

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## The Tremendous Power of Heartfelt Prayer October 8, 2024 Suzi Armstrong

**James 5.16b-18** TPT

**...tremendous power is released through the passionate, heartfelt prayer of a godly believer!**  
<sup>17</sup> Elijah was a man with human frailties, just like all of us, but **he prayed and received supernatural answers. He actually shut the heavens over the land** so there would be no rain for three and a half years! <sup>18</sup> Then **he prayed again and the skies opened up over the land** so that the rain came again and produced the harvest.

Florida is bracing for a second hurricane in less than two weeks. Florida is still cleaning up debris while North Carolina and Tennessee are still devastated from Hurricane Helene. Many people are still missing. Water, electricity, food, and medical supplies are desperately needed in the mountain areas. Many of us have friends and family that live in these areas of devastation. Our neighbors need help.

God created us to respond to what is going on in the earth – to release His government. Darkness covers the earth. **God commands His people – arise and shine. God seeks for a people that will make up the hedge and stand in the gap before Him for the land. This morning, we stand in the gap and make a hedge of prayer around Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee, and all the vulnerable areas of the Southeast.**

God is saying be alert! See through His eyes. Discern by the Spirit and stand with Him. He will put His Word in our mouth as we seek Him. We will speak into the chaos and bring order as God spoke into the chaos in the beginning when He said, "Let there be light!" We are praying as Jesus taught His disciples, **"Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. For Yours is the power and glory forever!"** God releases hope through the gospel of Jesus Christ. The blood of Jesus speaks over our Nation and cities, over people groups, families, and individuals. The Name of Jesus is above all other names. This is the government of the Kingdom of God.

**Isaiah 49.6b** TPT

**I will make you to be a light to the nations and to bring *the light of my salvation* to the ends of the earth!**

**Proverbs 3.27** NIV

<sup>27</sup> Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when **it is in your power to act.**

**Philippians 4.6** NIV

<sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but **in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.**

**Romans 8.26** NIV

<sup>26</sup> In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. **We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.**

**Psalm 17.6** NIV

<sup>6</sup> **I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.**

### **1 John 5.19-20** NIV

<sup>19</sup>We know that we are children of God, and that **the whole world is under the control of the evil one.** <sup>20</sup>We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And **we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ.** He is the true God and eternal life.

### **Matthew 18.18-20** NIV

<sup>18</sup>“Truly I tell you, **whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.** <sup>19</sup>“Again, truly I tell you that **if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.** <sup>20</sup>**For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”**

### **1 Chronicles 16.11** NIV

<sup>11</sup>**Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.**

### **Psalm 33.20-22** NIV

<sup>20</sup>We **wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.** <sup>21</sup>In him our hearts rejoice, for we **trust in his holy name.** <sup>22</sup>**May your unfailing love be with us,** Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

### **Psalm 36.5-7** NIV

<sup>5</sup>Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. <sup>6</sup>Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, **Lord, preserve both people and animals.** <sup>7</sup>**How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!** People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

### **Ephesians 6.14** NASB

<sup>14</sup>**Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH,** and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

- Be wrapped in the truth of God – His absolute truth.
- It is protective armor.
- Be unmovable in the truth.
- Know the power of truth.
- Understand the power of truth.
- Stand in the power of truth.
- Pray and decree from the power of truth.

Jurisdiction is the right of enforcing God’s laws by our decrees and declarations. What we speak by the power of the Spirit of God carries legal weight in the Heavens and the earth. The jurisdiction of God is enforced by the angles of God. We operate in prayer, decrees, and declarations through delegated authority given to all believers by Jesus Himself. We operate in God’s legal system and within His courts. He is the judge, the King, and the lawgiver. He set His creation in place and determined how it would operate. There is no higher court system than God’s court system.

### **PRAYER AND DECLARATION:**

A Decree concerning Hurricane Milton from Jane Hamon:

Lord, we come before you and make an appeal for mercy on Florida! We come in agreement and decree against every force that is empowering this storm called Milton in the Gulf of Mexico! We ask for a sheering wind from the north to disrupt this storm and cause it to diminish to a minimal storm before it lands! We cry out to you for help from all contrary and destructive winds, waves, and rain in central and south Florida in Jesus’ Name! We ask for preservation, provision, protection, and refuge from this storm for those seeking your help in this season! Lord, put your finger in the eye of Hurricane Milton! We speak Peace, Be Still, to Milton in Jesus’ Name and ask for grace and wisdom and divine reversals to come to all those in its path in this time of great need of the help from Heaven in Jesus’ Name! Let Angels on Assignment and Ministries of Mercy be loosed to help each one crying out to you in this hour! Amen.