

SERMON
A Prayer for Revival
Psalm 85

How do we pray for revival?

1. Remember God’s past faithfulness (v. 1-3)

OLD TESTAMENT TEXT
Psalm 85

To The Choirmaster. A Psalm Of the Sons Of Korah.

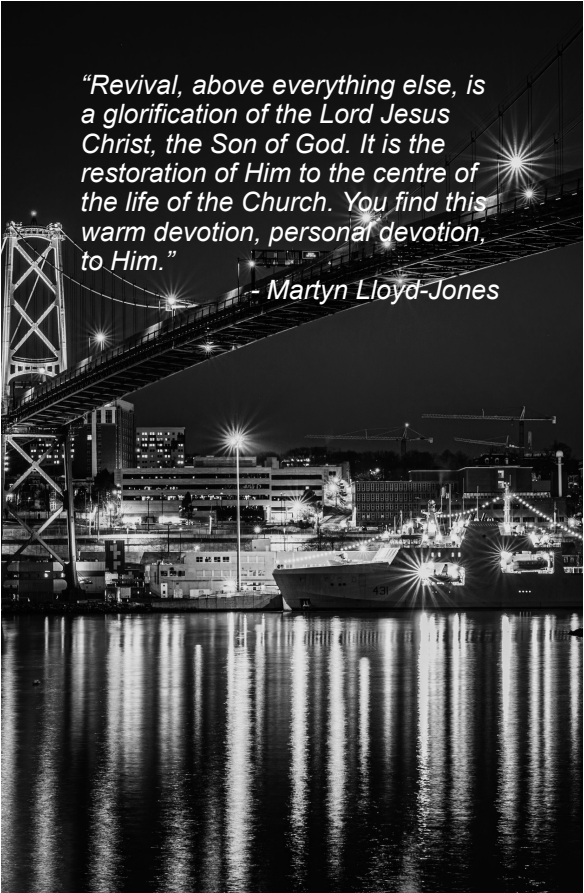
- ¹ Lord, you were favourable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
² You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin. *Selah*
³ You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.

- ⁴ Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!
⁵ Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
⁶ Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?
⁷ Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

- ⁸ Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.
⁹ Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.

- ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
¹¹ Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.
¹² Yes, the Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
¹³ Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.

3. Believe in God’s future promises (v. 8-13)



*“Revival, above everything else, is
a glorification of the Lord Jesus
Christ, the Son of God. It is the
restoration of Him to the centre of
the life of the Church. You find this
warm devotion, personal devotion,
to Him.”*

— Martyn Lloyd-Jones

**BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

September 6, 2026
Rev. Jim Poopalapillai
www.bedfordpca.org
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Welcome to Bedford Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us today. We envision a church worshipping with joy, loving each other with compassion and reaching out to the world with grace and justice.

CHILDREN

There is no Children's ministry on Sundays when the Lord's Supper is celebrated. Downstairs there is an unstaffed nursery and a separate room for nursing mothers.

UPCOMING

English Conversation Group

Wednesday, September 9, 12:45 p.m., meeting at the church.

Church Building Work Day

Saturday, September 12, 9:30 a.m. The day will be spent caring for, maintaining and improving our church building. Tasks include painting, organizing, cleaning and doing minor repairs. Lunch will be included. Please let Dina know if you plan to come.

Bedford Presbyterian's 50th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, September 26: 5:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner
Sunday, September 27: 10 a.m. Morning Service followed
by dessert and history of the
church

Sunday, September 27: 5 p.m. Evening Service

RSVP by September 19 at bedfordpca.org/50th

**For the Anniversary we are in need of your church
photos! Please share them with Peter Bustin**

Church-Wide Retreat

On October 16-17th at Malagash Bible Camp we will be hosting a church retreat. All are welcome. We will have times of bible teaching, activities and fellowship. Registration is live, check your inbox!

Discipleship Groups

Information will be sent out this week over email!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Family of the week: Serhii and Viktoriia Kalinchenko and their children Oleh and Vladyslav.

HOW TO GIVE

E-transfer to bedfordpca@gmail.com

LIVE TRANSLATION



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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvellous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.

People: **The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the
sight of the nations.**

Leader: He has remembered his steadfast love and
faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends
of the earth have seen the salvation of our
God.

People: **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the
earth; break forth into joyous song and
sing praises!**

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!

People: **With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the
LORD!**

—Psalm 98:1-6

HYMN OF PRAISE

Worship Christ the Risen King

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 4:1-6

4 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a
manner worthy of the calling to which you have been
called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience,
bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the
unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one
body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the
one hope that belongs to your call— 5 one Lord, one
faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is
over all and through all and in all.

CALL TO REPENTANCE

Based on New Testament reading

SONG OF REFLECTION

Psalm 4

CONFESSION OF SIN

People: Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to
be your people.

You have called us to be the church, to
continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our
lonely and confused world.

Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic
than active, isolated than involved, callous
than compassionate, obstinate than
obedient, legalistic than loving.

Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and
forgive our sins.

Remove the obstacles preventing us from
being your representatives to a broken
world.

Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of
your indwelling Spirit.

This we pray in Jesus’ powerful name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Since we have now been justified by his blood,
how much more shall we be saved from God’s
wrath through him!

—Romans 5:8-9

SONGS OF RENEWAL

O Come to the Altar

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

GOSPEL READING

Luke 8:22-25

22 One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he
said to them, “Let us go across to the other side of the
lake.” So they set out, 23 and as they sailed he fell asleep.
And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were
filling with water and were in danger. 24 And they went
and woke him, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!”
And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging
waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm. 25 He
said to them, “Where is your faith?” And they were afraid,
and they marvelled, saying to one another, “Who then is
this, that he commands even winds and water, and they
obey him?”

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND CITY

Prayer for ISMC and prayer for the Kalinchenko Family

THE LORD’S PRAYER

People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be
thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be
done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

SERMON

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PROFESSING OUR FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

THE LORD’S SUPPER

CLOSING HYMN

10,000 Reasons

BENEDICTION

Leader: 16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and
God our Father, who loved us and gave us
eternal comfort and good hope through
grace, 17 comfort your hearts and establish them
in every good work and word.

— 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17:7

DISMISSAL

Leader: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who
love our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

