

Day 1 — Wednesday, October 21: Spiritual Awakening

A City Encountering the Gospel

Key Verse

“LORD, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, LORD. Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.”

— Habakkuk 3:2 (NIV)

Prayer Walk Focus

Today we pray for the city itself — that Ballarat would be a place where the gospel is not just heard but received. As you walk, ask God to open spiritual eyes in every street, suburb and workplace you pass, and to knit the churches of this city together in a shared hunger to see Him move.

Suggested Prayer Points

Open hearts across the city — Pray for people across every suburb of Ballarat — young and old, longtime residents and newcomers — to have their spiritual eyes opened to the truth of the gospel.

Unity among churches — Pray that the Ballarat Ministers Network and Churches of Ballarat would model real unity, working together in love so the city sees a credible, united witness to Christ.

Boldness in proclamation — Pray for every believer across the city to speak the gospel with courage, clarity and compassion.

Breaking spiritual apathy — Pray against indifference, busyness and cynicism that numb people to God's voice. Ask the Spirit to stir genuine hunger for Him.

A move of the Holy Spirit — Pray for genuine spiritual awakening in Ballarat — marked by repentance, changed lives and a fresh hunger for God's word across the city.

Worship Songs

“God of Revival” — Bethel Music (Brian & Jenn Johnson, feat. Phil Wickham) (2020) [► Listen on YouTube](#)

“Great Things” — Phil Wickham (2018) [► Listen on YouTube](#)

“Revival's In The Air” — Bethel Music (2020) [► Listen on YouTube](#)

Extended Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:19–20 — *Jesus gives the Great Commission — the mission is declared.*

2 Chronicles 7:14 — *"If my people... will humble themselves and pray... I will hear from heaven and will heal their land."*

Isaiah 6:1–8 — *Isaiah's encounter with God's holiness, and his response: "Here am I. Send me!"*

Extended Devotional: A City Awakened

Revival has never been engineered; it has always been prayed for. This pattern that runs throughout Scripture and through history: revival rarely begins with impressive strategy. It begins with desperate, humble prayer. Throughout Scripture, seasons of spiritual awakening follow the same pattern: God's people humble themselves, turn from indifference, and cry out — and heaven answers. It is worth noticing that the promise in 2 Chronicles is addressed to "my people" — not to the world at large, but to those who already bear God's name. And it is not a formula for revival. Instead, before we ask what is wrong with our city, we are invited: to humility, prayer, seeking God's face, and turning away from what dulls us to Him.

Isaiah's vision in chapter six is instructive too. Before he is sent, he is undone — struck by the holiness of God and his own need for cleansing. Only after that does he hear the question, "Whom shall I send?" and answer, "Here am I. Send me." The response to awakening is a clearer focus on the mission, but awakening always starts with an honest encounter with God.

Jesus' final words to His disciples were not a suggestion but a command: "Go and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19–20). Ballarat is included in "all nations" every bit as much as any city on earth. The Great Commission belongs to every believer on every street of this city. Awakening, then, is not something we merely wait for — it is something we are commissioned to contend for in prayer and to carry out in obedience.

As you walk today, hold this city before God. Pray for the Ballarat Ministers Network and every church family it represents — that together we would be

humble enough to be undone by God's holiness, and bold enough to say, "Send me," over this city.

Ask that indifference would loosen its grip street by street, and that many across Ballarat would encounter Jesus for the first time or the first time in a long time.

Awakening is not out of reach. History is full of ordinary towns and struggling congregations that became unlikely epicentres of revival — not because they were more deserving, but because God's people refused to stop asking. Ballarat can be added to that list. Pray boldly today — not for a slight improvement in church attendance, but for a genuine, Spirit-wrought awakening that changes homes, streets, schools and workplaces across this city, and that is still bearing fruit in the generation after ours.