

THE BELIEVER'S COVENANT OF REPENTANCE AND PRAYER

Living in First Love Obedience and Power *by Dr. Gregory Frizzell*

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It is important to understand that the commitments in this covenant are more than just some nice sounding prayers. **They reflect the seven essential elements of fully empowered Christians.** The prayers represent the key areas in which we are to grow for the rest of our lives. Prayerfully consider the essential commitments and the scriptures from which they flow. You may consider all seven in your daily quiet time or simply reflect on a different one each day. By so doing, we freshly surrender all major areas to God every week. May we daily return to God in obedient, Spirit-filled living.

SEVEN POINTS OF OBEDIENCE FOR EMPOWERED CHRISTIANS

1. Lord Jesus, You are worthy of my deepest love and continual worship. I confess and repent of any ways my first love, passion, service, or worship have become lukewarm, routine, or ritual. By Your grace and Spirit, I covenant to love You with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. I will faithfully worship and serve You through my church.

(Matthew 15:8, 22:37; John 4:23-24; Ephesians 5:18; Hebrews 10:25, 13:15; Revelation 2:1-4, 3:15-19)

2. Blessed Lord, thank You for the grace to live daily in Your closeness, fullness, and power. I confess and repent of any neglect in personal prayer, Scripture reading, or Holy Spirit empowerment. By Your grace and Spirit, I will spend quality time in Your word and prayer for close listening to Your voice.

(Psalm 119:11; Proverbs 11:30; John 8:31-32, 15:4-16, 17:3; Ephesians 5:18; James 5:16-18)

3. God, because You are holy, I desire to revere You in ever-deeper holiness. I confess and repent of any neglect of daily love, spiritual cleansing, moral purity, godly relationships and denying self. By Your grace and Spirit, I commit to deep daily cleansing, ongoing repentance, and full yielding to Christ's Lordship. I covenant to grow as a disciple and a discipler of others.

(Leviticus 10:3; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Ecclesiastes 12:13; Matthew 16:24; John 14:15; 2 Corinthians 7:1; Hebrews 12:14; 1 Peter 1:6, 4:17)

4. Lord Jesus, thank You for grace to love and seek reconciliation toward all. I confess and forsake any ignoring of damaged or inappropriate relationships in my present and past. I covenant to fully forgive all who have offended me and seek forgiveness from all I have offended. By Your grace and Spirit, I will seek to walk in deep love and unity with my family, friends, and all I encounter in daily life.

(John 13:34-35; Matthew 5:23-24, 6:14-15, 17:20-22, 18:35; Hebrews 12:14; 1 John 4:7-11)

5. Lord God, thank You for the power to build my family and relationships on the rock of Christ. I confess and forsake any failure to read Scripture and pray with and for my family. By Your grace and Spirit, we will regularly pray together and abide in your word. (If single,) I will pray regularly with a godly growth and accountability partner.

(Matthew 5:24, 21:18; Ephesians 5:24-6:4; 1 Peter 3:7)

6. Father God, I praise You for the power and privilege of being a witness for Jesus. I confess and repent of any failure to pray for global missions and lost souls. I repent of any negligence in sharing my faith. By Your grace and Spirit, I covenant to pray daily for the lost and to witness the gospel of Christ. I will boldly live out and proclaim the love and fear of the Lord.

(Habakkuk 2:14; Matthew 28:18-19; Mark 8:38; Acts 1:8)

7. Lord Jesus, I praise You for Your power to sweep the world in revival and spiritual awakening. I confess and repent of any failure to pray for a revived holy Church, spiritual awakening and God's glory to cover the earth. By Your grace and Spirit, I will daily pray for revival and spiritual awakening, for persecuted believers, and for salvation to sweep Israel and the Middle East.

(Psalm 85:6-7; Joel 2:28; Habakkuk 2:14; Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 13:1-3; Psalm 122:6)

LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH OF GOD FAMILY,

It is obvious that our nation is in dire need of healing and restoration. The open wickedness and turmoil being displayed, from the streets of our cities to the halls of Washington DC, are the symptoms of years of rebellion and the forsaking of God and biblical values. If we are to see our nation turn to God and honor His commands again, *(we)* His church must first repent of our own sins and failures and then repent on behalf of the sins of America.

Ezekiel 22:30-31 (AMP),

³⁰ I searched for a man among them who would build up the wall **and stand in the gap before Me for [the sake of] the land**, that I would not destroy it, but I found no one. ³¹ Therefore I have poured out My indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; I have repaid their way *[by bringing it]* upon their own heads," says the Lord GOD.

In *Ezekiel 22*, the difference between blessing and judgment was for someone to make up the hedge; stand in the gap! The Lighthouse Church of God is stepping forward and saying, "...**here am I; send me.**" (*Isaiah 6:8*)

Beginning today thru Saturday, September 26th, which is the day of *The Return Prayer Gathering* in Washington DC, our plan is to:

1. Commit to Fast and Pray every Saturday *(or one day a week)* during the month of September.
2. Use the **Seven Points of Obedience for Empowered Christians** outline as a guide to prayer and repent.
3. Join in a corporate week of Fasting and Prayer beginning Monday, Sept 21st thru Saturday, Sept 26th.
4. Take part in The Return Prayer Gathering some way on Saturday, Sept 26th via internet or local prayer meeting, etc.
5. Register to vote. You can register online at www.prayvotestand.com

Thank you for your support. You can contact me if you have any questions or comments as we move forward together, reclaiming America the Beautiful for our Lord!

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