

PRAYING IN TIMES OF CRISIS

Guided Prayer Structure — 8 Minutes

“With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints.”

— **Ephesians 6:18**

1. Opening Focus (0.5 min)

Quiet your heart before the Lord. Remember Rees Howells, the Welsh intercessor whose anointing for crisis intercession carried nations through the storms of World War II, and his son Samuel, who carried that same mantle for decades afterward. When asked how his father received such authority in prayer, Samuel Howells answered through tears, “The Lord’s servant was possessed by God.” Let that be your cry now: Lord, possess me. Give me the desperation and authority to stand in the gap in this hour of crisis.

2. Thanksgiving & Praise (1 min)

Thank God that He is sovereign over every crisis — political upheaval, natural disaster, or personal calamity — and that His judgments are always redemptive, never cruel. Praise Him as the God who shakes the heavens and the earth so that His glory may fill the whole earth (Haggai 2:6-9).

3. Pray in the Spirit (1 min)

Pray or sing in tongues, asking Holy Spirit to intercede through you with groanings that words cannot express (Romans 8:26) — the same authority and revelation that marked Rees Howells, Elijah, and the apostles in their own hours of crisis.

4. Read Scripture (1 min)

Read Ephesians 6:18 aloud, along with one of these:

- “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 NKJV)
- “In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth... and I will fill this house with glory.” (Haggai 2:6-9 NIV)
- “The Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.” (Romans 8:26 NIV)

5. Focused Intercession — Praying in Times of Crisis (3 min)

Discern which kind of storm is before you, and respond accordingly:

- Storms of God's judgment — cry out for mercy, confessing personal and generational sin
- Storms of dark, demonic attack — stand in authority, rebuke the enemy, and remain steadfast in faith
- Storms of the consequences of sin — enter identificational repentance, asking forgiveness for sins not your own, following the model of Daniel, Nehemiah, and Esther

Whatever the crisis — the toppling of governments, hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, or the upheaval of nations — pray:

- For God's mercy to be released, and for His judgments to prove redemptive rather than destructive
- For leaders and nations to humble themselves and turn to Him
- For provision, protection, and comfort over all who are suffering
- For the Church to rise up in corporate, united intercession, as the early Church did when the building shook and believers were filled with boldness (Acts 4:29-31)
- For a Rees Howells-caliber anointing of revelation and authority to rest on today's intercessors, so that, as in the Munich crisis before World War II, God's people will know how and when to pray, and will recognize the moment the victory has been won

6. Declaration & Prayer (1.5 min)

Pray this declaration aloud:

"In the name of Jesus, we stand in the gap for every nation and every crisis before us. Lord, possess us with Your Spirit as You possessed Rees Howells and Samuel Howells before us. Give us revelation and authority to know how to pray. Whether the storm is a shaking of governments, the rage of a hurricane, the violence of a tornado, or a fire that threatens to consume — we call on Your mercy. Bend every proud ruler as You bent nations in crises past. Comfort every family, protect every community, and let Your redemptive judgment bring forth the spotless Bride You are preparing. We will not stop praying until we see Your Kingdom come and Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. In Jesus' holy name, Amen."

7. Final Thanksgiving (0.5 min)

Close with praise, thanking God that He has invited us to be co-laborers with Him in every crisis, and that He rules — even now, even here. Amen and Amen.

Total runtime: ~8 minutes

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