**Sermon: Purity of Purpose March 29, 2020 Scripture: 1 John 5:14–15**

**I. God authorizes our access to Him through Jesus. John 14:6; 1 John 5:14–15**

**II. The power and purpose of using Jesus name in prayer.** **John 14:13–14;** **John 15:16; John 16:23–24**

**III. Realize God will shake your world to help you return to Him. Hebrews 12:25–29**

**IV. God will bless us as we wait. Isaiah 40:27–31**; **Isaiah 55:11-12 Revelation 3:20**

**Thought for the Day** In our series we have been talking about Kingdom Prayer; *Touching Heaven to Change Earth.* God has allowed our nation to put in a position where millions of people have been petitioning heaven to change the circumstances we find ourselves in. We need to touch heaven not just petition it. Our purpose must be to get God’s will done on Earth. Believers have a standing invitation to the throne of heaven. We are told in Hebrews 4:16 to come boldly to throne where we will receive mercy and grace to help in time of need. The key is to realize what we need. Mercy is needed when we are applying 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; 14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. The coronavirus is a pestilence. We should not confuse Coronavirus with the pestilences in Matthew 24 and Revelation. We are not living in the tribulation. We are not God’s chosen nation but Christians are His people. Our relationship with Jesus gives us the authority to make this petition. First we ask God to forgive us individually and then as a nation. We take the lead of Daniel and David and ask for forgiveness based on his loving-kindness not on any merit of our own. As his church we ask for his grace to see us through the trial. Most of all we ask for God to use this trial to bring us to Him for his glory. It is appropriate to pray for revival. **Pastor Bruce**