



International Day of Repentance

a worldwide movement of repentance and revival

John the Baptizer prepared the way for our Lord Jesus with a simple message. "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matthew 3:2) Not long after, Jesus began His public ministry with those same powerful words. "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." (Matthew 4:17) More than 2000 years later, He still uses the call to repentance to draw us to Himself.

Repentance is not merely regret for the consequences of our actions nor is it merely rejecting the sin we've committed. Instead, it is a conscious decision to see our sin the way God views it. We admit our fault, accept His forgiveness, and turn back from our own ways to the path of Jesus...the path of surrender, sacrifice, and love for God and others.

We turn from our sin toward God's righteousness. We turn from pride toward humility. From greed toward generosity. From anger and hatred to love and patience and love.

The call is clear. Turn away from our own ways. Turn toward the way of Jesus.

Pause to ponder and pray:

- Ask God to show you your heart and choices the way He sees them.
- Confess and reject any sins He reveals.
- Consider the path Jesus wants to you take and make a commitment in prayer to His way. Make a note in your journal or write a prayer of surrender and date it.
- Make a list of one action you can take this week to follow His path more closely.
- Thank God for His forgiveness, mercy, grace, and the promise of cleansing and refreshment.

"Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord." Acts 3:19