

NTA National Week of Prayer and Fasting August 2026

The Great Awakening!

Key scriptures

Isaiah 60.1-5 NIV

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

² See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the LORD rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.

³ Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ "Lift up your eyes and look about you:
All assemble and come to you;
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters are carried on the hip.

⁵ Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,
to you the riches of the nations will come.

Acts 12.24 NIV

But the word of God continued to spread and flourish.

Sunday 16th August

His glorious rising and His eventual return

Father God, we thank you for an opportunity to respond to this time of great awakening - a time to **Grow, Glow and Go** in accordance with Isaiah 60.

The word declares "For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth."

2 Corinthians 13.8 NASB

Both the faithful and the unfaithful, the lovers and haters of Christ, the awake and the slumbered in their own ways advance and promote the light of the gospel truth with or without intention.

*In John 12.32, The Father Himself **lifted** His son Jesus UP!*

*In John 8.28, the Pharisees intention was to put Jesus down BUT ended up **lifting** Him up TOO*

*Today , let's **LIFT** Him up intentionally with our praise and worship, the fruit of our mind and lips.*

Praise Him and ponder on His less familiar titles that describe His brilliant glory above:

*The Day Star that will arise in our heart **2nd Peter 1.19.***

*The Excellent Glory **2 Peter 1.17***

*The God in whose light we see light currently **Psalms 36.9***

*The Father of all lights in whom there is no shadow of turning **James 1.17***

*The faithful God who gave light before the creation of the sun and who will be our light in a city that needs no sun in the life to come **Genesis 1.3, Rev 21.23***

*The maker of the bright stars who counts and names them one by one. **Psalms 147.4-5***

*The Returning King who will first raise the dead before the living and catch us up together in the clouds in what will be the **GREATEST AWAKENING***

1 Thessalonians 4.16-17.

The firstborn from the dead who first descended before He ascended taking captivity captive and giving gifts to men.

Praise Him as the God who does not just do the impossible but also the unlikely for the unliked and unpopular, the routine in an unsearchable manner

Ask that He re-enacts His moves in Genesis 1 by moving over dark places, void and without form and speaking light through and for you, putting safe boundaries between you and the dark, deep influences of our age. Our core text in Isaiah 60.2 mentions a darkness covering the earth but a **THICK LAYER OF DARKNESS** over the people. Functionally, in thick darkness there is little difference between the blind and those with good eyesight – both will stumble.

Father, if the foundation be shaky, what shall the righteous do? (Psalm 11.3). What shall well-intentioned, nice people do? We confess Lord like our saviour that we can do NOTHING by and of ourselves (John 5.30)

Remind Him of His intentions in Isaiah 60 to cause us to arise and shine.

Monday 17th August

Our glorious rising

In the discourse of the great awakening, there are various journey states we observe in the word

***Being** in a state of rest and asleep. I sleep but my heart is awake Songs of Solomon 5.2, Jesus in the storm Mathew 8.23-27*

***Being** asleep without being at rest. Jonah en route Tarshish against God's will*

***Being** awake as well as not being at rest. Paul's fellow passengers heading in the shipwreck (Acts 27), Peter fishing at night (John 21.3)*

Have you found yourself in any of these states recently?

Pray for the effectual grace to master Jesus' command to possess our souls with patience (Luke 21.19) in life's pressing circumstances.

Whatever we see Him do, you can do things through John 5.19

Let us acknowledge what the Lord has done for and through us in times when we were not alert or fully awakened to Him in the past. The riches of His glory at work while we were not fully conscious of His presence and glory. Even at the most alert of times, His ways are unsearchable and ahead of us. Pray over these grace scenarios

*God putting Adam deeply sedating Adam to bring forth a Helper. **Pray for all** those seeking help and ultimately help from The Helper of us all -The Holy Spirit! **Pray that** we will not sabotage, quench or grieve Him in our conscious state of restlessness. Declare in line with the "Way Maker" worship song or any other melody He inspires you with – "even though we can't see it, You're working, even though we can't see it, You're working, you never stop, you never stop working".*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJCV_2H9xD0&list=RDjJCV_2H9xD0&start_radio

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Pray for the ability to meekly accept the easy yokes and light burden Jesus offers in place of weary and worn living patterns we may have adopted in our walk.

Solomon's life was blessed by God on the basis of a dream encounter he had while asleep.

Jacob's dubious path was restored by The Lord in a dream he only recognised when he woke up. **Pray for the grace** to not only see trouble far ahead but opportunities too (Jeremiah 17.6). **Pray for** profitable learnings and night vision in life's moments of hiding, hurt (mental and physical), hibernation and heaviness.

Pray for the great awakening of the people we represent as priests and believers.

Whose names do you bear on your breastplate (Exodus 28.21)

Pray and ponder on what the impact our rise and shining will have on people in our circle of influence and service.

Pray over these categories of people that will be awakened and come to the brightness of our rising. These are based on people that were miraculously awakened from the dead by The Lord or His Apostles.

The Lazarus circle. The friends, the frequent and familiar of Jesus - our friends, and neighbours

The Eutychus circle. Those on the fringes of church and faith that have a long way to go but are at risk of falling a long way down, the back benchers, the undecided young finding their way in church and the world.

The Rhoda circle. The frontliners in our society/community that may or may not know the Lord, the overtasked that could be neglecting themselves, the hidden and unseen pillars of society yet to discover the rest of the Lord, the upright who have done all but embrace the goodness of God in Christ.

The Nain widow circle The firstborns (1 Chronicles 5.1-2, Romans 11.16), the first and final hope and promise of longsuffering parents or project/charity/business/ministry founders that need awakening from the dead or strengthening (Revelation 3.2).

The Jairus' daughter circle. The Fervent in old religion (Galatians 2.2), establishment and class – the Zaccheus' of our times, those at the opposite end of

the spectrum to the widow of Nain that still need salvation and support in spite of their social standing.

Tuesday 18th August

Satan's reckoning and reproach - the downfall of Lucifer

In the book of Luke 10.1-23 Jesus commissioned those outside of the established 12 to take the fight to the enemy and made him fall like lightening (Luke 10.18)

Let us pray for a new understanding and acknowledgment of the people outside of traditional ministry remit - The Lord's reserve army, His reinforcement and other 7000 faithfuls (1 Kings 19.18). Ask for activation of the workings of the Holy Spirit in their lives. May their arising bring about routine downfalls of Satan (Luke 10.18).

Pray for routine victory over Satan's blindspots and ignorance:

As we progress in our time of awakening and arising, lets pray for the longstanding things that need to be put down, crucified and put to death in our members -the acts that will keep us hidden in Him and unspotted by the world in which Satan rules.

Satan quest for victims in the scriptures was thwarted by God's grace in the lives of those that were dead to the world's sensuality and impulses. Anticipate His ability and willingness to do it again in the lives of those we stand for:

Paul escaped from stoning by playing dead Acts 14.19-21

The man saved by the Good Samaritan was left for dead but was not dead! Luke 10.30

David played mad (and consciously took leave of his normal senses) and escaped the hand of the enemy in 1 Samuel 21.13

Pray for easy discernment against satanic or puffed-up human appearances appearing as angelic, fellowships and congregations simply looking for something vain, new ideas (Acts 17.19).

Ask for a mind that departs from error and false dawn quickly and deals with victims of the same in a gentle but uncompromising manner. The cost of being deceived as a victim is steep. (1 Tim 2.14, Job 31.9)

Wednesday 19th August

His radiance, our reflection

1. The Lord who calls us to consecrate ourselves took the initiative of first doing himself. He rarely gives a command that He has not first carried out Himself. Please see John 17.19 where He readied himself, even without SIN, for what was ahead. Our acts of sanctification are for The Lord but impact those around us too (John 17.19)- our acts are not exactly neutral in the spirit.

Let us ask Him to take our lives and let them be consecrated unto Him! Not merely on the odd occasion but in every moment possible. May our lights not go dim or be snuffed out by ourselves, the enemy or by You precious Lord (Revelation 2.5) Amen. The lights must not go out verse.

Pray for the ability to stand and withstand in the days of waiting in temporary and eternal matters, perceived delays and uncertainty. Ask for a state of preparedness that will never leave us running on empty:

Father, we heed your warnings and strategies to "make it" to the end and obtain all. Like the parable of the virgins (Mathew 25.1-13) that waited for the delayed bridegroom and even fell asleep, we commit to building our capacity and conviction ahead of your visitations and your grand return.

Pray for steady growth and not hasty moves on carnal impulse, asking that our rise above will be as profound as our depth downwards. In other words, both that the seen evidence will be as credible as the unseen, inner workings away from public sight. May our growth be as The Lord's planting that takes roots downwards and bears fruit upwards (Isaiah 37.31).

Pray that the spirit of man (human spirits) which is the candle of the Lord will find their ultimate fulfilment by becoming ONE Spirit with His as expressed in 1 Corinthians 6.17.

Thursday 20th August

His Rays, our RAISE

In this season of great awakening and reflecting His glory, there will be things The Lord will do through us as we act by holy instinct and / or on holy instruction.

Let us pray based on these instructions He declares in the scripture

Lord, let those exiled in a foreign land of sin and suffering among strange men and women announce INSTINCTIVELY like the prodigal son their intention to ARISE and RETURN TO THEIR FATHER'S HOUSE! (Luke 15.18). Father, without MEANS or MONEY we declare You have made a way because You are that way. Father grant them a safe passage back home Amen.

Father even in our darkest and distant moments, we retain the supernatural ability to respond to your faintest prompting. Like a solar panel in grey and wintry times, we will still generate grace. We declare after the manner of Solomon, that *"I was asleep but my heart was awake. A voice! My beloved was knocking:* (Songs of Solomon 5.2). **Pray for progression from stagnant stages** and circular movements that wear the body and soul down.

Ask our paths in any endeavour of life shine brighter as we move intentionally in faith to the perfect day (Proverbs 4.18). Affirm to yourself that you will complete the course He has set ahead regardless of any evidence to the contrary. May our riding bring light, certainty and hope as opposed to confusion, noise and blurriness.

Ask the Lord CONFIDENTLY in mercy for more daylight, a new lease of life **within** the new life and a holy lifting- pray by name for those that have quietly resigned to a fate not of God after life's testing moments. The burden of guilt and shame can often pose as false humility and is as dangerous as conceit and ego. Lot's close shave with destruction in Genesis 19.30 affected his perspective on life post-Sodom— he lost his ROAR in a small cave in a place called ZOAR (meaning **insignificance**) leading to more affliction.

Precious Lord, You remain the giver of the rising sun and the falling rain to the just and the unjust (Mathew 5.45) in these days of drought across our land. We, your planting, look up to You awaiting the SCENT OF WATER (Job 14.9-12) that we might instinctively put forth deeper roots.

Friday 21st August

His radiance, our resemblance

Jesus gloriously declared Himself to be the light of the world (John 8.12) and then in Mathew 5.14-16 declared us to be the light of the world. Yet He also asks us to heed the warning of their being limited numbers of hours in every unique gift of "today".

Let us pray today for faithful usage of the resource and mystery of time and opportunity presented to us. Where we have misused time and opportunities due to fear, sloth or ignorance, ask for mercy and more daylight as Joshua did to complete our missions (Joshua 10.13).

From 1 Samuel 10.22, the pronounced height and stature of Saul is still dwarfed by something else - props, supplies, obstructions and equipment. **Let us take time to prayerfully consider** the *mod cons* of our age that are obstructing our showing, appearances and consistency of our walk (Hebrews 12.1)

At the time of writing in mid-August, the UK and other parts of the world were awaiting a solar eclipse where the moon blocks out the radiance of the sun. **In prayer**, let us also consider our conduct in relation to others -those in authority as well as those we lead. *Have there been times when we have been unmindful of dominating them or just overlooking their place and needs?* In the book of Job 38.2 God's challenged him on his words which unwittingly "darkened His counsel". Pray for enlightenment and pardon in areas where we may have eclipsed Him, our source or His sons and daughters causing them to stumble, leave our fellowships or friendship.

Pray for more fulfilment of His word to us as a city on a hill (Mathew 5.14-16), the exalted mountain of the Lords house that nations will flow into (Isaiah 2.2), a New Testament Goshen (Exodus 10.21-23).