

The ark of the covenant—the sacred treasure of God’s presence—was finally home in Jerusalem. Although it was quite the journey in bringing the ark back to its rightful place, King David and the people could not contain their excitement.

Shouts of joy. Blowing of horns and trumpets. Crashing of cymbals. Sacrifices and peace offerings to God. And David dancing with all his heart and might.

Once the ark of the covenant was secure, David shared a song and prayer of praise for the Lord’s blessing, kindness, and great mercy. He glorified God and proclaimed His goodness with exuberance: “Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples” (1 Chronicles 16:24).

David wanted all the nations to join in glorifying His name:

“Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name...” (16:28-29a).

Now is the time to pray once again that all the nations of the earth will know the power and majesty of our Almighty God. Let’s ask God to awaken the whole earth to His glory!

1 Pray for believers to enthusiastically give praise to the Lord and proclaim His name with boldness. Ask for the rising up of Christians around the world to “make known among the nations what he has done” (1 Chronicles 16:8).

2 Ask God to fill your heart with such desire to “sing to him, sing praise to him” that others witness your love and joy. Pray for opportunities to “tell of all his wonderful acts” in how He has rescued and redeemed you (1 Chronicles 16:9).

3 Pray that those who seek the Lord will rejoice in His great mercy. Ask God for an awakening of His people to “look to the Lord and his strength,” seeking His face always (1 Chronicles 16:10-11).

4 Take time to recount God’s faithfulness to you. In prayer, “Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced.” Praise Him as the God who lavishes grace and mercy with His perfect justice (1 Chronicles 16:12).

5 Pray for the nations of the earth to proclaim, “He is the LORD our God!” Invite Him to bring His justice and judgments throughout all nations, that every nation might bow to Him (1 Chronicles 16:14).

6 Now is the time to pray for the glory of the Lord to fill the earth! Pray that the Church will “proclaim his salvation day after day” until the gospel has reached every nation (1 Chronicles 16:23).

7 On this National Day of Prayer, join with believers in declaring “his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.” Pray that all generations will seek Him and proclaim the gospel to the ends of the earth (1 Chronicles 16:24).

8 Pray that the Church around the world will demonstrate that “the Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.” Pray that the power of Jesus to save is proclaimed to the nations (Hebrews 1:3a).

9 After Jesus provided “purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.” Pray that the hope of forgiveness in Christ saturates this nation and beyond—and that the name of Jesus is exalted over all the earth (Hebrews 1:3b).

10 Pray that believers in all nations will be conformed into the image of Christ “with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.” Ask God to saturate the earth with followers of Jesus who will impact cities, cultures, and nations with the presence of Christ (2 Corinthians 3:18).

11 Everything in heaven and on earth belongs to the Lord. Pray that His greatness and power and glory and majesty and splendor will be on display to all nations so that no one can deny that Jesus reigns and rules over all (1 Chronicles 29:11a).

12 Pray that the Kingdom of God continues to advance throughout the earth—and especially to unreached parts of nations—so that Christ is “exalted as head over all” (1 Chronicles 19:11b).

13 Pray that the Word of God is proclaimed in all its fullness to the nations, and that both Jews and Gentiles will know “the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.” Pray that diverse cultures will awaken to the glory of Christ (Colossians 1:27).

14 Pray for nations founded in false religions with the worship of false gods. Ask God to awaken them to the truth that He is the Lord and that He “will not yield [His] glory to another or [His] praise to idols” (Isaiah 42:8).

15 Pray that “all the earth [will] fear the LORD” and “all the people of the world [will] revere him.” Pray for a great spiritual awakening to God’s holiness and majesty (Psalm 33:8).

16 People may try to rise up against God, but “the LORD foils the plans of the nations.” Praise Him that “the plans of the LORD stand firm forever.” Ask Him to make known “the purposes of his heart through all generations” (Psalm 33:10-11).

17 Pray that leaders of nations will recognize that “blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD” and choose to dedicate their nations to the honor and purposes of God. Pray for this nation to once again be united as “one nation under God” (Psalm 33:12).

18 Pray that this nation and nations of the earth will know that “no king is saved by the size of his army.” Ask God to stir in hearts of leaders to fear the Lord, declare His glory, and believe that their only “hope is in his unfailing love” (Psalm 33:16-18).

19 Although “the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain [and] the kings of the earth rise up,” God as “the One enthroned in heaven laughs.” Pray that all nations and peoples recognize their folly and bow before Almighty God in humble surrender (Psalm 2:1-4).

20 Pray that all nations will “clap their hands” and “shout to God with cries of joy.” Pray for a global movement of people who will proclaim that “the LORD Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth” (Psalm 47:1-2).

21 Praise God that He “reigns over the nations [and] is seated on his holy throne.” Pray that the “kings of the earth” will declare they belong to God and that “he is greatly exalted.” Pray that leaders will humbly surrender to God and dedicate their nations to His glory (Psalm 47:8-9).

22 Pray that now is the time we witness the fulfillment of Jesus the Son asking His Father for the nations as His “inheritance, the ends of the earth [His] possession.” Pray that we will see His glory spread throughout the earth (Psalm 2:7-8).

23 When God dried up the Jordan River so that the Israelites could cross over with the ark of the covenant, He did it so that “all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful and so that you might always fear the LORD your God.” Pray for nations to know and embrace both the power and fear of the Lord (Joshua 4:24).

24 When Solomon prayed and dedicated the temple to the Lord, he asked God to be near to them “so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God and that there is no other.” Ask God to demonstrate His power through believers so that nations believe only in the one true God (1 Kings 8:59-60).

25 Pray that God’s name endures forever and that “all nations will be blessed through him, and they will call him blessed.” Pray for a global awakening to the power and majesty of God (Psalm 72:17).

26 Ask God for a Christ-awakening in all nations, that “the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together.” Pray that the hope of salvation in Christ will be known throughout the earth (Isaiah 40:5).

27 Pray for a great harvest of souls to the ends of the earth—that people will accept God’s invitation to “turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth.” May people declare that there is no other God and salvation is in Christ alone (Isaiah 45:22).

28 Pray that God’s Spirit empowers His people to “declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.” May there be no question that God reigns over all (Psalm 96:3).

29 Pray that the anthem in heaven becomes the cry of God’s people throughout the earth: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory” (Isaiah 6:3).

30 In a chaotic world, pray that believers will boldly “ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name.” Pray that the glory of Christ is reflected through believers to every nation on the earth—so that all may know the hope of salvation in Jesus (Psalm 96:8).

31 Pray that we will witness in our day the fulfillment of the glorious promise that “the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.” Praise God—and may now be the time (Habakkuk 2:14).