

AWAKEN ME: ■

○ God!

Romans 13:11-14

And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

In this text Paul reminds believers that they are on God's "kairos" time (vs. 11), meaning God's appointed, opportune time. It is His hour and He is at work in their midst. His "kairos" activity requires decisive action on their part. If believers are sensitive to His "kairos" time then they will awaken from their slumber because salvation is near – the night is drawing to an end and daylight is upon them.

Paul reminds believers that awakening requires radical repentance from their dark deeds and total obedience to the light of Christ (vs. 12) so that the integrity of their witness is not compromised. They must repent from sexually oriented sins and broken relationships brought on by strife and envy (vs. 13) and must put on Christ, making no room for fleshly desires (vs. 14).

Today, the earth still groans, and believers in America must give heed to God's time, awaken from sleep, repent of sin and return to Jesus with a pure heart and life. We desperately need a spiritual awakening that will impact lostness throughout America and the world. However, we cannot expect God to have mercy on this land and allow us to experience awakening if we do not return to Him in personal holiness. This begins with prayer, and it begins with each one of us.

May our hearts cry be ... Jesus, please awaken my heart!

A: Awaken

Pray that Christ will stir your heart to your need to “awaken from sleep” and recognize God’s “kairos” time in your life and world (Romans 13:11; Luke 19:41-44).

W: Watchfulness

Pray for the Lord to give you a spirit of watchfulness and forgive any insensitivity and apathy toward the declining spiritual condition of the church in America (Revelation 3:2; Mark 13:32-37).

A: Acknowledge

Acknowledge specific sins before the Lord. Confess and repent of these sins. Ask Jesus to restore the joy of your salvation through cleansing and renewal (Psalm 66:18; Psalm 51:10-13).

K: Kingdom

Ask the Lord to kindle within your heart a passion to see His Kingdom come and His will done as you live a consistent life of godliness and holiness in your world (Matthew 6:9-10; 1 Peter 1:13-16).

E: Empower

Pray toward a Holy Spirit empowered life of witness and fruit as you surrender daily to Christ, His work and purposes (John 15:16; Ephesians 1:19).

N: Night

Pray that the night will linger, allowing time for the Lord to exercise patience, pour out His mercy and hold back His hand of judgment upon your life, His church and the lostness of America (Romans 13:11-12; 2 Peter 3:9).



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