

LENTEN PRAYERS

Lent is the 40 days between Ash Wednesday (February 22) and Easter (April 9). With the success of our 21 days of prayer and fasting earlier this year, it seemed appropriate to continue in corporate prayer during this Lenten Season.

We have divided our 40 days of prayer into the following categories: Spiritual Disciplines, Beatitudes, Fruit of the Spirit, Works of the Flesh, and Intercessory Concerns. Please join us as we continue to seek God's power over our church, our families, our city, our country, and ourselves.

A. BEATITUDES

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for be filled.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is
the kingdom of heaven."* Matthew 5:3-10

DAY 1 'Blessed is the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of God'.
Prayer for the poor in spirit.

"When pride comes, then comes shame; but with the humble is wisdom." Proverbs 11:2

DAY 2 'Blessed are they that mourn they shall be comforted'.
Prayer for those who mourn.

"I am worn out from groaning. All night long I flood my bed with weeping and
drench my couch with tears." Proverbs 6:6

DAY 3 "Bless are the meek for they shall inherit the earth.'
Pray for the meek.

"But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity". Psalms 37:11

DAY 4 **'Blessed are they that hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be filled.'**

Pray for hunger and thirst for righteousness.

"Then Jesus declared," I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty". John 6:35

DAY 5 **'Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.'**

Pray for mercy.

"It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not; They are new every morning Great is thy faithfulness."

Lamentations 22-23

DAY 6 **'Blessed is the pure in heart, for they shall see God.'**

Pray for a pure heart.

"Create in me a pure heart, O God and renew a steadfast spirit within me."

Psalms 51:10

DAY 7 **'Blessed are the peacemakers for shall be called the children of God.'**

Pray to be a peacemaker.

"Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord". Hebrews 12:14

DAY 8 **'Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'**

Pray for the persecuted.

"Truly I tell you, Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields--along with persecutions--and in the age to come eternal life." Mark 10:29-30

DAY 9 **'Blessed are you when people hate you when they exclude you and insult you and reject you as evil, because of the Son of Man'.**

Pray against spirit of rejection.

"Whoever conceals hatred with lying lips and spreads slander is a fool".
Proverbs 10:18

B. WORKS OF THE FLESH

"The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery, idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God." Galatians 4:19-21

DAY 10 **HATE**

Pray to remove hatred.

"You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD." Lev.19:17 (AMP)

DAY 11 **GREED**

Pray that we would not be greedy.

"For of this you can be sure: no immoral, impure or greedy person---such a person is an idolator---has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God."
Ephesians 5:5

DAY 12 **STEALING**

Pray that God would convict those who steal.

“The thief [who has become a believer] must no longer steal, but instead he must work hard [making an honest living], producing that which is good with his own hands, so that he will have *something* to share with those in need.”

Ephesians 4:28 (AMP)

DAY 13 ANGER

Pray to remove any anger or bitterness lurking in us.

“But now you must also rid yourself of these: anger, rage, malice, slander and filthy language from your lips.” Colossians 3:8

DAY 14 JEALOUSY

Pray that we would not be jealous.

“You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? I Corinthians 3:3

DAY 15 SEXUAL IMMORALITY

Pray for freedom from sexual immorality.

“Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.” I Corinthians 6:18-20

DAY 16 DISCORD

Pray to remove conflict in our relationships.

These six things the Lord hates...“A false witness who breathes out lies [even half-truths], And one who spreads discord (rumors) among brothers.”

Proverbs 6:19 (AMP)

C. SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

DAY 17 STEWARDSHIP

Pray to embrace stewardship.

“Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”
2 Corinthians 9:6-8

DAY 18 FASTING

Pray to help you fast.

“Declare a holy fast; call a sacred assembly. Summon the elders and all who live in the land to the house of the Lord your God and cry out to the Lord.” Joel 1:14

DAY 19 BIBLE STUDY

Pray for a new commitment to Bible study.

“Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” II Timothy 2:15.

DAY 20 PRAYER

Pray for a more consistent prayer life.

“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe you have received it, and it will be yours.” Mark 11:24

DAY 21 WORSHIP

Pray to worship in Spirit and in Truth.

“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe. for our God is a consuming fire” Hebrews 12:28-29

D. FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

***“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”
Galatians 5:22-23***

DAY 22 LOVE

Pray to love like Jesus.

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” John 15:12-13

DAY 23 JOY

Pray that we experience the joy of the Lord.

“Nehemiah said,....This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is our strength”. Nehemiah 8:10

DAY 24 PEACE

Pray for peace in our homes, on our jobs, in our communities.

“You will keep in perfect and constant peace the one whose mind is steadfast (that is, committed and focused on You—in both inclination and character), Because he trusts and takes refuge in You (with hope and expectation).”
Isaiah 26:3 (AMP)

DAY 25 PATIENCE

Pray that we are patient as we await God’s answers.

“I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.” Psalms 40:1

DAY 26 KINDNESS

Pray that we are kind to one another.

“So, as God’s own chosen people, who are holy (set apart, sanctified for his purpose) and well-beloved (by God himself), put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience (which has the power to endure whatever injustice or unpleasantness comes with good temper).

Colossians 3:12(AMP)

DAY 27 GOODNESS

Pray that God’s goodness shall be with us always.

“I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.” Psalms 27:13

DAY 28 FAITHFULNESS

Pray that we remain faithful to God.

“If we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.”

II Timothy 2:13

DAY 29 GENTLENESS

Pray that we are gentle with each other.

“Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate and always to be gentle to everyone. Titus 3:1-2

DAY 30 SELF-CONTROL

Pray that we can control our behavior in all situations.

“Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control”.

Proverbs 25:28

E. INTERCESSORY NEEDS

DAY 31 REJECTION

Pray against spirit of rejection.

“Whoever conceals hatred with lying lips and spreads slander is a fool”

Proverbs 10:18

DAY 31 LEADERSHIP

Pray for Pastor Canady and church leadership.

“Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.” Matthew 20:26

DAY 32 UNITY

Pray for unity in our church.

“ I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you , but that you be unified in mind and thought.” I Corinthians 1:10.

DAY 33 YOUTH

Pray for our youth.

“How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your Word.”

Psalms 119:9

DAY 34 DEPRESSION

Pray for those suffering from depression.

“The righteous cry out. and the Lord hear them, he delivers them from all their troubles.

The Lord is close to the broken hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”

Psalms 34:17-18

DAY 35 UNSAVED

Pray for the unsaved.

“Therefore, Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.” John 10:7-9

DAY 36 Sharing the Gospel

Pray and ask God to help you share the Gospel with others.

“For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to Jew then to Gentile.” Romans 1:16

DAY 37 VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Pray to stop the violence in our community.

“No longer will violence be heard in your land nor ruin or destruction within your borders, but you will call your walls salvation and your gates Praise.” Isaiah 60:18

DAY 38 NEIGHBORS

Pray for your neighbor.

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.” Mark 12:30-31

DAY 39 FORGIVENESS

Pray for forgiveness.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judge. Do not condemn and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven.” Luke 6:37

DAY 40 FEAR

Pray to overcome fear.

“So do not fear for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10