

Breakthroughs, New beginnings, & God's salvation

Sept 1-Sept 30

Our God saves! Mountain people have known that for 200 years. And for generations before that, people have experienced healing, breakthrough, freedom, and forgiveness by calling on God. This month, we pray for God's healing and saving power to be at work in us, through us, and around us.

As you gather to pray, consider also sharing in a time of Reflection and Scripture reading.

Reflect

After a moment of silent reflection, anyone is invited to respond to this question: **what is a new beginning or "breakthrough" that you're thanking God for recently?**

Read

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| ❖ Isaiah 2:1-5 | ❖ Isaiah 61 | ❖ Isaiah 65:17-25 |
| ❖ Jeremiah 31:3-14 | ❖ Jeremiah 31:31-37 | ❖ Ezekiel 37 |
| ❖ Psalm 96 | ❖ Psalm 98 | ❖ Mark 2:1-12 |
| ❖ Matthew 9 and choose from verses 18-26 or 27-34. Follow with verses 35-38. | ❖ Luke 19:1-10 | ❖ Revelation 1:4-8 |

Pray

All: The same hands that orchestrates the rising and setting of the sun brings new life to us.

God, we thank you for a new day.
Your allegiance to us does not go unnoticed.
Your faithfulness has been evident to all generations.

God, in you is all authority.
You have kept your end of the covenant,
And even though we have fallen short
You still choose to guide us with gentle, patient hands.

All: We are thankful that you bring restoration in the midst of our brokenness.

God, you have saved us from our most pressing ailment: our sin.
Gone are the chains that bound us,
As we are now called children of God,
Joining to help in the restoring work of this world.
Bringing wholeness to the earth.

God, we offer to you the names of those around us, for whom we are praying for salvation, deliverance, and restoration.

Allow a moment for people to say aloud the first names of anyone they're praying for.

Help us not to forget your salvation.
Remind us of what you have done in us
Give us eyes to see how you're working around us

Strengthen us to repent from sin
Set us free from what entraps us
Give us the courage we need to press on toward what you have planned for us.

**All: From death to life.
From brokenness to hope.
From wandering to purpose.
God of New Beginnings, we worship you. Amen.**