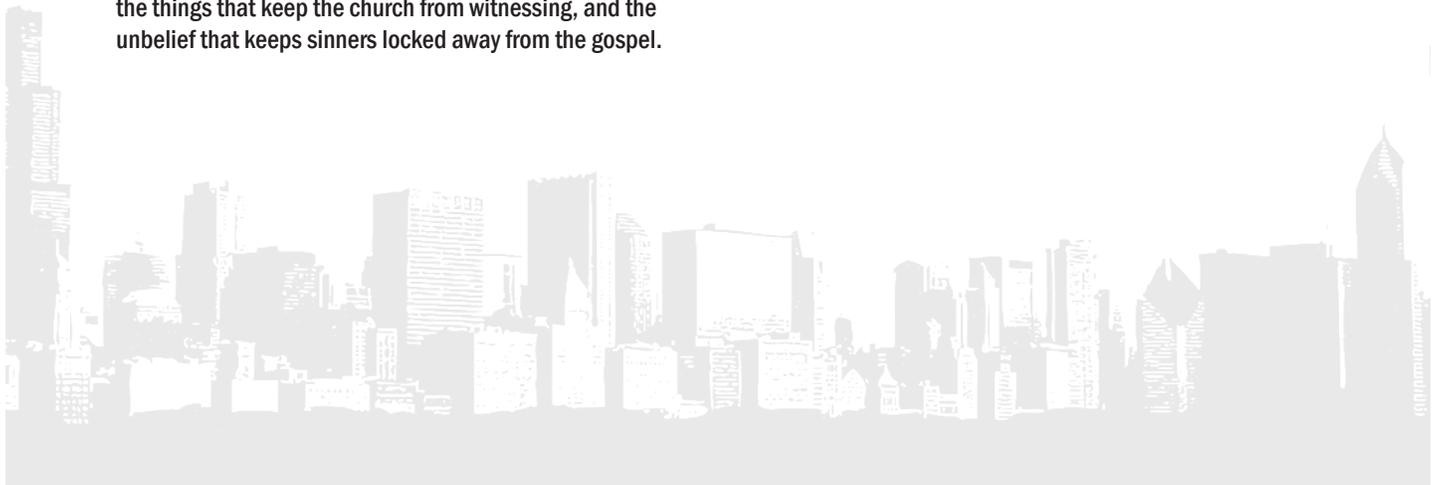


PRAYING FOR THE SHAKING, FILLING, BOLDNESS, UNITY, AND POWER OF A SPIRIT-FILLED CHURCH

When they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness. And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own, but all things were common property to them. And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all (Acts 4:31-33 NASB).

- 1 Please pray that God's Spirit will so powerfully move in the church that everything related to the ways of the world, the flesh, and the devil will be shaken loose, exposed, and repented of by Christians who are experiencing God's reviving power in their lives (Ephesians 2:2-3; Acts 4:31).
- 2 "Since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken," pray that Christians all over the world will gratefully "offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe" (Hebrews 12:28).
- 3 Even as Ezekiel spoke of a day of judgment against Israel during which every person on earth will shake at God's presence, pray that all of us will shake under the realization that we are still accountable to a holy God (Ezekiel 38:20-23).
- 4 Pray that the people of your community who are spiritually asleep will be shaken out of their slumber, will "arise from the dead," and will allow the light of Christ's gospel to shine into their hearts (Ephesians 5:14).
- 5 With today's world system constantly encouraging us to live in our own fleshly power and strength, pray that every Christian you know will have their self-confidence so shaken that they turn back to a state of total dependence on God (Philippians 3:3; Zechariah 4:6).
- 6 When Paul and Silas were imprisoned in Philippi, God shook loose everything that kept them from their public ministry and everything that kept the jailer locked in unbelief (Acts 16:25-30). Pray that God will shake loose the things that keep the church from witnessing, and the unbelief that keeps sinners locked away from the gospel.
- 7 Pray that Christians will stop thinking they are not good enough to be filled with the Holy Spirit, but will repentantly humble themselves before God and trust that this is God's plan for their lives (Acts 4:31; Ephesians 5:18).
- 8 Pray that your Christian friends will learn to walk in the Spirit just as they received Him into their lives, by faith. Pray that they will lay down the thought that Christian maturity comes through keeping the law (Galatians 3:2, 5).
- 9 Pray that your church family will not foolishly try to serve God by doing religious deeds in the flesh, but will understand what the will of the Lord is and serve Him through the power of the Spirit (Ephesians 5:17-18).
- 10 Pray that every Christian in your community will minister in the Spirit by "speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs," singing and making melody with their hearts to the Lord, always giving thanks for all things in the name of the Lord Jesus (Ephesians 5:19-20).
- 11 Pray that your church family will learn to pray at all times in the Spirit and will "be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints" living in your community (Ephesians 6:18).
- 12 Since the Holy Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God, pray that Christians will look to Him to strengthen their prayer lives as He so often helps our weakness when we do not know how to pray as we should (Romans 8:26-27).



- 13** Since Jesus has qualified us to come into God's presence through His shed blood, pray that we will do so boldly, praying according to God's will with great confidence that He will hear and answer our prayers (Hebrews 10:19-23).
- 14** Pray that your Christian friends will purpose to always enter God's presence in prayer with a clear conscience, especially since our bold confidence before God is dependent on our hearts not condemning us (1 John 3:21-22).
- 15** Just as Paul was encouraged by God's presence, pray that your church family will not be afraid to share the gospel, but will be bold in their witness because of God's abiding presence (Acts 18:9-10).
- 16** Paul found boldness in his ministry as God reminded him that there were many other believers living in the city in which he was ministering (Acts 18:10). Pray that the members of your church family will recognize that they are not alone and will be bold in their stand for Christ.
- 17** Since preaching the whole counsel of the Word of God requires great boldness, pray that your pastor will not shrink back from declaring any spiritual truth (Acts 20:20).
- 18** Pray that your church family will not do anything from selfishness or foolish pride, but will follow Christ with the same mind, maintain the same love, and stand united in spirit (Philippians 2:2-3).
- 19** Knowing the negative power of disunity, pray that the body of Christ in your city will be free from division and will reflect to all what it looks like to "be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment" in Christ Jesus (1 Corinthians 1:10, 13).
- 20** Just as Jesus prayed for His followers to be one with Him and the Father, please pray for the unity of believers within your city, since by this picture of oneness the world will believe that the Father sent His Son (John 17:21).
- 21** Pray that churches across America will understand that God encourages diversity within the body of Christ, but He abhors division (1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 12).
- 22** Pray that your church family will minister together with humility, gentleness, and patience, showing tolerance for each other in love, diligently preserving the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:2-3).
- 23** Pray that every person within your congregation will "attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13).
- 24** Pray that all over your community, Christians will be diligent in putting on love, "which is the perfect bond of unity" (Colossians 3:14).
- 25** Just as the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, pray that every Christian living in your neighborhood will do the same (Acts 4:33).
- 26** Pray that your pastor's messages will be the same as Paul declared his preaching to be, not with "persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power" (1 Corinthians 2:4).
- 27** Since the power of God working in us is the source through which every good work God calls us to do is accomplished, pray that He will continually be glorified by doing far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think (Ephesians 3:20-21).
- 28** Believing that the word of the cross is the power of God to those who are being saved, pray that those who are perishing because of their rejection of the gospel will be set free to see the truth of Christ's sacrificial love (1 Corinthians 1:18).
- 29** As the lost around you are being drawn to Christ, pray that their faith will not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God that can truly set them free from their sin (1 Corinthians 2:5).
- 30** Realizing that some "churches" are nothing more than religious social clubs defined by their words, pray that the reality of Christ's presence within your church family will be evidenced by His power at work within your midst (1 Corinthians 4:20).
- 31** Pray for your lost neighbors to be saved—to place their faith in the saving work of Jesus, the One who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness (Romans 1:4).