

Why pray for revival? Won't it happen anyway?

Christians have the privilege of praying (Jn 9:31). Believers naturally pray to express their desire for others to be made aware of God's presence and for them to zealously obey him (2 Chr 7:14; Jas 5:16).

The prophet Habakkuk prayed for revival (Hab 3:1–6, 16–19).

Croft M. Pentz wrote:

The Book of Habakkuk deals with revival. What is revival? It is not a week of special meetings. Revival means getting on fire for God. It is returning to the path of God. It is putting into practice that which we once had...

...When Christians make things in their lives right with God, there will be revival. Then sinners will accept Christ as their Savior. There will be a change in the lives of Christians. There will be a change in our churches.¹

Men must: repent (2 Co 7:10), turn from their sin (2 Chr 7:14; 2 Ti 2:19) and surrender themselves to the Lord (Ac 9:5, 6; Ro 12:1, 2).

¹ Pentz, C. M. (1972). 150 Expository Sermon Outlines (pp. 59–60). Baker Book