

“SEEKING, HEARING, AND HEEDING GOD!”
DAY OF PRAYER CONCERNING HURRICANE SEASON
June 6, 2010

“Seek the peace [shalom—multi-faceted well-being] of the city where I have sent you...., and pray to the Lord on its behalf; for in its peace you will have peace [well-being].”

Jeremiah 29:7

Jeremiah 29:7 gives God’s instructions to His people at a time when they were under His chastening judgment in Babylon. He sent them there. He called them to seek and pray for the well-being of **the place in which He placed them**. Jeremiah 18:7-11 tells of God’s willingness to chasten *or* to restore. As we seek we must be ready to hear and heed what God says. In our state and nation, we are experiencing a measure of God’s chastening—more as we ignore His signals—as churches and as a nation. His calls continue ... through His Word, through fellow believers, and through circumstances, including calamities—storms, floods, fires, earthquakes, economic turmoil... The well-known verse, 2 Chronicles 7:14 about God healing a land is **connected** to verse 13 which says, “If I shut up heaven so that there is no rain, or if I ... [do other things], or if I send pestilence among My people, **and My people**... humble themselves and pray... seek My face.... turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear... forgive... heal their land.” We see evidence of God speaking in our day. It is time to hear, heed, and pray. **Use these 7 pointers as you pray...**

1. **Humble Honesty.** Ask God to show you (individually and as a church) any sin. Repent. Do the right thing. Thank Him for forgiveness (1 John 1:7-9).
2. **Admit Needs in Your Community.** Seek God for His “shalom” where you live. Ultimately that means people coming to personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior—how many problems that would solve in the heart, the home, the workplace, in businesses and in the

halls of government. Pray for the work of His Spirit, convicting of sin, righteousness, and the judgment to come (John 16:8-11; Acts 24:25). Pray for **specific** people **you** know who need a personal relationship to Jesus. Ask God to work. Look for open doors to share.

3. **Hurricanes.** Ask God for His Mercy this Hurricane Season and for wisdom and grace for all involved in **Disaster Relief** preparations and efforts. **Pray** for mercy, but don’t presume and fail to **prepare**. Remember, the norm is hurricanes. An out-of-the-ordinary calm season would be the kindness of God.
4. **Haiti—Pray for those in Haiti** currently involved in ongoing Disaster Relief and for a calm Hurricane Season there. The **need** is particularly critical **this** year.
5. **Spiritual Awakening.** Ask God for His peace, His Shalom in our Nation. Pray for our nation—for each heart—to turn “*from its evil*” and reform its ways and deeds (Jeremiah 18:8, 11). Pray for a turning to God. Included in turning is obedience to God about righteousness in government, education, business, and ministry... every area of society (Proverbs 14:34). Pray for spiritually healthy churches to share the message of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. **Make Disciples.** Be Ready to share with those God brings across your path. Look for Divine Appointments to speak the truth of who Jesus is and what Jesus says.
6. **Pray concerning the oil spill situation in the Gulf and its possible impact on Florida.**
7. **Give Thanks.** Be Ready to Thank God and Praise Him for how He answers—either way... by faith.

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