

40 days of prayer



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40 days has been a significant time of prayer for many Christians through the years.

- Moses was on the mountain with God in Exodus 34, before he brought down the Ten Commandments.
- Elijah sought the Lord for 40 days in 1 Kings 19.
- Jesus spent 40 days and nights fasting and praying in Matthew 4:1-11 before He began His ministry.

Your pastor selection committee has placed this season of prayer in place to unite our church in prayer for our pastor search process. Please join us as we seek the Lord as this process gets underway.

This time of focused prayer and devotion will help the church walk well through the pastor search process that is now underway. During these 40 days, spend time with God, praying for yourself and your church family. Practice the four aspects of prayer (Praising, Repenting, Asking and Yielding) as you pray. Take time to listen to the Lord through Scripture reading and times of quiet in His presence.

Each day has a specific focus and a Scripture passage to read. Unite with fellow Christians in agreement, lifting these requests to the Father. Trust God to hear, heal and answer as we spend time with Him during these 40 days.

Thank you for uniting with your brothers and sisters in Christ in prayer for the church! Christians across our region are joining with us as we pray for God's will to be done and His Kingdom to come in our hearts and in this place.

THE BASICS OF PRAYER

P

PRAISE // Worship the Lord as you pray.

R

REPENT // Return to the Lord as you pray.

A

ASK // Pray with passion and patience.

Y

YIELD // Surrender all to Jesus as you pray.

WEEK 1 | January 4-10

Day	Pray	Read
1 Sun 1/4	That God will lead many to pray these 40 days	Ephesians 1:1-3
2 Mon 1/5	That all eyes and focus would be on Jesus Christ	Ephesians 1:4-8
3 Tue 1/6	That God would clean our hearts--we need revival	Ephesians 1:9-12
4 Wed 1/7	That we will really listen for what God is saying to us	Ephesians 1:13-16
5 Thu 1/8	That each member will grow in their knowledge of Jesus	Ephesians 1:17-21
6 Fri 1/9	That He will give us pure hearts to seek His face	Ephesians 1:22-23
7 Sat 1/10	For the Pastor Selection Committee as they serve	Ephesians 2:1-3

WEEK 2 | January 11-17

Day	Pray	Read
8 Sun 1/11	Praise God for His abundant mercy!	Ephesians 2:4-7
9 Mon 1/12	That God will show you the work He wants from you	Ephesians 2:8-10
10 Tue 1/13	For deacons	Ephesians 2:11-13
11 Wed 1/14	That the peace of God will guard our hearts and lives	Ephesians 2:14-18
12 Thu 1/15	For the worship & preaching of the Word to be anointed	Ephesians 2:19-22
13 Fri 1/16	For our worship leaders as we gather to worship	Ephesians 3:1-5
14 Sat 1/17	For healing and unity in the Body of Christ	Ephesians 3:6-9

WEEK 3 | January 18-24

Day	Pray	Read
15 Sun 1/18	For our deacons	Ephesians 3:10-13
16 Mon 1/19	That God will reveal to you how great His love really is	Ephesians 3:14-19
17 Tue 1/20	Praise God for His ability to do more than we can ask	Ephesians 3:20-21
18 Wed 1/21	Wisdom, discernment, and the Lord's clarity for the Pastor Selection Committee	Ephesians 4:1-6
19 Thu 1/22	That the church's leaders will be encouraged and united	Ephesians 4:7-13
20 Fri 1/23	For Dr. Dan Riley as he prepares to preach	Ephesians 4:14-16
21 Sat 1/24	That God will reveal sin and purify His church	Ephesians 4:17-19

WEEK 4 | January 25-31

Day	Pray	Read
22 Sun 1/25	That we will deny self to live new lives in Christ	Ephesians 4:20-24
23 Mon 1/26	That we will not let the sun go down on any anger	Ephesians 4:25-28
24 Tue 1/27	For kindness and compassion to flow freely among us	Ephesians 4:29-32
25 Wed 1/28	That God will prepare our next pastor for us	Ephesians 5:1-4
26 Thu 1/29	That we will be Jesus' light in our community	Ephesians 5:5-8
27 Fri 1/30	For our church staff - Melissa Fesler	Ephesians 5:9-14
28 Sat 1/31	For our church staff - Pastor Tom Fethe	Ephesians 5:15-18

WEEK 5 | February 1-7

Day	Pray	Read
29 Sun 2/1	Give thanks to God for His blessings and answers	Ephesians 5:19-21
30 Mon 2/2	For marriages to be strengthened and healed	Ephesians 5:22-24
31 Tue 2/3	For our Worship Team	Ephesians 5:25-30
32 Wed 2/4	That the ministry to children will grow and flourish	Ephesians 5:31-33
33 Thu 2/5	Our missionaries locally and world wide	Ephesians 6:1-4
34 Fri 2/6	For Sunday School teachers/Bible study leaders	Ephesians 6:5-9
35 Sat 2/7	For a strong prayer covering for the Pastor Selection Committee	Ephesians 6:10

WEEK 6 | February 8-12

Day	Pray	Read
36 Sun 2/8	For the church to have the full protection of God	Ephesians 6:11-13
37 Mon 2/9	For wisdom for all those who serve as church leaders	Ephesians 6:14-17
38 Tue 2/10	For readiness as we deal with spiritual warfare	Ephesians 6:18-20
39 Wed 2/11	That God will dramatically answer prayers!	Ephesians 6:21-22
40 Thu 2/12	That God's love will overwhelm the church family	Ephesians 6:23-24

"Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think ... to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen."

– Ephesians 3:20-21