

CHOWKND

OF PRAYER & FASTING

GUIDE & PRAYER BOOKLET

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14



A WORD FROM BISHOP SCOTTY POOLE

In Joel 1:14 the Lord directs Joel to proclaim a fast and call for the leaders and people to gather in the house of the Lord to pray to the Lord. The situation Israel found itself in was one that was in dire need with the land and the people drifting away from God. But if the people gathered to pray and to fast the Lord will be jealous for His land and have pity and answer His people. (2:18-19)

God is calling us to do the same. Our people, churches, and nations are facing many trials, temptations, and lack of concern for God's leadership. It is time to gather to pray and fast. This time is not just for the blessing to the CHC but is a time we set aside to cry out to God for our nation, all churches and all people. We can effect change throughout our nation when we come together to pray and fast because God is faithful. This time is about God and our opportunity to serve Him together.

Friday, May 17 is set aside as the CHC Day of Fasting. I ask that you spend that day or some portion of that day in prayer and fasting, individually. On Saturday, May 18, I am asking that every local CH Church open for a time of prayer from 7-8pm. Then on Sunday May 19 at 6pm we all come together for a solemn assembly by joining together at each of our District Tabernacles (or other District Location set by District Superintendent) to spend time in prayer. We are coming together to be obedient to God and to intercede for our nation, fellow brother and sisters in Christ, and for one another trusting that God will accomplish what He desires from this time of prayer and fasting. Always remember:

We are Better Together!

PRAYER FOCUS POINTS

Below is the prayer focus of our time of Prayer and Fasting. The prayer and fasting focus are developed on the bases of Ezra 8 and Nehemiah 1 & 8. In Ezra 8:21-23 is direction for our fast as we seek the right way to go for today and the future and the provision for the journey to be provided by God. From Nehemiah 1 & 8 the prayer focus points are developed. The focus is R.E.N.E.W.A. L. with each letter of the renewal representing a specific area of prayer. Use this as a guide when you are praying individually, as a local body, and as a corporate body. Scripture is given with each focus point that can be used in directing the prayer. As always allow the Holy Spirit to be the leader in prayer time.

As we focus on these points for prayer and fasting, we can trust that the prayer of unity will move God on our's and our nation's behalf to bring a Spiritual Renewal to the Church, the nation, and the world.



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NEHEMIAH

Report from Jerusalem

1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachabiah.
Now it happened in the month of Chislew, in the twentieth year, as I was in Susa the capital, that Hanani, one of my brothers, came with certain men from Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews who escaped, and concerning the walls, and concerning the place which they said to me, "The remnant who had survived..."

Nehemiah Sent to Judah

2 In the month of Nisan, in the year of King Artaxerxes, when I was before him, I took up the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad in his presence. And the king said to me, "Why is your face sad, seeing you are not sick? This is not the place for sadness of the heart." Then I said to the king, "I am much afraid. I said to the king, 'Why should I live forever? Why should I see the place of my fathers when the city is in ruins, and its gates are broken down?' Then the king said to me, 'What do you desire?'"

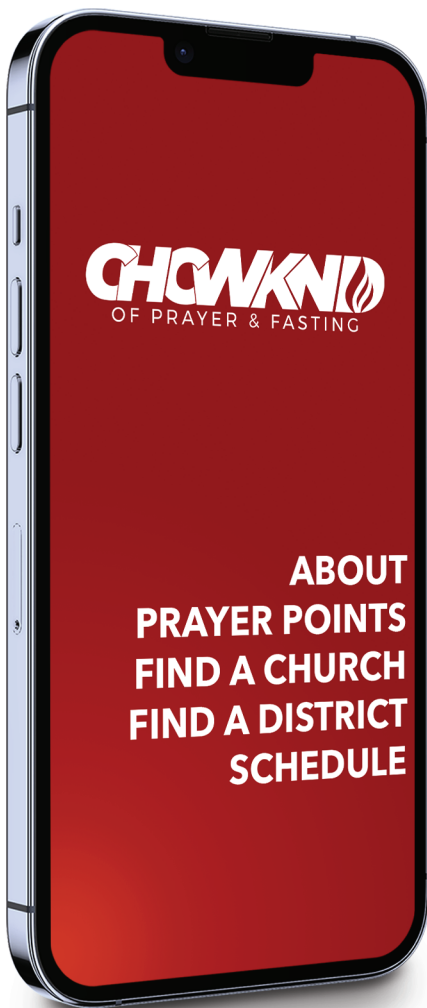
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