



God has called us to keep praying, not to stop just because our group consecration period is over.

Ephesians 6:14-20; Mark 13:37

We don't only hear and read the Word; we also speak and pray the Word. Prayer is an essential part of our armor. In prayer, God will give us discernment, to watch. We ought to speak boldly, and to pray for each other to speak boldly.

2 Chronicles 7:12-14

- "When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain"* (v.13). When there is no rain, there are famines and wildfires, exactly like we have seen in California and Australia recently.
- "or command the locust to devour the land"* (v.13). Currently, there are billions of locusts swarming in East Africa and South Asia, causing starvation.
- "or send pestilence among my people"* (v.13). There is pestilence among our people: From COVID-19 alone, there are over 200,000 confirmed deaths. It has sent the global economy into a recession and affected almost everyone worldwide.
- In all this, God has placed the responsibility on us believers: to humble ourselves, pray, seek His face, and turn from the ways that are not like Him. The answer is in God! We have to keep praying; we cannot give up.

Things are not going to be the same. Every one of God's people will have to stand individually, not only as a group. Obey the law of the land AND hear God. To people who are not believers, the message is accept Jesus into your heart as your Lord and as your Savior. For those who are believers, we must live in 2 Chronicles 7:14.

Matthew 24:3-14, 36

The things we see in our world today are part of the birth pangs talked about in Matthew 24. Just as birth pangs, contractions, are signs that a baby is coming, the famine, pestilence, wars, and natural disasters we see today are portentous of Jesus's return. There is a purpose to all these tumultuous events. Jesus is coming back! Just as there is always uncertainty when the baby will actually come, only the Father in heaven knows when Jesus will return.

Romans 8:18-23 NLT

Know that whatever suffering you or others may be going through is nothing in comparison to the glory soon coming. The earth and all of creation is waiting for the children of God to manifest—to reveal who we really are, boldly bringing souls to Christ. Our bodies will soon be released from sin and suffering.

Isaiah 26:17-18 NASB; Philippians 1:9-10 NLT

We must heed God's call to be the light to the world that is suffering right now. We can help by putting on our armor, praying without stopping, and following God's call in 2 Chronicles 7:14. We don't know how long it will be until Jesus returns, but as long as He tarries, we have a job to do. God is using the circumstances of the world today as a wake-up call for the church. It's time to stop going from side to side, wavering in our faith. As the Scripture says, understand what really matters: live pure and blameless lives until the day of Jesus's return (Philippians 1:9-19).