



Prayer for Korah

Lord you have brought some of us over the oceans and across the miles to share with us what lays heavy on your heart. You have given us a glimpse, a small window into Korah.

We have seen the faces of those who grip your heart, who live under circumstances that grieve your spirit. These are your precious children; men, women, and children, whom man has forgotten and ignored, living in oppression, in garbage dumps and makeshift homes filled with darkness. We are no longer innocent or uninformed, but we have had a glimpse of their reality. Their need is overwhelming, compassion floods our soul, we grieve. In these moments, as our hearts connect with yours, you remind us that the night is as day to you. You are there in their darkness! ***“Even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like day, for darkness is as light to you.” Psalm 139:12***

We pray for those living in Korah; may they see YOU in the darkness and may You turn their darkness into light. ***“You are my lamp, O Lord; the Lord turns my darkness into light.” 2 Samuel 22:29.***

For too long the people of Korah have been forgotten. For too long they have walked the path of pain and suffering. We pray Lord; bring them on unfamiliar paths of love, acceptance, healing, and hope. Open their eyes that they may see they are not alone and they are not forgotten; for Lord - You know each one by name! We pray for the healing of hearts, homes, and lives in Korah. A new dawn of hope and healing draws near – for You O Lord, have not forgotten Korah! ***“For a long time, I have kept silent, I have been quiet and held myself back. But now, like a woman in childbirth, I cry out, I gasp and pant... I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them.” Isaiah 42:14***

We pray for those whom you are raising up within Korah and Ethiopia itself; for HFK Ethiopian staff, Ethiopian leaders and partners, the men and women who work along side them. For those you are calling from near and far. We thank you for the amazing miracles you have done in their lives. We pray for your protection, your guidance, your wisdom, your strength, and your provision for their lives and for their part in your ministry. May they be sensitive to your spirit, may they hear your voice and see your vision for your ministry. May they do your work and not their own!

Lord, we pray for those who were not born in Ethiopia, but those of us whom you have chosen to share Korah with. May we be one with You. May we hear your voice and see your heart for your people. Help us not to turn our heads away. Help us not to forget, but instead we ask that you teach us how to pray for Korah – may our hearts and ears hear what it is You truly desire for this community, for these leaders, these Christian brothers and sisters who remain in Korah to minister and to love your people.

We pray that your light will continue to break through this darkness; through those who are there and through us who are here. Show us how to spend ourselves in behalf of the hungry and to satisfy the needs of the oppressed. Specifically show us what that means for us – for each one of us individually – it may be different, it may be the same. Please open our eyes and our hearts, so that our light – Your Light may rise in this darkness and the night that Korah experiences will soon become like the noonday – full of joy, healing, and HOPE! ***“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen; to loosen the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter – when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood. Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. Then you will call and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and He will say; Here am I. If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness and your night will become like the noonday.” Isaiah 58:6-10***

We pray all of this in Jesus' name,
Amen