION and REDEMPTION when we obey and honor God more than we honor others and more than we honor ourselves.
- *I will heal their land.* He will RESTORE.

What must we do?

- *humble ourselves.* If we cannot bow low to God, if we see ourselves as equals to Him or even better than Him, how can He be given enough room to do what He has promised? When you work against God, He rests. When you rest in God, He works for you.
- *pray.* Above, He will not hear a prayer until unrepentant sin is removed. Unrepentant sin cannot be removed without humility. Prayer to the One and Only True God comes after the surrender of humility.
- *seek His face.* Look for God - He is not hiding, but you may not be where He is. Look for Him in every decision you make. Look for Him and His path.
- *turn from our wicked ways.* Once you find God’s path, go to Him. Turn from your path, your plans, your ways, and seek His path, His plan, and His ways.

Thank you Father that You long to restore us, your children and your delight. Thank you God that you honor Your Word. Help us honor our word to You. Help us turn from our own desires so that we can seek Your face and seek Your plans. For You alone are God and You alone are Good.

Worship:

“What If His People Prayed” by Casting Crowns

<https://youtu.be/IURWgPO1pLo?si=HEassI2doBKAKFAk> [youtu.be]

“Repentance” by Gable Price and Friends <https://youtu.be/PKEJ7xVatDs?si=KfV8pus0t3AIEzky> [youtu.be]

“This Is Amazing Grace” by Phil Wickam https://youtu.be/XFRjr_x-yxU?si=19ETCSawKj3EMp31 [youtu.be]