

**2 CHRONICLES 7:14-15
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The beautiful thing about being a follower of Jesus is that even when times are changing, He doesn't. Even when people's hearts are troubled, His word is true. Here's what the Bible says. In 2 Chronicles 7:14 - and the big word is the first one - 'IF.' 'If my people,' that was God speaking, If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and (the big thing that is on all of our hearts at the moment) I will heal their land.'

We do a lot of singing about prayer, preaching about prayer, talking about prayer, reading about prayer. Right now it is time that we pray. There is an agreement from church leaders of all different styles and traditions that at 1900 hours in every different timezone people will pray. I hope you're joining us. We see this is possibly the world's biggest prayer meeting. When people come together for 19 minutes or longer, doing what Paul says perhaps, praying without ceasing but all the time praying, believing that we His people are responding to His challenge to pray he's going to heal our land. We need that.

Can I encourage you to right now be praying for your government, pray for those in leadership. Pray for those who from the medical professions are giving our leaders council. Pray for those wonderful people serving in the medical profession: the doctors and nurses and the emergency workers. pray for our friends who are losing their jobs right now. Pray for our families who are deeply concerned about the effects of this pandemic, and pray for the church, that in the midst of all of this that we would in these dark times, rise and shine and be a light for our Saviour.

Remember the big word is 'IF'. 'If God's people will pray.' So why don't we just do that. Why don't we start praying and look forward to God healing our land.

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