

Praying 4 Portland 10/08/11 - Annual Citywide Prayer Event



One hour. One prayer. One voice.

Welcome to this historic united prayer gathering. May God's spirit be poured out upon us as we seek His face, celebrate His mercy and experience His forgiveness and transforming grace today!

We invite you to sing, pray and worship through the text together, rotating readers, in unison with the body of Christ throughout the region. God bless you and meet you as you pray!

AGENDA

10:00 a.m. – 10:02 a.m. Blowing of shofars, trumpets & horns

10:02 a.m. – 10:05 a.m. Song: *God of This City*

10:05 a.m – 10:10 a.m. Prayer of Praise & Thanksgiving

10:10 a.m – 10:15 a.m. Song: *How Great is Our God*

10:15 a.m. - 10:25 a.m. Prayer of Forgiveness & Repentance

10:25 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Song: *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

10:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. Declaration over Portland and the Northwest

10:40 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Song: *Holy is the Lord*

10:45 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. Prayer for God's Assistance

10:50 a.m – 10:55 a.m. Prayer of Praise & Adoration

10:55 a.m. - 11:00 a.m Song: *He Reigns*

11:00 a.m. Final Trumpet Blast

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Start promptly at 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. – 10:02 a.m. *Blowing of shofars and trumpets*

Leader: (Joshua 6:20) “When the trumpets sounded, the people shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the people gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so every man charged straight in, and they took the city.”

“Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand.” (Joel 2:1)

“Whenever you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us.” (Nehemiah 4:20)

Blow the trumpets, shofars and other instruments again.

All: Joined together as the body of Christ, we add our prayers to the faithful before us who have prayed over the last hundred years for the city of Portland and the northwest region. Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, we ask You to answer these prayers, rend the heavens and come down!

God, we declare that there is no one like You. Greater things are yet to come, and greater things are yet to be done in this city!

10:02 a.m. – 10:05 a.m. *Sing*

God of This City

You're the God of this city
You're the King of these people
You're the Lord of this nation
You are

You're the Light in this darkness
You're the Hope to the hopeless
You're the Peace to the restless
You are

There is no one like our God
There is no one like our God

For greater things have yet to come
And greater things are still to be done in this city
Greater things have yet to come
And greater things are still to be done in this city

(Repeat all)

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10:05 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.

Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

Father, You are our Creator, our great God and King above all kings. Lord, You are our source, and in You we place our trust. We praise Your name forever, for You possess all wisdom and power. You are our strength and our song; You have become our salvation. You are our God, and we will praise You, God of our fathers. We exalt You as our Sovereign God. We bless Your holy name.

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You control the course of world events. Yours is the authority over the kings of this world. You give wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars. You reveal deep and mysterious things and know what lays hidden in darkness, though You are surrounded by light. The earth is Yours, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to You. You are the King of glory. You are strong and mighty. We proclaim Your unfailing love in the morning and Your faithfulness in the evening. As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is Your mercy toward those who fear You. Let all the inhabitants of the of the world stand in awe of You. Lord, You are our portion and our hope.

Awesome Father, You merely spoke and the heavens were created. You created the earth, the day and the night, heaven, the land, the seas, the stars, the creatures of Your earth and us Your people. You are great and greatly to be praised. You are to be feared above all gods. Lord, Your works are wonderful. Today we praise You with our whole hearts. We will tell of all Your marvelous works. We will be glad and rejoice in You; we will sing praises to Your name. We cry out with a loud voice, "Thanks be to our God." As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is Your mercy toward those who fear You; as far as the east is from the west, You have removed our transgressions from us. Hallelujah!

Lord our God, how excellent is Your name in all the earth. You have set Your glory above the heavens. Our souls bless You and we remember all Your benefits. You are the one who forgives all our sins, heals us from diseases, redeems our lives from destruction, and crowns us with tender mercies. You fill our lives with good things and renew our youth like the eagles. We honor You as our Lord and Savior. Blessed are You, Lord, for you have shown us Your marvelous kindness in our city.

Wonderful Father, we thank You for our family relationships. We thank You for the institution of godly marriage and parenthood. Thank you for the singles in our community and for what you are doing for them and through them. Lord, we thank You for fulfilling Your plans and Your purposes in our lives and for surrounding us with Your favor like a shield. We're grateful You've provided safety and protection for our families. Thank You, Father, for Your love and compassion. Thank You for blessing our city and sustaining us.

Lord, we give thanks to You, for Your wondrous works declare that Your name is above all names. Lord, we thank You for salvation, the greatest miracle of all. Thank You for Your eternal love and unmerited grace, Your goodness and mercy. Thank You for sending Your Son Jesus Christ to break the power of the devil and to bring us hope, health, and new life. Thank You for the Holy Spirit who is our helper, comforter, guide, and counselor. Thank you that by Your Spirit we bear fruit and that our gifts are used for Your kingdom.

God, we declare how great You are. We declare that Your name is above all names, worthy of all praise. How great is our God!

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10: 10 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. *Sing*

How Great is Our God

The splendor of a King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
Let all the earth rejoice

He wraps himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
Beginning and the end

The Godhead Three in One
Father, Spirit, Son

The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God
(Repeat)

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10:15 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.

Prayer of Forgiveness & Repentance

Our Heavenly Father, Your word says, *"If my people who are called by my name will 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 heal their land."* (2 Chronicles 7:14)

Lord, we humble ourselves before you and confess to you our wickedness and that of our generational lines.

In Ezekiel 22:30 You sought for a man who would make a wall and stand in the gap before You on behalf of the land, that You should not destroy it. We stand in that gap today and seek Your forgiveness. We ask, Lord, according to all Your righteousness, that Your anger and fury would be turned away from Portland. Because of our sins and the iniquities of our fathers, Portland has become a reproach to all those around us. Now therefore, our God, hear the prayer of Your servants and our supplications, and cause Your face to shine; incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations. For we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies. O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name.

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Holy and righteous Father, forgive us as a city for the practice of Druidism, Wicca worship, witchcraft, voodoo, black magic, vampirism, shamanism, paganism, Luciferian Freemasonry, and Satanism practiced in our communities. Father, please break every curse, every spell and incantation that has come against Your people, Your church and Your businesses under the redeeming blood of Your Son Jesus Christ. Lord, we cry out to you to break the bondage of darkness and evil that has come upon us. Forgive us for calling evil good and good evil, and diluting the gospel.

Heavenly Father, please forgive our tolerance of Jezebel and all participation in sexual perversion and sin. We confess and repent for all participation in pornography, rape, adultery, fornication, homosexuality, incest, ritual sexual abuse, sex slavery and trafficking, as well as the abduction and abuse of children. Forgive us for participating in the sexualizing of our culture by the movies we watch, the clothes we wear, and the sites we visit on the Internet. We humbly ask You to forgive these sins. Renew in us a commitment to sexual purity and to holiness.

We confess and repent for the violent acts of our city, including murder, ritual human and animal sacrifice, torture, physical abuse, and gang violence. We grieve for the loss of our babies to abortion, and our loved ones to suicide. We renounce the spirits of murder, suicide and death and seek the remittance of these sins in the name of Jesus Christ.

We believe and receive for renewed life here and now. Please expose every evil plot against our city and nation. Holy Spirit, let Your power, truth, and presence prevail. Touch the heart of the body of Christ in the Portland metropolitan area to be a light that sits upon a hill in this country. Stir the hearts of every Christian to represent Your love, forgiveness and grace in our daily living. Give us the courage and joy to stand for holiness and righteousness.

We admit institutional and personal acts of sinfulness and corruption. Wash us clean from our guilt and purify us from our sins. Forgive us for the times when our words have not matched our actions. We ask forgiveness for not always being the Body of Christ that You have called us to be for such a time as this. Have mercy upon us as a city for our times of unintentional neglect of Your call, and at times open disobedience to Your Word. We believe and receive Your forgiveness for our sins.

Incredible Father, renew in us a commitment to be a force for justice, and forgive those who continue to commit injustices. Forgive us for caring more about our own comfort and convenience than we do about caring for those who are oppressed in our city. Stir in us a passion to be a force for good. Forgive us for our selfishness and the divorce rate that has impacted two generations and threatens to affect a third.

Forgive us for putting the pursuit of material possessions above the needs of our spouses and our children and for pursuing self-fulfillment above self-sacrifice in our families. Forgive us Lord, for excessive consumption of the earth's resources while Your children in many parts of the world are dying of hunger, AIDS, and other diseases. Lord please forgive us for our pride, and that sense of entitlement that insists we deserve to be served by others.

Please forgive us for our acts of sinfulness, including oppression, greed, racism, sexism, ageism, elitism, deceit, lying, selfish ambitions, lawlessness, rebellion, violence, hatred, partiality, blasphemy and slander. Father, please have mercy upon us and fill us afresh with Your Holy Spirit. We need You. You are our strong tower; without You we will perish.

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Loving Father, forgive us for our own personal sins. Show us how to be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as You through Christ have forgiven us. Bring to our remembrance those we need to forgive. Let's take a moment now and ask the Holy Spirit to show us names or faces of people we need to forgive. As God shows us, let's pray aloud, "I forgive and release _____." (Pause to give a few moments of silence for time of reflection and prayer.) Lord, we trust that as we extend Your forgiveness to others, you are healing us here and now.

Lord, we receive Your forgiveness and celebrate the goodness of Your mercy which has set us free. We openly welcome Your amazing grace.

10:25 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Sing

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace

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10:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. Declaration

Prayer of Declaration for the Portland Metropolitan Area

Father, we declare that as Your Word is spoken, it will move swiftly and save the lost in our city. We declare that people will be arrested by Your presence. Let awakening be released, in the name of Jesus. We declare a God awakening that arrests people as they're going to the marketplaces, as they're going to their jobs, as they're going to their schools, as they're going to their homes, as they're sitting at tables as families – sudden restoration and reconciliation in families. Person upon person, family upon family, community upon community - we welcome Your Spirit as hearts turn toward You the living God.

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We declare that as people confess with their mouths Jesus as Lord, and believe in their hearts that You raised Him from the dead, they will be saved. Father, we decree that they will know the truth and the truth will set them free. We declare that Your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. We confess that we have sinned before You, but we believe that You are faithful and just to forgive us of all our sins and to cleanse us of all unrighteousness. We believe and receive for eternal life through faith in Your Son Jesus Christ. We confess that in Jesus Christ, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of Your grace.

Father, we ask You to clear the way so that Your gospel may be preached in our city. Since the harvest is plentiful, please send laborers to proclaim Your Word of salvation. Let's take a moment to lift up those we know who have yet to confess Jesus as Lord and Savior. (*Pause and allow time for people to pray for names of those they want to confess Jesus as Lord and Savior*). Father, as Your Word goes forth, touch the hearts of the unsaved to receive Your gift of salvation. Remove the darkness that keeps them from seeing You and receiving You. Father, use me as an answer to this prayer and give me Your courage and boldness to talk to nonbelievers about Your love and salvation.

Almighty Father, the nation whose God is the Lord is blessed, so we declare today that the Portland metropolitan area worships You as Lord over our land today. We proclaim that we love You, Lord, with all of our hearts, souls, minds, and strength. We declare that we are a city that trusts in You. We will live safely in the land and prosper. We look forward expectantly for Your blessing to rest upon our systems of business, education, politics, justice, media, social sectors, technology, transportation, communication, and health care in the Portland area. Lord, we declare that we are a city with Your Son Jesus Christ as Lord over all.

Heavenly Father, let Your kingdom come and Your will be done here as it is in heaven. We decree that as residents of this great city, we will walk worthy of Your calling with humility and gentleness, believing all things, hoping all things, enduring all things, bearing with one another in love. We proclaim unity through Your Spirit and the bond of heavenly peace. We will let our light shine so that people will see our good works and glorify You, Heavenly Father. We declare that the people in our communities will depart from evil, and do good; they will seek peace and pursue it. We will not be overcome by evil; we will overcome evil with good. Your peace will be within our homes, and prosperity will be within our households. We declare that You, Lord our God, will bless our households in all which we set our hands to do. We believe that our life, our strength, and our hope are in You. We trust in You, Lord. We will not fear, because You are with us; we will not be dismayed, for You are our God. We proclaim that You will strengthen us and help us, upholding us with Your righteous right hand.

We declare that You are Commander in Chief of the armies of Heaven, and that Portland is Your city. We put on the full armor of God – the belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, boots of peace, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. We thank you and praise You for the angels you have sent to protect us and deliver us, encamping around those who fear You. Thank you that You have given angels charge over us, to keep us in all our ways. Thank you for both preceding us and following us in battle. We decree that the battle over Portland belongs to You, Lord!

Triumphant Father, as a people, we stand in the authority given to us and speak to the economy of our city and nation. In Jesus' name, we proclaim that our economic growth will be sustained and steady. We acknowledge You are our Provider and our Source. We declare we will live in accordance with Your

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commands, and we will reap the fruit of our labor. We destroy the assignments of the enemy to cause foreclosure, bankruptcy, and financial loss. We break the power of the enemy in attempts to steal, kill, and destroy in Jesus mighty name. We declare that Jesus Christ has come that we may have life, and have it more abundantly. We declare that we depend on You for our sustenance, and that You are stabilizing our economy. We cancel every confession and proclamation of recession and economic ruin that has been spoken over our land, in the name of Jesus. Father, we boldly call for new beginnings, increase, and abundance for our nation's economy today. Father, You have given us a promise for economic provision through Your covenant with Abraham. As his heirs, we stand in fulfillment of that truth today. We decree the fiscal health of Portland is strong and stable. We praise Your holy name.

Father, we admit that we have not always been prudent or wise with our finances. Please break the bondage of excessive consumption and materialism over our city. Show us how to be more disciplined and better stewards of the resources You have blessed us with. Remind us to count our blessings and be content with what we have instead of always wanting more. Holy Spirit, reveal godly economic strategies to our economists and financial visionaries that will bolster financial stability and security. Father, there are many people in our city who are in financial trouble. Many need a miracle in their finances. Many need jobs. We humbly ask for Your divine intervention and provision for those in the Portland area in need.

Holy Father, thank you for the gift of our families. Thank you for speaking love and grace into our homes. We declare that Your presence will provide joy, peace and stability in our homes. We declare that husbands will love their wives as Christ loves the church and wives will respect their husbands. We decree that husbands and wives are strong in the Lord and they lead their homes with God-confidence. We declare that Your forgiveness will be released, fractured families will be restored, and that marriages will be made whole. We decree that single moms and dads can do all things through Christ who strengthens them. We pray for the many fatherless homes in our city. We declare that Your guidance and presence as Father will provide their very needs.

We decree that our children will be successful everywhere and an entire generation of godly men and women will be blessed. By faith, we confess that they are obedient to authority, for this is right in Your sight. We confess that no weapons formed against our families will prosper and that You will reign supreme in our homes and in our family relationships. We trust that the next generation will not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of their minds, that they may test and approve Your good, pleasing, and perfect will. May our prodigals return, and may our arms be outstretched as we receive them with joy.

Pour out Your Spirit on us, as our sons and daughters prophesy, seeing Your visions as old men dream dreams. We decree that we will experience joy in our city because You are our Lord! May You look upon us and smile with favor on us. May Your ways be known throughout the earth and Your saving power dwell among the Portland metropolitan area, the Northwest and across our nation.

We declare that you are holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! The earth is filled with Your glory! Holy is the Lord!

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10:40 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Sing

Holy is the Lord

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great, how awesome is He

Chorus
And together we sing
Everyone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great, how awesome is He

Chorus

It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

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10:45 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. Prayer

Prayer For God's Assistance

Today we ask You to create in us, as believers, as Your Church in this city, and as Your Church in this nation, a clean heart, Oh God, and renew a right spirit within us. We believe and receive for Your healing touch – physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Lead and guide us, giving us wisdom and discernment in all we do. Lord, many are the plans in our hearts, but it is Your purpose that prevails.

Touch our city with miracles of your wondrous healing. Since Your Spirit, who raised Jesus from the dead, dwells in us, we declare that You will also give life to our mortal bodies through Your Spirit who dwells in us. We thank you Jesus for healing.

Lord, we claim this Word over us. Isaiah 61:1-2 says:

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives
And recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed...”*

Omnipotent Father, Your Word says to pray for our leaders so that our lives will be peaceful. In accordance with Your Word, we ask You to lead and guide all of our local, state and national leaders, including Mayor Sam Adams, Governor John Kitzhaber, and President Barak Obama. Please fill them with Your wisdom, knowledge, confidence, and peace. Help them in their personal and professional lives to make decisions that align with Your will for our city, state, and nation. Bless all of our city officials and public service personnel, including council members, county commissioners, judges, emergency

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response teams, and law enforcement officials. We pray for you to bless our police department with Your covering, providing safety to them and their families, and for the community to respect them and honor their authority. Show our government leaders the way in leading us with honesty, purity, and integrity. Strengthen all of them, and keep them healthy. Bless the works of their hands to meet the needs of our city and nation.

Holy Spirit, bless our schools. Help educators to remain committed to their educational calling. Increase their creativity and innovation to teach our students. We ask You to touch the hearts of our local, state, and federal legislators to increase funding and resources that are needed for school systems and institutions of higher learning. We welcome Your Holy Spirit in the classrooms and corridors of our schools. Lord, increase the capacity of our students to learn, comprehend, and excel in all areas of education, including reading, writing, mathematics, sciences, athletics, and the arts. As a multicultural city, we pray for unity between us as diverse students learn side by side.

We pray that educators and students will seek Your wisdom before all else; not to be wise in their own eyes, but to fear You as they follow Your Word. We declare that members of the next generation are rising up to become church leaders – apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers; worship leaders, writers, and community leaders who follow after You, leading others to pursue Your Son Jesus Christ. We declare victory over the children of today who are the intercessors of tomorrow. Show us how we can encourage the next generation to speak and act with power and authority in Your name as they grow in You.

10:50 a.m. – 10:55 a.m. Prayer

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Blessed are You, Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, the victory and the majesty. You are exalted as our sovereign King who reigns over all. We thank You and praise Your holy Name. May Your glory be revealed in all the earth, beginning right here in Portland.

Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty. Just and merciful and true are Your ways, King of the nations. We praise You and we glorify Your Name. You alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before You, for Your righteous deeds have been revealed. Lord, we praise you and expectantly await You, our soon and coming Bridegroom, King, and Judge. We Your bride the Church bring blessing and honor and glory to You forever.

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10:55 - 11:00 a.m. Sing

He Reigns

It's the song of the redeemed
Rising from the African plain
It's the song of the forgiven
Drowning out the Amazon rain
The song of Asian believers
Filled with God's holy fire
It's every tribe every tongue every nation
A love song born of a grateful choir

Chorus

It's all God's children singing
Glory glory hallelujah
He reigns He reigns
It's all God's children singing
Glory glory hallelujah
He reigns He reigns

Let it rise above the four winds
Caught up in the heavenly sound
Let praises echo from the towers of

(Psalm 24:7) "Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in." Halleluiah!

11:00 a.m. **Final Trumpet Blast**

Feel free to continue praying and worshiping as the Holy Spirit leads you today and throughout the weeks ahead. Prepare for the incoming harvest and great revival by sharing your testimony & preaching the gospel!

Want to share your Praying 4 Portland story? After the event, go to our website www.praying4portland.org. Go to News, click on Testimonials, and tell us how Praying 4 Portland made a difference in your life.

*Thank you for joining your voice and your faith in transforming prayer this morning!
May the Lord bless you abundantly!*

cathedrals
To the faithful gathered underground
Of all the songs sung from the dawn of
creation
Some were meant to persist
Of all the bells rung from a thousand
steeple
None rings truer than this

(Chorus)

And all the powers of darkness
Tremble at what they've just heard
'Cause all the powers of darkness
Can't drown out a single word

(Chorus)

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