Praying for the Heart of the Nation

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"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden." — Matthew 5:14



Dear friends in prayer,

November is here. The days are growing shorter, darkness is settling in, and we Icelanders light up our windows to brighten the winter gloom. There is something beautiful about seeing a light shining in a window when it is dark outside. It reminds us of warmth, hope, and life.

But behind those illuminated windows are people. People with dreams, hopes, worries, and struggles. Some enjoy joy and peace, while others face difficulties no one sees. Some have strong connections with family and friends, while others experience deep loneliness, even when surrounded by people.

And there are also the many who have never come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

What if we used November to ask God to open our eyes to the people behind the windows?

What if we asked Him to give us the same love that Jesus had for the people He encountered?

Revival, after all, is not primarily about crowded meetings, powerful music, or extraordinary events. Revival is about people: hearts awakening to life, individuals finding freedom in Christ, families being restored, and a society transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

1. When Jesus Looked at the Crowds

"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."
— Matthew 9:36

These words reveal the heart of Jesus. He did not merely see a crowd; He saw individuals. He saw their suffering, their need for hope, and the spiritual distress in which many of them lived.

Jesus did not respond with condemnation or indifference. He had compassion for the people.

Immediately afterward, He told His disciples that the harvest was plentiful but the workers were few. He therefore urged them to ask the Lord of the harvest to send workers into His harvest field.

Here we see an important connection: Compassion leads to prayer, and prayer leads to service.

We need to ask God to give us a fresh perspective on the Icelandic nation—not to see it simply as a nation that has rejected Christianity, but as individuals whom God loves and longs to have a relationship with. We need to see Iceland through the eyes of Jesus.

2. Praying for Those Struggling in Darkness

There is much in Icelandic society that calls for our prayers. We see families struggling to make ends meet. We hear of children and young people dealing with anxiety, social isolation, and emotional distress. We know of people battling addiction, broken relationships, illness, and grief.

At the same time, we live in a society where life moves quickly, distractions are constant, and many struggle to find stillness and purpose.

We do not have to look far to find someone who needs our prayers.

Isaiah 58 reminds us that genuine devotion to God includes breaking the bonds of injustice, helping those in need, and caring for people who depend on us. The chapter also contains this wonderful promise:

> *"Then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday."*
> *— Isaiah 58:10*

This is a powerful reminder for those of us taking part in Let the Lights Shine. Our prayers must not be separated from life beyond the church walls. We ask God to transform our nation, but we must also be ready to become part of the answer to our own prayers.

Perhaps someone in your neighborhood needs a visit. Perhaps a family needs practical help. Perhaps a colleague simply needs to hear that someone cares about them.

Let us pray for open eyes, open hearts, and open doors.

3. What If Revival Begins at the Kitchen Table?

When we think of spiritual revival, we often picture packed churches, people giving their lives to Jesus, and a society undergoing profound change.

And yes, that is the kind of revival we are praying for!

But what if the first signs of revival appear around the kitchen table in an Icelandic home?

When a married couple who have grown apart decide to forgive each other. When a father puts his arms around his son and tells him he loves him. When a young person who has lost hope discovers that God has not forgotten them. When someone opens the Bible for the first time and discovers that Jesus is alive.

What if revival begins with one conversation, one prayer, or one act of love?

In Acts chapter 16, we read about the jailer in Philippi who came to faith in Jesus, along with his household. God touched not only one person; the impact reached his entire family.

So let us pray especially for Icelandic homes this November: for marriages, parents, children, grandparents, single parents, and those who live alone.

Let us pray that homes throughout the country become places where God's peace reigns and Christ's love is visible.

4. Prayer Priorities for November

This month, we encourage every church and everyone involved in prayer to give special attention to the following:

a) Children and Young People in Iceland

Pray for their mental, emotional, and physical well-being, their safety, friendships, and future. Pray for schools across the country, teachers, and parents. Pray that the younger generation will come to know Jesus and discover that their lives have purpose.

b) Families and Homes

Pray for marriages, relationships, and communication within families. Remember those facing financial hardship, housing insecurity, poor health, or conflict. Pray for reconciliation, forgiveness, love, and restoration.

c) Lonely People and Those Facing Emotional Distress

Pray for older people, those who are ill, and those struggling with depression, anxiety, or addiction, as well as those who feel excluded or left out. Ask God to bring people into their lives who will offer hope, friendship, and love.

d) Leaders and Decision-Making in Society

Pray for the President of Iceland, the Alþingi (Parliament), the government, municipal authorities, and those responsible for education, healthcare, and public welfare. Pray for wisdom, justice, integrity, and decisions that contribute to the well-being of the nation. Remember Paul's instruction in 1 Timothy 2:1–2 to pray for all people and those in authority.

e) The Church—A Light and a Source of Hope in Society

Pray that Christians and congregations throughout the country will be filled with love, boldness, and the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray that we will recognize the opportunities around us and be willing to serve. Pray for visible unity among Christians, so that people will know us by our love for one another.

5. One Person—Thirty Days

We want to offer a challenge for November.

Choose one person whom, as far as you know, has not yet received Jesus Christ, and pray especially for that person every day throughout all 30 days of the month.

It could be a family member, friend, neighbor, or colleague.

Ask God to bless this person, open their heart to the gospel, and give you opportunities to show them the love of Christ in practical ways.

You do not need to pressure anyone or have all the answers. Simply be ready to love, listen, help, and share the hope you have found in Jesus.

Imagine if a thousand Christians in Iceland prayed every day for a thousand people throughout November. A thousand names brought before the throne of God, day after day!

We do not know exactly how God will answer our prayers, but we know that He hears them.

6. Keep the Light Burning!

The 24/7 prayer initiative Let the Lights Shine began on September 7. Since then, people of prayer from churches and Christian fellowships have been helping to keep the prayer going, and more people continue to join. As of this newsletter, the Prayer 24-7 calendar shows that 63% of the weekly hours are covered. Our goal is to cover the entire week in prayer.

The mission remains the same: to unite in continuous prayer for Iceland, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

We need more churches, more prayer groups, and more individuals to take part. Every hour matters. Every prayer matters.

> *"Lord, give us Your heart for our nation. Open our eyes to those who need Your love. Unite Your Church, fill us with the Holy Spirit, and use us to carry Your light into the darkness. May we not only long for revival, but also be ready to take part in what You desire to do. In Jesus' name. Amen."*
> *— Prayer*

With love and gratitude for your unity in prayer,

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