



40 DAYS OF PRAYER



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Why 40 Days?

You be asking what is significance to 40 days in the Bible? When we read the scriptures we can see how God work with his people and leaders to bring His plans to pass for the good of people, and the glory of God. Moses was on Mount Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights ([Exodus 24:18](#)). Moses interceded on Israel's behalf for 40 days and 40 nights ([Deuteronomy 9:18, 25](#)). The Israelite spies took 40 days to spy out Canaan ([Numbers 13:25](#)). Goliath taunted Saul's army for 40 days before David arrived to slay him ([1 Samuel 17:16](#)). In the New Testament, Jesus was tempted for 40 days and 40 nights ([Matthew 4:2](#)). There were 40 days between Jesus' resurrection and ascension ([Acts 1:3](#)).

The bible gives us pattern where we can see how God in His goodness in times past utilized 40 days as a season of preparation, direction, and fulfillment. Likewise, we together as a church, want to seek God's guidance during the first forty days of the new year (January 1, 2023 - February 9, 2023) as we ask God to prepare us, give us clear direction and the power to fulfill all that God is calling us too.

What does it look like to seek God daily in prayer?

Start each day with 15 minutes of prayer and meditation in the scriptures.

Take 10 at the midday to ask God to continue guiding us throughout the day.

End the day in 15 minutes of prayer with family or a friend, share how God is leading you each day and what action you plan to take.

A simple plan to have daily devotion

- 1. Read:** Read the passage repeatedly look for words or phrases that grab your attention, highlight or underline the passage.
- 2. Reflect:** Take a few minutes to sit quietly and reflect on the scripture passage for today.
- 3. Respond:** Respond to the prompting of the Holy Spirit as your pray and seek God's guidance.

40 DAYS OF PRAYER:

January 1

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

Pray that we would be fully obedient and live a surrender life in Christ.

January 2

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. Psalms 9:1-2

Pray that we would be a thankful people towards God for his wonderful acts and deeds in our lives.

January 3

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 2

Chronicles 7:14

Pray that our church will seek God's presence in the life of our people.

January 4

I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. Psalms 34:4-5

Pray that we will be delivered from fear and anxiety as we seek God's comfort.

January 5

Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. John 14:13-14

Pray that our prayers will be bold and full of faith filled expectations.

January 6

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:15-16

Pray that we would have confidence to come boldly to the throne of God seeking help for every need.

January 7

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1

Pray that we walk in the freedom found in Jesus Christ trusting Him fully as our Savior.

January 8

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

Pray that God will draw those in our sphere of influence to experience the power of saving grace.

January 9

I will give them a heart to know that I am the LORD, and they shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart. Jeremiah 24:7

Pray that our church will seek God with our whole hearts, minds and souls.

January 10

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 2 Corinthians 12:9

Pray for the all sufficient grace of God to manifest in our lives with power from on high.

January 11

But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. James 1:5

Pray that our church will be blessed with godly wisdom in every area of ministry.

January 12

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalms 16:11

Pray that we will experience the joy and pleasure of walking with God.

January 13

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. John 15:10-11

Pray that we will abide in Christ and that our joy will be complete in Him.

January 14

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

Pray that our church will always be a church for all nations and ethnicities.

January 15

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Pray that our love for one another will grow deeper as a witness to a lost and broken world.

January 16

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

Pray that we would seek God's plans, purposes and provisions in all we do.

January 17

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.¹¹Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Psalm 51:10-12

Pray that we will live our lives with clean hands and pure hearts before the Lord.

January 18

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man

Pray that like Jesus our children will grow in wisdom, stature and favor with God and man.

January 19

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Pray that our members will encourage one another towards love and good works as we continue meet together.

January 20

The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. John 17:22-23

Pray that we will be a church committed to Christian unity in love and faith.

January 21

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Pray that our words will encourage, build and bless one another.

January 22

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Matthew 6:33

Pray that our relationship with God would be our greatest treasure in this life.

January 23

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. Psalms 27:5

Pray that we would look to God and Him alone for peace and protection.

January 24

You will not need to fight in this battle. Stand firm, hold your position, and see the salvation of the LORD on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them, and the LORD will be with you. 2 Chronicles 20:17

Pray in the same way God fought for Israel, God will fight for us.

January 25

Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 1 John 4:4

Pray that we have the courage to overcome the trials of this life because God's power resides with and in us.

January 26

Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you. Luke 6:38

Pray that we will be life giving and a generous people to all we encounter.

January 27

When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just. Luke 14:12-14

Pray that our church would be a refuge for the least of these among us.

January 28

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.

Pray that marriages will be God honoring and full of grace and lasting love.

January 29

But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. James 1:25

Pray that our church and members will be known as doers of the Word of God.

January 30

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. Psalms 27:

Pray that our church would have a passion for biblical worship.

January 31

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Hebrews 13:20-21

Pray that every member of our church would strive to live an obedient life.

February 1

Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money

Pray that our leaders will live a life above reproach in all that say and do.

February 2

Keep watch over yourselves and the entire flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which He purchased with His own blood. Acts 20:28

Pray that our pastors will watch over the church with a shepherd's heart.

February 3

And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. Matthew 24:14

Pray that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will be proclaimed in our community, our city, our county and the nation.

February 4

It may be that the LORD will work for us, for nothing can hinder the LORD from saving by many or by few. 1 Samuel 14:6

Pray the Lord will use our church to save a great number of people.

February 5

Will you not revive us again so that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your faithful love, Lord, and give us your salvation. Psalm 89:6-7

Pray that revival will take place in our church for the glory of God.

February 6

He told them, "The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest. Luke 10:2

Pray that God would raise up labors in our church to proclaim the Gospel to the lost.

February 7

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8

Pray that our church will send missionaries throughout the world with the love of God.

February 8

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Pray that we will witness God do more than we could ever imagine in our church.

February 9

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Matthew 28:19-20

Pray that our church will do all we can to fulfill the Great Commission in our lifetime.