

EXCHANGE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

40 DAYS
of prayer

February 25th – April 5th, 2026

Day 1: Wednesday, February 25

Nehemiah 1.10-11 We are Your servants, the people You rescued by Your great power and might. O Lord, please hear our prayer! Listen to the prayers of those of us who delight in honoring You.

These are exciting days at Exchange! As God works mightily through us let us seek to remain faithful to all that He has asked. If we expect God to do extraordinary work in the life of our church, then it is incumbent upon us that we seek God through prayer in a remarkable way. Over the next forty days, we are asking you to commit to pray for God's will to be done through Exchange. As you embark on this journey, open your heart and mind to what the Father wants to do in your life as an individual. Commit to give Him a few minutes of your day for the next forty days and ask Him to mold you more into the likeness of His Son.

Day 2: Thursday, February 26

Nehemiah 1.4-7 When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven. Then I said, "O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps His covenant of unfailing love with those who love Him and obey His commands, listen to my prayer! Look down and see me praying night and day for Your people. I confess that we have sinned against You. Yes, even my own family and I have sinned. We have sinned terribly by not obeying the commands, laws, and regulations that You gave us through Your servant Moses."

As we embark on this critical spiritual journey, we must begin with ourselves as individuals. If we expect God to do great things in our church and through our church, we must first examine ourselves, and our families, to make sure we are striving to live lives of holiness and purity. As you meditate on this prayer, Nehemiah offered to God, notice his brokenness and confession. His brokenness over the Israelites sins, including his own, he mourned, fasted, and prayed for days. Today, ask God to reveal sin in your life. Ask Him to break you, just as Nehemiah was broken over his sin. Confess your sin to Him and praise the God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps His covenant of unfailing love with those who love Him and obey His commands!

Day 3: Friday, February 27

Joel 2.12-13 "Even now," declares the Lord, "return to Me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and He relents from sending calamity.

It was customary for the Israelites to tear, or rend, their clothes to demonstrate mourning or remorse for their sin. In these verses, God was saying that what He truly desires is genuine inward repentance for our sins. Outward demonstrations are useless if our hearts are not right with God. Today as you spend time with Him, make sure your heart is right with the Lord your God. Thank Him that He is

gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and abounding in love. Commit to being the man or woman that God desires you to be. Turn to Him with all your heart today.

Day 4: Saturday, February 28

Matthew 6.16-18 When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth; they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to men that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

For the last few days, you have read verses that mention fasting. Fasting is merely giving up some physical pursuit for spiritual gain. In biblical times, fasting was abstaining from food. The purpose was not to starve oneself; the goal was to enable individuals to spend more time with God in prayer. Consider how much time was spent preparing meals during that period. If a household were fasting, a large portion of the day would be freed up to spend in prayer. Modern fasting can include abstaining from food, but it is not limited to food. Remember the purpose is to free up time to enable you to spend more time with the Lord. You are encouraged to fast in some way during these forty days. Prayerfully consider how you may fast. Maybe you can abstain from eating lunch and instead spend the time in God's Word and prayer. Perhaps you can avoid going out to dinner and spend the time praying as a family. Maybe you can give God your exercise time one day a week. Perhaps you can turn the TV off at night and spend the time praying instead. It will likely be different for everyone but remember it's not just about giving something up; it's really about spending extra time alone with the Lord.

Day 5: Sunday, March 1

Psalms 50.10-12 For all the animals of the forest are Mine, and I own the cattle on a thousand hills. Every bird of the mountains and all the animals of the field belong to Me. If I were hungry, I would not mention it to you, for all the world is Mine and everything in it.

As we consider all that is involved in reaching our community and the world with the gospel, it is overwhelming. How on earth can we accomplish this mission that God has set before us? If it were up to us solely, we all know this great work would never be accomplished. However, it is important to remember the One who provides all our needs. Our Father in heaven owns it all! We must not forget that as we give ourselves entirely in this great work that He has set before us that He will supply all our needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Today, spend time praising God that He owns it all. Confess to Him that you know it is not up to us; praise Him by acknowledging your dependence on Him to provide for you, your family, and our church body. Thank Him that He is Jehovah Jireh, the God who provides!

Day 6: Monday, March 2

1 Chronicles 29.10-13 David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, "Praise be to You, O Lord, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for

everything in heaven and earth is Yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; You are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from You; You are the ruler of all things. In Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give You thanks and praise Your glorious name."

As we were reminded yesterday, God owns it all. The truth is that He does not need us. He doesn't need you or me; He doesn't need our church staff, He doesn't need our money, our talents, or anything else we think we possess that is of worth. However, the beauty of God establishing His Kingdom on this earth is that He allows us to be part of it all. He allows us to be used; He allows us to be on mission with Him. Moreover, this brings Him great glory and honor! Meditate on David's prayer. Use David's words to praise God from your heart today.

Day 7: Tuesday, March 3

***Acts 1.8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

***Matthew 28.18-20** Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore as you go, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. Moreover, surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

As you pray today, thank God for the people He used in your life to share His saving Gospel. Thank Him for their obedience to be witnesses and to disciple you in His truth. Now ask God to use you in those same ways. Pray that would be your focus as you move throughout this day. If every believer at Exchange made this their focus, can you imagine how our community would be impacted? Pray this would be our focus as a church; may eternity be affected through our church.

Day 8: Wednesday, March 4

***Romans 8.28-39** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His Son, that He might be the firstborn of many brothers. And those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified.*

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all – how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written, "For Your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thank God that through Him we are more than conquerors. Confess to Him for those times we allow circumstances and obstacles to shake our confidence in God and His desire to work out all things for our good. Confess to Him today that your confidence is in Him and His love for you. Thank Him that nothing can separate us from His love. Boldly ask Him to work out the details of the plans He has for our church.

Day 9: Thursday, March 5

***Matthew 6.19-21** Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be.*

Are you storing up treasures on earth or in heaven? What do our finances reveal about our priorities? It has been said that our checkbook register provides an accurate snapshot of our priorities. Have you thought about it in that way? What we spend our money on reveals what is important to us. This may be an uncomfortable subject, and it is very private; it is between you and God. Ask Him for the courage to take a fresh look at what your finances reveal about you. Ask Him to speak to you about your priorities and give you a deeper desire for storing up treasures in heaven.

Day 10: Friday, March 6

***1 John 2.28-3.3** And now, dear children, continue in Him, so that when He appears, we may be confident and unashamed before Him at His coming. If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of Him. How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will have not yet been made known. But we know that when He appears, we will be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. Everyone who has this hope in Him purifies Himself, just as He is pure.*

As you meditate on the verses above, spend time pondering God's love for you. Friend, this should be the anthem of your life – "How great is the love the Father has lavished on me, that I should be called a child of God!" Is that the anthem of your life? Spend time today delighting in God's love for you. Thank God that you are His child and that you belong to Him. As you pray, pray with a spirit of boldness. Ask of your Heavenly Father with the same boldness and confidence that a child makes requests of his/her earthly parent. Thank Him for loving us enough to call us His sons and daughters.

Day 11: Saturday, March 7

Hebrews 13.15-16 Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that confess His name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Our praise to God and acts of service are sacrifices that we can offer to God anytime and anywhere. Christian author Warren Wiersbe wrote that we know we are maturing Christians when we love people and use things instead of following the world's example of using people and loving things. He asked, "Are we building walls or bridges? Have we laid down our toys and weapons so that we can pick up our tools and build? Are we guarding or sharing?" Offer God the sacrifice of praise that He deserves today. Move throughout your day in a spirit of praise and adoration of the One who alone is worthy!

Day 12: Sunday, March 8

Philippians 2.3-11 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Meditate on this passage. Confess to God for when you struggle with humility. Ask His forgiveness and ask Him to teach you to have the same attitude as Christ Jesus. Biblical humility is not low self-esteem; biblical humility has God-esteem. Humility is recognizing your nothingness before God so that He may be everything in you. Jesus claimed to have two qualities – gentleness and humility. May we each imitate our Lord Jesus and may gentleness and humility mark our lives as individuals and as a church.

Day 13: Monday, March 9

Luke 12.15 Then Jesus said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

Jesus often taught that we should be rightly related to God, to others, and to things. Here, when He warned the crowd about greed, He was saying having a good life has nothing to do with wealth or possessing things. The New Living Translation says, "Real life is not measured by how much we own." As Christians, we would all probably agree with that statement, but do our actions prove it to be true in our own lives? What excites us more – getting new stuff or sharing what we have? We must embrace our role as steward. A steward owns nothing but has the privilege of managing another's wealth. Proper stewardship in our lives reflects God's Lordship. If He's not Lord of all, then He's not

Lord at all. If we profess Him to be our Lord, we must submit to Him in every area of our lives. As you pray today, ask Him to help you as you seek to be rightly related to Him, to others, and things. May He truly be Lord of all!

Day 14: Tuesday, March 10

Psalm 37.3-7 Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways when they carry out wicked schemes.

Meditate on this passage. Delight yourself in the Lord. Spend time thanking Him for who He is and what He is in your life. Share the desires of your heart with God, both personally and for our church. Trust Him to give you those desires. Commit your way to Him and allow Him to make your righteousness shine like the dawn. May this be your assurance today.

Day 15: Wednesday, March 11

Acts 20.24 However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.

This was the apostle Paul's declaration for his life's work. It seems fitting for Paul because he was one of the earliest vocational missionaries. But friends, this ought to be the declaration of our lives, too. Can you truly make that statement with complete sincerity? "I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given to me – the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace." This is the most important thing for each one of us, regardless of our age or vocation. As believers, we were created to worship the living God and share His message of love with a waiting world. Missions and evangelism will always be the priorities of Exchange. And hopefully, those are the priorities for your life and the life of your family. Ask God to deepen your commitment to Him and the unfinished task that lies before us.

Day 16: Thursday, March 12

Psalm 67 May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face shine upon us, that Your ways may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations. May the peoples praise You, O God; may all the peoples praise You. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth. May the peoples praise You, O God; may all the peoples praise You. Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us. God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear Him.

It has always been God's intention that all He created would exist to worship and adore Him. Are you passionate for God's glory and for seeing His name made known among the nations? Pray that this will be our motivation at Exchange. Every ministry and mission endeavor ought to be for God's glory. We exist to worship the Almighty God through His Son, Jesus. We do missions because God is not

receiving the praise and worship that is due Him. Pray this is the motivation for all we do, as individuals and as a church.

Day 17: Friday, March 13

***Habakkuk 1.5** Look at the nations and watch – and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told.*

Did you know that the Gospel is spreading like wildfire all over the world? The majority of evangelical Christians used to live in North America. Now the majority of Christians live in Central and South America and Africa. Are you surprised? It is surprising, but friends, look at the nations and be utterly amazed. God is doing something in our day that we probably would not have believed, even if we were told. The church is growing rapidly in places like China and India. It is being reported that there have been more than 40,000 baptisms in Haiti since the 2010 earthquake. God is working all over the world. I want to be part of that, and I want our church to be part. Henry Blackaby wrote that we should see where God is working and join Him. It is my prayer that our church would seek to join Him as He works to bring the world to Himself through the saving grace of His Son, Jesus. Pray that our church would continue to be a mission-sending church. Pray that adults and children in our church will have numerous opportunities to participate with God as He works throughout our country and around the world. Let us engage in that which impacts eternity.

Day 18: Saturday, March 14

***Isaiah 55.8-9** “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.”*

Thank God that He is God. Thank Him for His sovereignty. Thank Him for His power. Thank Him for His perfection. Acknowledge that His thoughts and ways are much higher than anything we can even fathom. Thank Him that His thoughts and ways are so much more than ours. It would be foolish to think we can fit God into our plans and purposes. We must remember that it is not what you want for our church or what I want for our church; we desire to be the church of God that He desires. Confess your submission to God's plans for Exchange. Ask Him to have His way with our church in the weeks, months, and years to come.

Day 19: Sunday, March 15

***Ephesians 3.20-21** Now glory be to God! By His mighty power at work within us, He can accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or imagine. May He be given glory in the church and Christ Jesus forever and ever through endless ages. Amen.*

Do you truly believe that God can accomplish infinitely more than we would even dare to ask or imagine? Do you believe that is true? If you believe it, ask Him with boldness to do something in our church that only He can do. Thank Him for the power of His Holy Spirit that resides in you. May you be led by the Spirit in your life. May our church be led by the power of the Holy Spirit as decisions are

made in the coming weeks, months, and years. Pray for our pastors today. Pray for them by name. Pray they will sense God's leadership in a very real way as they seek to guide our church forward.

Day 20: Monday, March 16

Isaiah 26.3-8 You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast because he trusts in You. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord is the Rock eternal. He humbles those who dwell on high; He lays the lofty city low; He levels it to the ground and casts it down to the dust. Feet trample it down – the feet of the oppressed, the footsteps of the poor. The path of the righteous is level; O upright One, You make the way of the righteous smooth. Yes, Lord, walking in the way of Your laws, we wait for You; Your name and Your renown are the desire of our hearts.

Thank God for His provision in your life. Thank Him for the costly gift of your salvation. God is good. He makes the path level for the righteous. Ask God to make our path level; ask Him to make the way smooth. As we move forward as a church ask God to make our way smooth. Commit to walking in the way of His laws. Acknowledge that we, as a church, will walk in the way of His laws and that we will wait for Him. May His name and His renown be the desire of our heart.

Day 21: Tuesday March 17

Proverbs 3.5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

God's wisdom and understanding is far-greater than our own. In our world today, it is of the utmost importance that we trust in Him fully. Today pray that God will deepen your trust in Him. Confess to Him that we are inadequate on our own and that our understanding will fail us every time. Confess that we need Him, in our lives as individuals, in our families, and our church. Ask Him to make our paths straight. Pray specifically for His will for the future of our church.

Day 22: Wednesday, March 18

Philippians 2.1-2 If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.

The unity of our church is so crucial, especially in the year 2026. We must be unified. As you pray today, ask God to protect the unity of our church. Confess any sin in your life related to this. If you believe our church is following the Lord's direction, commit right now to be a protector of the unity of our church. Pray that we will be like-minded and have genuine love for God and for each other. Pray that we will be one in spirit and in purpose. Many churches struggle with this part. However, if we can unite together in Christ to make His name known among the nations and here in Oklahoma City, He will be glorified. There is no limit to how God can use our church for His glory if we are the unified people that He has called us to be.

Day 23: Thursday, March 19

James 1.26 If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.

Remember the rule our mothers taught us: if you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all? Today pray that God will help you use your tongue to build others up, not tear them down. Can you imagine how many homes would be transformed if believers just heeded this admonition? Imagine how even our church would be impacted if we all kept a tighter rein on our tongues. We are in such a critical time in the life of our church as we seek to follow God's leading. For the sake of our unity, commit to being an instrument of encouragement with your words. When you speak about our church, speak in a manner that honors God. Even in the privacy of your own home, speak in a manner that honors God. Our unity depends on it, friends. Moreover, do we honestly believe that God will bless us if we are critical and destructive with our speech? If we truly desire God to do something amazing in our midst, we must strive for holiness in every area of our lives as individuals. Use your words to build others up today. Be an encouragement to those around you.

Day 24: Friday, March 20

Philippians 4.11-13 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.

We have hearts that tend to seek more and want more. In our society, that makes it incredibly difficult to be satisfied and content. But in Christ - we are satisfied by His love and goodness. Have you learned the secret of being content? Our contentment honors God immensely. When we are truly content, we are satisfied in the deepest places of our hearts. We know that He is all we need and every desire and longing has been met in Christ Jesus our Lord. And that must give God the Father great pleasure. Thank God today for being all that you need. Thank Him that He knows you best and loves you the most. Confess those times when you struggle with contentment and commit yourself today to resting in Him and His love for you.

Day 25: Saturday, March 21

2 Corinthians 2.14-15 *But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.*

We are in the midst of a difficult time in our world. People are hurting, people are sick, nations are fighting one another, and people are fearful. But, as Paul writes, we can praise the Lord for the triumphal procession in Christ that spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of Him. Pray that our church will be to God the aroma of Christ. Pray that through us He will spread the fragrance of the knowledge of Him, in this community and throughout the world. Pray that as our community encounters our church, they will have no legitimate charge against us. Pray we will be above reproach, as individuals and a church body. May our chief aim be to spread the fragrant knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord. May we be faithful, church, to be ambassadors for the Lord Jesus in our community.

Day 26: Sunday, March 22

2 Corinthians 3.16-18 *When anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now, the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, He gives freedom. And all of us have had that veil removed so that we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like Him and reflect His glory even more.*

Today as you go into the house of the Lord to worship Him, thank Him for taking the veil away when you turned to Him. Praise Him for the freedom He provides. Thank God for the gift of His Holy Spirit in your life. Commit to Him today that you will strive to reflect the glory of the Lord in your life brightly. Thank Him for His work in your life and for making you more like His Son, Jesus. May we be a church that brightly reflects the glory of the Lord to our community and the world!

Day 27: Monday, March 23

Romans 12.1-2 *Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing, and perfect will.*

God wants us to offer ourselves as living sacrifices. He wants us to daily lay aside our own desires and ambitions to follow Him wholeheartedly. He wants us to offer ourselves, our talents, and our resources to Him for His purposes and His glory. Can you imagine the potential for our church if each of us offered our bodies to God as living sacrifices daily? Give your Lord your very best today. Offer yourself to Him as your spiritual act of worship.

Day 28: Tuesday, March 24

Ephesians 1.4-8 *Long ago, even before He made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in His eyes. His unchanging plan has always been to adopt*

us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave Him great pleasure.

As you meditate on these verses today, thank God for choosing you before the foundation of the world. Express your gratitude to Him for adopting you into His family through Christ Jesus. Regardless of what our circumstances could ever be, we are so rich in Christ Jesus. We are loved beyond comprehension, and we have been chosen. If that's not enough to baffle us, we are told that we give the God of the universe great pleasure. Pray today to be molded into one who is holy and blameless, worthy of the One who chose us!

Day 29: Wednesday, March 25

***Ephesians 2.8-10** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

As you move throughout your day, express your gratitude to God for offering you the gift of salvation. Thank Him for His amazing grace. Demonstrate your gratefulness to Him for the costliness of His amazing grace. Commit yourself to live in a manner pleasing to Him today. Make yourself available to the Lord to do good works this week. Ask Him to open your eyes to ways you can serve Him.

Day 30: Thursday, March 26

***2 Corinthians 4.13-15** But we continue to preach because we have the same kind of faith the psalmist had when he said, "I believed in God, and so I speak." We know that the same God who raised our Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and present us to Himself along with you. All of these things are for your benefit. And as God's grace brings more and more people to Christ, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory.*

Do you have the same kind of faith the psalmist had? Does your faith in Christ compel you to speak of Him to others? For a believer, speaking of Christ and His love for us ought to be as natural as breathing. Ask God to give you boldness and courage to speak of Him in your home, your workplace, and anyplace else you find yourself this week. What better time than now to proclaim outwardly the name of Jesus? Pray that God's grace would bring more and more people to Christ in our community. He works, let us ensure He receives the glory!

Day 31: Friday, March 27

***2 Corinthians 5.14-21** For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that One died for all, and therefore all died. And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again. So from now on, we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting*

men's sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

As you read through this passage today, thank God for allowing His Son, Jesus, to die for you and all. Thank Him that you are a new creation in Christ. Thank Him for removing your old self. Thank Him for giving you a new start when you trusted in Christ for your salvation. Confess those times when you act like the old you. If we are to be ministers of reconciliation, we must be reconciled ourselves. We must be reconciled to God through Christ, but we must also be reconciled to fellow man. If there is someone in your life, your family, or our church that you are not reconciled with, ask God to give you the courage to speak with them this week. It is biblical to speak with someone you have an issue with, and if we desire for our church to move forward in the coming months and years, we must be individuals above reproach. We are to be Christ's ambassadors. May we be worthy to represent our Lord God in our homes, our families, our community, our schools, and our workplaces.

Day 32: Saturday, March 28

***Romans 15.5-6** May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

For more than a month we have been praying collectively as a church family. We have been challenged by God's Word to live in a manner that is worthy of the One who called us. With just eight days left in this prayer journey, may God bless you with endurance and encouragement today. This experience is about our church becoming the church that God desires for us to be. It is about us, as individuals, becoming the men and women that God desires for us to be. God has revealed things to each of us about ourselves during these last weeks. May we cling to Christ and each other as we seek to be the church that God desires. In complete unity, in perfect harmony, may we glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ with one heart and mouth! Pray today for a heart that seeks to endure and encourage as we seek to be the light in the darkness.

Day 33: Sunday, March 29

***Philippians 2.3-11** Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Meditate on this passage. Humility is not something that comes naturally to us, friends. It's a universal struggle related to our human nature. Take time to confess to God for when you struggle with humility. Ask His forgiveness and ask Him to teach you to have the same attitude as Christ Jesus. Humility is recognizing your nothingness before God so that He may be everything in you. As we consider the future of our church, we would all agree that we cannot do this on our own. We don't just need God to intervene to assist us. We need Him to show up and show off in a big way! We need Him to do that which only He can. Let us humble ourselves, church, taking the form of a servant and being obedient even unto death.

Day 34: Monday, March 30

Psalm 24.1-6 The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for He founded it upon the waters. Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. He will receive a blessing from the Lord and vindication from God his Savior. Such is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek Your face, O God of Jacob.

Spend time today confessing your sin to God. Seek His forgiveness and commit to living a holy and pure life for Him. God is holy, and He demands holiness and purity in our lives. Ask Him to reveal to you areas in your life which need to be addressed so you will have clean hands and a pure heart before God. Pray specifically that in 2026 and beyond, our church will be a band of believers known for holiness, purity, and seeking Him. Thank Him for His perfect love for you. We fall short of His standards so often, yet He loves us so much.

Day 35: Tuesday, March 31

1 Corinthians 15:11-21 Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed. But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

Do you believe in Christ's resurrection? Do you hold fast to the reality that God raised Jesus from the dead? Has the truth of Christ's resurrection transformed your life? What Paul states in the preceding verses is that if God did not raise Christ from the dead we have: made God a liar (because we have said God has done something that He did not do), we are not saved because our sins were not paid for on the cross, and we have been greatly deceived to believe a lie. Thanks be to God that Jesus was raised from the dead and salvation has come to all who believe! My challenge for you today is to think of all the people you pass by each day who are walking in their sin, who are lost, who don't know

Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Think about their names. Think about their faces. God has placed you in their life to be the light of the gospel in their life. To love them as God has loved you. Pray for them today. Pray that God would give you the wisdom and boldness to share the good news of salvation with them because Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus is your hope and theirs.

Day 36: Wednesday, April 1

Philippians 4.4-9 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Meditate on the passage above. Read it slowly several times. This is an easy time in our culture to be anxious, to be fearful, and to even be worried or frustrated. But there is good news in this passage - do you notice that peace is a result of our rejoicing in the Lord, demonstrating gentleness, and praying with thanksgiving? If you don't have peace in your heart and life, take time to examine these specific areas and confess any sin to God. Thank Him that He gives us supernatural peace that transcends human understanding. May we be a church that displays peace, joy, and in the midst of a fearful world. Now ponder the second half of the passage. Dwell on these things as you move throughout your day. May the God of peace be with you.

Day 37: Thursday, April 2

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

Stand firm, then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the Gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

Ephesians 6.10-18

It has been said that it is dangerous to give the devil too much credit or too little credit for his role in our world. We must realize, friends, that when we live the holy lives God desires of us and when our church operates as a unified body of believers, we become a target for Satan. When we are a church fully on mission with God existing solely for the purposes of bringing glory to Him and extending His

Kingdom here on earth, we become a church that is on Satan's radar. We must take this seriously, and we must pray, church. Put on the full armor of God every day and pray in the Spirit on all occasions. Pray that as these forty days of prayer draw to a close that God would protect us from the schemes of our enemy who seeks to kill, steal, and destroy.

Day 38: Friday, April 3

1 Corinthians 15:44-49 *It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. So, it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.*

Good Friday celebrates the day our Lord died for our sins on the cross. I have often sat by the hour and tried to imagine the agony and suffering He went through because of our sins. At one point He said from the cross, "It is finished" (John 19:30). He meant that God had accepted His work on the cross as the penalty for our sins. Christ's death on our behalf is the reason God can forgive us. His death teaches us the depth and breadth that there should be in our forgiveness of one another. While that holy Friday was tremendous, it was only a prelude to Sunday morning when He was raised from the dead. Godly women had come to see His tomb, but angels made the glorious announcement, "He has risen!" (Luke 24:6). His resurrection guaranteed that we, too will be raised, if we are believers and obey His Word. Thank God for sending His Son, Jesus the Christ, to live a perfect life and die for our sins. Let us thank God for the love He has shown us and let us seek to reflect God's love to a world that needs Him. Remember today is Friday... but Sunday is coming!

Day 39: Saturday, April 4

1 Corinthians 15:50-54 *I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."*

From Genesis to Revelation, we are warned that "it is later than you think." Paul writes to Christians in Romans 13:11-12: "The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light." There are millions of people around the world who do not have peace at this moment because they have never found the secret of peace. Some of them may have riches today as a result of greed and covetousness, but their souls are lean, their hearts are cold toward God, their consciences are dulled, and their minds are blinded. They need to know that there is a God of marvelous love who sent His Son Jesus Christ to this world. As a

demonstration of His mercy, Christ went to the cross to make a way for peace between God and humanity. Thank God for providing a way for you to have peace with God! Pray that Exchange would be a dispenser of God's peace in our community!

Day 40: Sunday, April 5

Luke 24.1-7 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright, the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He is risen! Remember how He told you, while He was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'"

Happy Easter! Regardless of what the weather is like today, it is a beautiful day! May you gather to worship with a spirit of celebration in your heart. Death was no match for King Jesus! We have life because He conquered sin, Satan, and death. Rejoice in Him today! Express your deep gratefulness for what He has done for you. May the risen King Jesus receive the praise and worship He alone deserves. He is the only One that could save the day, and that's just what He did on that first Easter morning. He has saved the day for you and me. He did what only He could, and we owe Him everything! This morning pray that our church would be filled with those who need Christ's salvation. Pray that the Word would go forth in power and that the lost would be saved. Pray that God would do that which only He can do for His glory!