

DEEPER LIFE BIBLE CHURCH NL | SUNDAY SERMON | 18 JANUARY 2026

PLEA FOR THE OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT

Acts 1:4,5,12-14; 2:1-4

Bible Reading: Acts 2:1-42

Our theme this year is: A Growing Family. The presence and power of the Holy Spirit is indispensable for church growth. The promise of the Father, outpouring of the Spirit, is there for us to claim and experience as in the Early Church. However, we must tarry in prayer to experience the outpouring of the Spirit. Like the disciple in the Early Church, we must be united and persevere in prayer (Acts 1:14). Fervent and persevering prayer will bring the fire of the Holy Ghost. We can be baptized afresh with the Holy Ghost if we can bend our knees in prayers with burden for salvation of sinners. Prayer always precedes power manifestation. A praying Church is a powerful church; and a powerful Church is always a growing church. We are weak spiritually because we are prayerless. This is the day of outpouring of the Spirit but you will only experience it if you can be fervent and earnest in your prayer. You can be God's battle axe if you are baptized with Holy Ghost. True revival begins in the closet and it stays where the altar of prayer remains. Every great movement of God can be traced to a kneeling figure! You can be that kneeling figure that will make a difference in this nation.

PREPARATION FOR THE OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT – Acts 1:4-5, 12-14; Luke 24:49; Eccle 9:8

Proper preparation precedes performance of the promise of the Father. Jesus Christ told the disciples to tarry in prayer to receive the power of the Holy Ghost. Like the disciples in the Early Church, we must prepare to experience baptism with the Holy Ghost. You cannot be unprepared and casual, and receive Holy Ghost power. First, there must be a personal relationship with Christ. A stranger cannot receive the promise of the Father. Second, there must be purification from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit (2Corinthians 7:1; Ecclesiastes 9:8). Holiness is the channel for the flow of God's power. Third, oneness in the family (Acts 1:14). There is power in prayer of a united Church. Fourth, passionate desire for the outpouring of the Spirit (John 7:37-39). What we desire earnestly is often what we receive eventually. Fifth, perseverance in prayer (Acts 1:14). We must continue in prayer until the fire of the Holy Ghost falls. Sixth, believe that you will receive what you pray for (Matthew 21:22). Your expectation will determine your realization.

PASSIONATE PLEA FOR THE OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT – Acts 4:31-33; 1:14; James 5:16; Isaiah 41:21

A cold, lifeless and absentminded prayer cannot go beyond the ceiling, and such prayer cannot receive heaven's attention. For the outpouring of the Spirit upon us today; our prayer must be fervent, fiery, passionate, unceasing, earth-shaking, barrier-shattering, faith and Scripture based. Holy Ghost fire always come from the furnace of prayer! ***"Produce your cause, saith the Lord; bring forth your strong reasons,"*** and the Holy Spirit will be poured upon us without measure!

PRAYER POINTS – Luke 24:49; Acts 1:5,14; 2:1-4; 4:31; James 4:2,3

- Praise the Lord for the promise of the Father.
- Thank God for the validity of His promise and His willingness to pour His Spirit upon us.
- Pray for purification from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit.
- Pray for thirst for baptism with the Holy Ghost, and for faith to receive.
- O Lord, strengthen me to pray and tarry until I receive the promise of the Father.
- Fill me O Lord with the fulness of your Spirit.
- Empower me by your Spirit to be effective witness for Christ as to bring forth much fruit.
- Pray for divine upliftment to operate in the Spirit with regular manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit.
- Pray that mighty operation of the Holy Spirit will characterize our preaching of the Gospel.
- Pray that the fire of the Holy Spirit will consume every excuse and hindrance to soulwinning.
- Pray that our ministers will preach with great power of the Holy Ghost to break yokes and set the captives free.
- O Lord, make us carriers of the Spirit power to confound the adversaries of the gospel and do exploits.
- Pray that we shall witness Pentecostal power demonstration with testimonies as in the Early Church.
- Pray against all hinderances to outpouring of the Spirit upon us.