

Thursday 4th June 2020

Good morning!

Praying today for **rescue** and **revival**, using two great prayers from the Bible:

1) For **Rescue**

King Hezekiah and his people were facing a grave and imminent threat from God's enemies. His famous prayer:

- starts in humility
- acknowledges who God is
- gives praise to God
- acknowledges the seriousness of the threat
- reminds himself of God's power
- cries out for deliverance
- seeks for God to get all the glory
- longs for others to come to know God

Ask the Lord what 'grave and imminent threat(s)' to pray about - whether it relates to you, your family, your community or further afield.

Then 'spread it out before the Lord' and pray with Hezekiah!

2 Kings 19:14-19

*14 After Hezekiah received the letter from the messengers and read it, he went up to the Lord's Temple and **spread it out before the Lord**. 15 And Hezekiah prayed this prayer before the Lord: "O Lord, God of Israel, you are enthroned between the mighty cherubim! **You alone are God** of all the kingdoms of the earth. You alone created the heavens and the earth. 16 Bend down, O Lord, and **listen!** Open your eyes, O Lord, and see! Listen to Sennacherib's words of defiance against the living God.*

*17 "It is true, Lord, that the kings of Assyria have destroyed all these nations. 18 And they have thrown the gods of these nations into the fire and burned them. But of course the Assyrians could destroy them! They were not gods at all—only idols of wood and stone shaped by human hands. 19 Now, O Lord our God, **rescue us** from his power; then **all the kingdoms of the earth will know that you alone, O Lord, are God.**"*

2) For **Revival**

Habakkuk's prayer for revival is a fitting prayer for any family, community, church, or nation.

Habakkuk 3:2 - pray it aloud in these different versions:

*"Lord, I have heard of your fame;
I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord.*

*Repeat them in our day,
in our time make them known;
in wrath remember mercy." (NIV)*

*"I have heard all about you, Lord.
I am filled with awe by your amazing works.*

*In this time of our deep need,
help us again as you did in years gone by.*

*And in your anger,
remember your mercy." (NLT)*

*"God, I've heard what our ancestors say about You,
and I'm stopped in my tracks, down on my knees.*

Do among us what You did among them.

Work among us as you worked among them." (The Message)