All Saints Covenant Church "The City of Love"

14 Days of Prayer and Fasting 2025 January 19th - February 2nd



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We LOVE God. We LOVE our Neighbors.

We Maximize Purpose.

Greetings Covenant Partners -

More Grace and Peace to each of you. Lady Andrea and I are honored and extremely elated to lead this Kingdom Work as Pastors of All Saints Covenant Church, The City of Love! God has positioned us strategically in a region that desperately needs to experience and embrace the dimensional LOVE of GOD. It is God's desire that all would come to repentance and connect with and comprehend the breadth, length, depth, and height of His LOVE (Ref. Ephesians 3:17-19). Our overarching aim is to teach people the essence of connecting with the Heart of God and His ability to do for them that they cannot do for themselves. We exist to reintroduce & re-present the unconditional (Agape), unfailing & unrelenting LOVE of God, in all its dimensions, to the world. Our aim is to "Provoke Love". We seek to walk out our Vision Mantra...

We LOVE God. We LOVE our Neighbors.

We Maximize Purpose.

We Love God.

We're committed to loving God with all of our heart, with all of our soul and with all of our mind. Not only do we Love God but we're dedicated to walking in alignment with His Perfect Will. (Matthew 22:37; Romans 12:1-2)

We Love our Neighbors.

We're committed to loving our Neighbors in the same way we Love ourselves. Our aim is to treat others in the same way we desire to be treated. (Matthew 22:39; Luke 6:31)

We Maximize Purpose.

We're committed to Maximizing the Purpose that God orchestrated for our lives. We stand confident in the fact that God's plans are good and not disastrous. His plans involved giving us a bright future and a hope. (Proverbs 19:21; Jeremiah 29:11)

Before Jesus commenced His earthly ministry, He was compelled of the Holy Spirit to go into the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11). Here we find that Jesus fasted for Forty (40) Days/Nights but was also tempted of the devil during this time. Although physically weak, Jesus' Spirit-Man was as potent and strong as ever. This was a direct result of His willingness and obedience to deny Himself with Fasting and Prayer. Jesus was not on a diet. He did not starve Himself. He gave the Father a sacrifice in order to receive increased strength, wisdom, knowledge, and clarity for the assignment He was about to embark upon. A diet changes the way we look, but a fast changes the way we see. When we fast, we position ourselves to hear from God and to see things from His perspective. This was critically imperative relative to Jesus' assignment as He was commissioned with redeeming fallen man back to God. Consider the following (7) Steps for Successful Fasting and Prayer...

7 BASIC STEPS TO SUCCESSFUL FASTING AND PRAYER

I believe the power of fasting as it relates to prayer is the spiritual atomic bomb that our Lord has given us to destroy the strongholds of evil and usher in a great revival and spiritual harvest around the world.

This handy reference guide, Seven Basic Steps to Successful Fasting and Prayer, will help make your time with the Lord more spiritually rewarding. I encourage you to keep it with you during your fast and refer to it often because it gives easy-to-follow suggestions on how to begin your fast, what to do while you fast, and how to end your fast properly.

HOW TO BEGIN YOUR FAST

How you begin and conduct your fast will largely determine your success. By following these seven basic steps to fasting, you will make your time with the Lord more meaningful and spiritually rewarding.

STEP 1: SET YOUR OBJECTIVE

Why are you fasting? Is it for spiritual renewal, for guidance, for healing, for the resolution of problems, for special grace to handle a difficult situation? Ask the Holy Spirit to clarify His leading and objectives for your prayer fast. This will enable you to pray more specifically and strategically.

Through fasting and prayer, we humble ourselves before God so the Holy Spirit will stir our souls, awaken our churches, and heal our land according to <u>2 Chronicles 7:14</u>. Make this a priority in your fasting.

STEP 2: MAKE YOUR COMMITMENT

Pray about the kind of fast you should undertake. Jesus implied that all of His followers should fast (<u>Matthew 6:16-18</u>; <u>9:14,15</u>) For Him it was a matter of when believers would fast, not if they would do it. Before you fast, decide the following up front:

- How long you will fast—one meal, one day, a week, several weeks, forty days (Beginners should start slowly, building up to longer fasts.)
- Our ministry will be observing a period of (14) Days of Fasting and Praying from 6AM-4PM... water only! No eating after 8PM.
 - During our fast, please avoid the following foods: junk food such as chips and cookies, sodas, bread, fried foods, red meat, sugars, and pastas. If you must have meat, eat a small portion of lean chicken, turkey, or seafood.
 - Consume more fresh veggies and drink plenty of water. For a snack choice, consume raw nuts to avoid an excessive amount of sodium. Eat fruit and only drink 100% fruit juices that are low in sugar content (after 4PM only).
- The type of fast God wants you to undertake (such as water only, or water and juices; what kinds of juices you will drink and how often)
- What physical or social activities you will restrict

 How much time each day you will devote to prayer and God's Word

Making these commitments ahead of time will help you sustain your fast when physical temptations and life's pressures tempt you to abandon it.

STEP 3: PREPARE YOURSELF SPIRITUALLY

The very foundation of fasting and prayer is repentance. Unconfessed sin will hinder your prayers. Here are several things you can do to prepare your heart:

Ask God to help you make a comprehensive list of your sins.

- Confess every sin that the Holy Spirit calls to your remembrance and accept God's forgiveness (1 John 1:9).
- Seek forgiveness from all whom you have offended, and forgive all who have hurt you (Mark 11:25; Luke 11:4; 17:3,4).
- Make restitution as the Holy Spirit leads you.
- Ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit according to His command in Ephesians 5:18 and His promise in 1 John 5:14,15.
- Surrender your life fully to Jesus Christ as your Lord and Master; refuse to obey your worldly nature (Romans 12:1,2).
- Meditate on the attributes of God, His love, sovereignty, power, wisdom, faithfulness, grace, compassion, and others (Psalm 48:9,10; 103:1-8, 11-13).
- Begin your time of fasting and prayer with an expectant heart (Hebrews 11:6).
- Do not underestimate spiritual opposition. Satan sometimes intensifies the natural battle between body and spirit (<u>Galatians</u> 5:16,17).

STEP 4: PREPARE YOURSELF PHYSICALLY

Fasting requires reasonable precautions. Consult your physician first, especially if you take prescription medication or have a chronic ailment. Some people should never fast without professional supervision.

Physical preparation makes the drastic change in your eating routine a little easier so that you can turn your full attention to the Lord in prayer.

- Do not rush into your fast.
- Prepare your body. Eat smaller meals before starting to fast. Avoid high-fat and sugary foods.
- Eat raw fruit and vegetables for two days before starting a fast.

WHILE YOU FAST

Your time of fasting and prayer has come. You are abstaining from all solid foods and have begun to seek the Lord. Here are some helpful suggestions to consider:

- Avoid drugs, even natural herbal drugs and homeopathic remedies. Medication should be withdrawn only with your physician's supervision.
- Limit your activity.
- Exercise only moderately. Walk one to three miles each day if convenient and comfortable.
- Rest as much as your schedule will permit.
- Prepare yourself for temporary mental discomforts, such as impatience, crankiness, and anxiety.
- Expect some physical discomforts, especially on the second day. You may have fleeting hunger pains, dizziness, or the "blahs." Withdrawal from caffeine and sugar may cause headaches. Physical annoyances may also include weakness, tiredness, or sleeplessness.

The first two or three days are usually the hardest. As you continue to fast, you will likely experience a sense of well-being both physically and

spiritually. However, should you feel hunger pains, increase your liquid intake.

STEP 5: PUT YOURSELF ON A SCHEDULE

For maximum spiritual benefit, set aside ample time to be alone with the Lord. Listen for His leading. The more time you spend with Him, the more meaningful your fast will be.

Morning

- Begin your day in praise and worship. We will have a daily Prayer Call to meet together in prayer and fellowship. Details are outlined in this packet.
- Read and meditate on God's Word, preferably on your knees.
- Invite the Holy Spirit to work in you to will and to do His good pleasure according to Philippians 2:13.
- Invite God to use you. Ask Him to show you how to influence your world, your family, your church, your community, your country, and beyond.
- Pray for His vision for your life and empowerment to do His will.

Noon

- Return to prayer and God's Word.
- Take a short prayer walk.
- Spend time in intercessory prayer for your community's and nation's leaders, for the world's unreached millions, for your family or special needs.

Evening

• Get alone for an unhurried time of "seeking His face."

- If others are fasting with you, meet together for prayer. We will have a daily Prayer Call to meet together in prayer and fellowship. Details are outlined in this packet.
- Avoid television or any other distraction that may dampen your spiritual focus.

When possible, begin and end each day on your knees with your spouse, if applicable, for a brief time of praise and thanksgiving to God. Longer periods of time with our Lord in prayer and study of His Word are often better spent alone.

BREAKING YOUR FAST

When your designated time for fasting is finished, you will begin to eat again. But how you break your fast is extremely important for your physical and spiritual well-being.

STEP 6: END YOUR FAST GRADUALLY

Begin eating gradually. Do not eat solid foods immediately after your fast. Suddenly reintroducing solid food to your stomach and digestive tract will likely have negative, even dangerous, consequences. Try several smaller meals or snacks each day. If you end your fast gradually, the beneficial physical and spiritual effects will result in continued good health.

Here are some suggestions to help you end your fast properly: 1

Break an extended water fast with fruit such as watermelon.

- While continuing to drink fruit or vegetable juices, add the following:
- First day: Add a raw salad.
- Second day: Add baked or boiled potato, no butter or seasoning.
- Third day: Add a steamed vegetable.
- Thereafter: Begin to reintroduce your normal diet.

• Gradually return to regular eating with several small snacks during the first few days. Start with a little soup and fresh fruit such as watermelon and cantaloupe. Advance to a few tablespoons of solid foods such as raw fruits and vegetables or a raw salad and baked potato.

A FINAL WORD...

STEP 7: EXPECT RESULTS

If you sincerely humble yourself before the Lord, repent, pray, and seek God's face; if you consistently meditate on His Word, you will experience a heightened awareness of His presence (John 14:21). The Lord will give you fresh, new spiritual insights. Your confidence and faith in God will be strengthened. You will feel mentally, spiritually, and physically refreshed. You will see answers to your prayers.

A single fast, however, is not a spiritual cure-all. Just as we need fresh infillings of the Holy Spirit daily, we also need new times of fasting before God. A 24-hour fast each week has been greatly rewarding to many Christians.

It takes time to build your spiritual fasting muscles. If you fail to make it through your first fast, do not be discouraged. You may have tried to fast too long the first time out, or you may need to strengthen your understanding and resolve. As soon as possible, undertake another fast until you do succeed. God will honor you for your faithfulness.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

Bishop T.D. Jakes ministered a powerful word on "The Power of Down Time" from Psalm 23:2a, which says "He makes me to lie down in green pastures." He explained how, in order to move us ahead individually

and corporately, God provides down time so we can rest, be strengthened and be positioned to launch forward into our destiny. We have called a Solemn Assembly, a time of fasting and prayer to refocus and reposition our ministry for now and in the future. For 14 days (January 19-February 2, 2025), All Saints Covenant Church is to be in a period of consecration: fasting and praying; going before God, breaking strongholds, principalities, and powers, and asking God to bring in discipline, alignment, restoration, renewal, and recompense. These are 14 days of repentance, consecration, and rededication to the Lord! We are seeking God's face in prayer and fasting with repentance, wailing, and laying before God.

Ask God – What do You want out of my life? What do You want out of our ministry? What are You trying to teach me? What do I need to learn?

For these 14 days, set yourself aside in consecration. Be sure to spend time on devotions, prayer, and studying the Word, and refuse all carnality. During the consecration period, please fast from food completely at least one day, some days, or all 14 days. Use wisdom as guided by your physician and the Holy Spirit.

There is spiritual warfare coming against our nation, our economy, our churches, our families, our leadership, and ourselves. We must pray it out together; rebuke the enemy and plead the blood of Jesus.

Expect God to bring deliverance, restoration, healing, and renewal. Believe Him for opportunities, employment, financial breakthroughs, and great miracles of every kind. Through prayer, earth can reach Heaven; humanity can touch Divinity; the natural can touch the Supernatural; the ordinary, the Extraordinary.

"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 I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14

DEFINITION OF CONSECRATION

Making sacred; dedicating to the service and worship of God; separated from a common use to a sacred one. Metaphorically meaning perfect although not faultless but bringing to a state of completion and fulfillment; to renew, to complete, mature, reaching the intended goal; to finish a work or duty.

Biblical Foundation for Fasting

"Is this not the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke?" (Isaiah 58:6)

What can we expect from fasting?

- Read the entire chapter of Isaiah 58. Verse 8 says, "Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward." (KJV)
- One may fast to express repentance and the return to God (Joel 2:12; Jonah 3:5-8).
- It is used to humble ourselves before God (1 Kings 21:27-29; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Psalm 35:13).
- It will strengthen prayer (Ezra 8:23; Nehemiah 1:4; Daniel 9:3; Joel 2:12; Acts 13:3).
- It assists us in seeking God's guidance (Judges 20:26-28; Acts 14:23).
- It is used to express concern and facilitate the work of the Kingdom of God (Nehemiah 1:3-4; Daniel 9:3).

The three main types of fasting in scripture are as follows:

The Partial Fast – This fast is typically known as "The Daniel Fast" – (Daniel 10:3). This type of fast is not a total abstinence from food, but rather a restriction on the types of food eaten. For example, in this fast, one might refrain from eating meats and delicacies but eat fruits and vegetables. The partial fast can also be accomplished by refraining from eating any food during specific hours. For example, one might eat nothing from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., but eat one meal from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Normal Fast – This is a total liquid fast, which includes complete abstinence from food for a designated period. (Matthew 2)

The Total Fast – Total abstinence from both food and liquids for a brief period of time, seldom more than three days.

Preparation for Fasting

PRAY FIRST! Ask the Lord to show you how to fast and when you are to fast. Individuals who plan to participate in this 14 Days of Prayer & Fasting are advised to seek the consultation and advice of their physician, prior to initiation.

Eating Principles - SUGGESTIONS

We suggest that you drink at least one gallon of water daily. While fasting, the body has more waste to get rid of. Therefore, it is important to consume more water each day. When the body is thirsty, water should be taken immediately. For better tasting water, squeeze fresh lemon juice into your water. Drinking cranberry juice will help to flush the kidneys. Sodas and sugary drinks should be avoided. Abstain from fatty foods, caffeine, and sugar. Resist eating fried foods, fast foods, and lessen salt intake.

OTHER GUIDELINES

If you are not reading your Bible and praying DAILY during these 14 Days, then you are just dieting.

Increase Prayer Time: Begin each day in prayer and devotion. This may include prayer, studying Bible passages, meditating on the Word, and/or being still before the Lord.

Increase Your Ability to Hear the Lord: Be selective in how you spend your time. Limit, avoid, or even exclude secular TV, radio, and magazines. Limit or avoid excessive social telephone calls and excessive use of social media technology. Spend some time outside. Walking under the open sky is an excellent way to connect with and hear God.

Families with Children: Generate family unity. Parents sit down with your children and have them lead devotion. Help your children choose to avoid fast foods, video games, or other types of foods or activities that they find gratifying. Limit their electronic devices usage.

Breaking the Partial or Normal Fast

So many individuals complete the fast successfully and then do damage to their physical temples by breaking the fast incorrectly. In breaking the fast, please do not eagerly seek to eat every type of food that was sacrificed during the fast immediately at the end of the fast. Because your body has been through a transition, it is important to slowly break the body in.

To break the Partial or Daniel Fast, slowly increase the intake of foods. Continue to drink plenty of liquids; water is highly recommended. It is suggested that after you feel your body has adjusted, begin to eat small quantities of a healthy diet.

To break the Normal Fast, it suggested that the individual begin with soft foods that are not heavy, such as Jell-O, applesauce, etc. Do this for a

day or two. Continue to drink plenty of liquids; water is highly recommended.

PLEASE NOTE

Pastor Darrian L. Hill, Sr. and the All Saints Covenant Church advise all members and participants of this consecration to consider their personal health needs and to consult their personal physician prior to beginning this fast. Therefore, we specifically disclaim any responsibility from any physical reaction to this fast.

2025 Daily Prayer Points and Scripture Readings...

Day 1: January 19

**Scripture Focus: ** Philippians 4:6-7

**Prayer Points: **

- Pray for Pastor Hill, Lady Hill, and Family.

- Pray for all current members.

REPENTANCE

Read James 4:1-10; Isaiah 66:1-2; 2 Chronicles 7:14; John 17:20-26.

There is a difference between repentance and just feeling sorry. A repentant person cries out, "Because I love You so much LORD, I do not want to hurt you by sinning against you. I will never do it again." A sad spirit, that simply feels sorry cries, "Lord, I am sorry I sinned, please forgive me."

In true reverence for the LORD, physically get on your knees, bow before God, or lay prostrate before Him and humbly repent of known and unknown sins. Then, change your heart, direction and deeds.

Day 2: January 20

**Scripture Focus: ** Ephesians 6:18

**Prayer Points: **

- Pray for all future members.
- Pray that ASCC will impact the Springdale community and beyond in 2025.

INTIMACY

Read Matthew 6:25, 33; Luke 9:23-25; Galatians 2:20; John 14:1-7.

(Ask God to reveal something new to you about John 14:6.)

A true disciple learns to focus on Christ first, knowing that He will take care of all that concerns him/her. What cares or concerns crowd your relationship with Christ? What you think about and give thanks about, you bring about. Seek the LORD. Ask Him to show you who He is, so that you may know Him more intimately. From this day forward, desire in your heart and make the necessary changes to be more intimate with the LORD.

Day 3: January 21

**Scripture Focus: ** Matthew 28:19-20

**Prayer Points: **

- Pray for the spirit of evangelism to be stirred within the church.
- Pray for opportunities to display God's love.

GOD'S WORD

Read James 1:22-25, Psalm 119:11; Psalm 119:72; and Luke 1:38.

(Meditate on Psalm 119:97-104.)

Today, we cry out to the LORD for a love of His Word. Spend time with the LORD rejoicing in His Word. Thank Him for revealing His guidance through His Word. Confess your sin out loud to the LORD. Confess to Him the ways in which you do not obey His Word. . . then submit to the LORD's will for your life. Mary modelled a good response for us. "Let it be with me according to your Word."

Day 4: January 22

**Scripture Focus: ** Romans 12:10-13

**Prayer Points: **

- Pray for unity and support among all current members.
- Pray for a heart of fellowship and service within the ministry.

MEDITATE

Read Psalm 119:1-16; Deuteronomy 6:4-9.

While you fast and pray today, simply love the LORD by declaring your obedience and allegiance to Him. Then, keep His Word in front of you all day. How do I do this? Take time to write at least ONE promise from God's word on an index card, on a small sheet of paper, or text it to yourself on your phone. Keep it with you today and meditate (reflect) on it all day.

Day 5: January 23

**Scripture Focus: ** 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

**Prayer Points: **

- Pray for consistent and bountiful giving.
- Pray for the financial health of the church and its ministries.

PRAYER

Read I Thessalonians 5:17; Matthew 7:7; Matthew 26:41; Luke 18:1; John 16:24; Ephesians 8:18

Some people have a one-dimensional view of prayer, thinking it only involves folded hands, bowed heads, and bent knees only. If that were the case, Paul's exhortation to pray without ceasing would not only be impossible, but it would also be ridiculous. Prayer is the primary way for man and God to communicate. Paul's exhortation reminds us to include prayer as we go throughout our tasks during the day as well as during our daily quiet time and devotions.

Day 6: January 24

**Scripture Focus: ** James 5:16

**Prayer Points: **

- Pray for dedication to intercessory prayer.

- Pray that every member feels called to pray for one another.

CONFESSION

Read Nehemiah 1; Psalm 32:5; Proverbs 28:13; I John 1:9

Spend time with God acknowledging His Lordship. Pray for a spirit of repentance to fall upon you and His corporate body. Seek the Lord with all your heart and confess our corporate and individual sins. Sometimes we grieve God's heart without us even being aware of it, so also ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any unconfessed sin. Rejoice in God's forgiveness and mercy and ask Him for restoration.

Day 7: January 25

**Scripture Focus: ** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

**Prayer Points: **

- Pray for gratitude and joy among the church family.
- Pray that members support all facets of the ministry.

REST

Read Exodus 20:8-11.

Ask the LORD to reveal to you the ways in which you do not REST in Him. Confess your sin. Spend the day delighting in the LORD. Remember who God is. Remember what He has done for you and thank Him. This is His rest: to delight and trust in Him . . . and when you do, He will find a resting place in you!

As we enter the second and final week of our Corporate Consecration, we thank God for this down time when we can "lie down in green pastures" (Psalm 23:2). For 14 days, we are seeking the Lord together in prayer, fasting, and in fellowship with His Word.

Let us all come together on Wednesdays (Virtually via Zoom) for our W.O.W Bible Study (Word Outpour Wednesdays) at 7:00PM and during our Worship Service on Sundays at 10AM. We will gather for a time of prayer every morning at 6:30AM over the designated 14-Day period.

Daily Morning Prayer Call – 6:30AM

Dial-In Phone Number: 1-339-207-7386 – no access code required

W.O.W (Word Outpour Wednesdays) Bible Study via Zoom – 7PM

Meeting ID: 643 328 3524

Passcode: 45040

Sunday AM Worship Experience: 10AM

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Day 8: January 26

**Scripture Focus: ** Isaiah 55:11

**Prayer Points: **

- Pray for the Word of God to have a powerful impact in the Springdale community.
- Pray that ASCC will be a beacon of hope and love.

CONSECRATION

Read Leviticus 20:7; Romans 12:1,2; Numbers 30:2; 2 Chronicles 29:31.

What does it really mean to be consecrated? Inquire of the LORD concerning His desire to be our Bridegroom and how He desires for us to be His consecrated, set apart, Bride. Delight in His covenant and ask the LORD to reveal if there are any ways in which you have not fully kept your vows to Him. Surrender these and rededicate yourself to Him anew. Determine today to live a holy, consecrated life that pleases the

LORD, and be thankful for the continual process of sanctification, as we become more and more like Christ.

Day 9: January 27

**Scripture Focus: ** Colossians 3:23-24

**Prayer Points: **

- Pray for a spirit of excellence in all church functions.
- Pray that members work heartily for the Lord in all they do.

TRUST

Read Matthew 11:28-30; Proverbs 3:5-8.

Trusting God takes the pressure off you. It allows you to rest and it opens the door for God to give you health and strength. God wants you to give Him your burdens. You can rest in Him. Today, set your heart and mind to fully trust the LORD in all things. Let the Holy Spirit show you areas where you are not completely trusting Him. Could it be in your family, marriage, ministry, future, career, finances, or relationships? When He shows You, give it to Him and rest.

Day 10: January 28

**Scripture Focus: ** 1 Timothy 2:1-4

**Prayer Points: **

- Pray for all church leaders and their families.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment in decisions affecting the church.

DESIRES

Read Psalm 51:10; Psalm 37:3-6; Jeremiah 33:3; Isaiah 55:8-9; Isaiah 42:9

Satisfaction is guaranteed when our desires are the same as God's and we pursue what He has in mind. However, with our natural mind, we do not think the way that He thinks, and His ways are not automatically our ways. The good news is God wants us to gain His perspective. All we must do is ask. God always focuses on fulfilling a greater purpose. Invite the Holy Spirit to reveal to you the Lord's desires and submit your will to His today.

Day 11: January 29

**Scripture Focus: ** Psalm 133:1

**Prayer Points: **

- Pray for unity and harmony among all members.
- Pray against division and strife within the church.

WISDOM

Read 2 Chronicles 1:7-13.

This day, we are praying for wisdom. Solomon asked God for wisdom, and he received it because his heart was surrendered to God. He decided to trust God for direction. Where do you need the LORD's wisdom? "If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and He will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking." (James 1:5, New Living Translation) In fact, He is willing to give you more than what you asked.

Day 12: January 30

**Scripture Focus: ** 2 Timothy 1:7

**Prayer Points: **

- Pray that the Spirit of prayer rests on our ministry.

- Pray for boldness in sharing faith and inviting others.

OBEDIENCE

Read John 2:5; Isaiah 1:19-20; John 14:15, 21-24

Obedience is not an option! As children of God, we must be obedient to Him. The LORD's promises will be found if we obey Him. Today, ask the LORD to strengthen your love for Him, so that you will always remain willing and obedient to His Word, His Voice, and His Spirit. Remember Mary's words to the disciples, "Whatever He tells you to do, do it" (John 2:5). Today, write "Just do it!" on an index card, on a small sheet of paper, or text it to yourself on your phone. Keep it with you today as a reminder of your obedient response to God. (See Deuteronomy 7:6-16 and Deuteronomy 28 for some of God's promises concerning obedience to Him.)

Day 13: January 31

**Scripture Focus: ** Psalm 91:1-2

**Praver Points: **

- Pray for protection over Pastor Hill and family, and all church members.
- Pray for spiritual covering over the church.

SERVICE

Read Matthew 25:31-46

Say out loud, "It's not about me!" Today, we are reminded that God intends for our consecrated lives to bring healing, hope, and help to others. Ask the LORD to show you your assignment for serving Him by serving others. Find someone to extend the love of Christ to today in a real, tangible way that lifts their life. You will find that as you bless others, you are blessed as well.

Day 14: February 1

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**Scripture Focus: ** Hebrews 10:24-25
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**Prayer Points: **

- Pray for an increase in fellowship opportunities.

- Pray that future members feel welcomed and loved.

MINISTERING TO GOD

Read Psalm 27:4; Jeremiah 33:22

What makes God smile? He delights in His children wanting to be in His presence. Affirm your faith that God is our loving Father; that Jesus Christ is the head of the Church; and the Holy Spirit leads and guide us into all truth and in the presence of our LORD. Seek Him today, worship God with your whole heart, and delight in His presence.

Day 15: February 2

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**Scripture Focus: ** Ephesians 3:20
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**Prayer Points: **

- Pray for God to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine.

- Thank God for the journey of fasting and prayer and for all He has done.

PRAY FOR OUR PASTORS AND PRAY FOR DISCIPLINE AND ALIGNMENT WITH THE MISSION/VISION/VALUES OF OUR CHURCH

Pray Blessings over Your Pastors

Numbers 6:24-26— "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."

Dear Lord, Thank you for sending our pastor to shepherd the church. I'm grateful for the love you put in the pastor's heart for You and Your people. I appreciate the unique set of gifts and talents that enrich the pastor's ministry and bless our church. Would You, in turn, bless the pastor today? Help the pastor to sense Your presence in such a sweet way. Fill the pastor up, Lord and use the pastor for Your glory today. And show me how I can support and encourage. Thanking You for this good leader, I pray this in Jesus' name.

Foundational Scriptures:

"Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice." (Psalms 50:5 KJV)

"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God." (Ephesians 3:17-19 KJV)

Our Core Values have their origins in Galatians 5:22-23... The Fruit of the Holy Spirit

Love - the highest order; unselfish regard for others

Joy - gladness not based on circumstances

Peace - contentment; unity

Patience - slow to speak and slow to anger

Kindness - merciful, sweet, and tender

Goodness - generous and open hearted

Faithfulness - dependable, loyal, and full of trust

Gentleness - full of humility and calm

Self-Control - behaving well; self-restraint and self-mastery

Supporting Values:

Family

Integrity

Accountability

Transparency

Commitment to Excellence

Social Justice & Outreach

Servant Leadership

The rewards of fasting far outweigh the obstacles of the enemy. Fasting has great rewards. Many believers are unaware of the great rewards that come through fasting. Understanding the great benefits of fasting will motivate more believers to make it a regular part of their lives.

Matthew 6:17-18 says: "But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you will not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly."

God promises rewards to those who fast in secret. Reward is God's favor, abundance and blessing. The open rewards of fasting include blessing, abundance, favor and prosperity. Learn the secret of obtaining God's reward through private fasting.

No one needs to know you are fasting (*outside of corporate Fasting*). As the Holy Spirit leads you, make this a personal discipline between you and God and see how He rewards you. "And without faith it is impossible to please God, for he who comes to God must believe that He exists and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Heb. 11:6).

Declare these rewards of fasting over your life to break the strongholds of the enemy: "Lord, I believe in the power of Your chosen fast (Isa. 58). Let my fasting destroy the yokes that the enemy has set up against me. Let Your light come into my life. Let health, healing and miracles be released in my life, and let me see breakthroughs of salvation and deliverance in my life through Your chosen fast. Let Your power and authority be released in my life. I drive every stubborn demon out of my life. Let every assignment of hell against me be broken—all pride, rebellion and witchcraft operating in my life will be destroyed through Your chosen fast."

Believers can also declare the blessings of God in their life: "I humble my soul through fasting; let Your favor exalt me. Let Your anointing increase in my life. Let me enjoy restoration. Let Your covenant blessing and mercy be released on me. Nothing is impossible with You, Lord. Let my impossibilities become possibilities through Your chosen fast. Let my prayers be answered speedily. Guide me and manifest Your glory to me."

For a slightly different approach, pray and declare the promises God gave his followers in Scripture: "I will fast according to the fast chosen by the Lord (Isa. 58:5). I will set my face toward the Lord God to make requests by prayer and supplication, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes (Dan. 9:3). I will proclaim a fast and humble myself before our God, to seek from Him the right way for my family and all our possessions (Ezra

8:21). I will turn to the Lord with fasting, weeping and mourning (Joel 2:12). I fast to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo heavy burdens, to the let the oppressed go free and to break every yoke (Isa. 58:6). I will fast in the secret place, and my Father, who sees in secret, will reward me openly (Matt. 6:18). I will not depart from the temple of the Lord but will serve God with fasting and prayers night and day (Luke 2:37)."

A Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

Father, You alone have the power to establish all of us according to the Good News of Christ. You have chosen to reveal through the Church the mystery of Your manifold wisdom, a secret You kept from the beginning of creation until the day You raised Jesus from the dead. You now are making that wisdom manifest to the entire universe through those of us who obey You. To You, the only wise God, be glory through Jesus Christ forever more. You, Father, who through grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, have enriched us in all utterance and knowledge and examples and testimonies to the greatness of Jesus. Therefore, we will come behind in no gift. You have enabled us to be steadfast and blameless until the day Jesus returns for us. You are faithful who has called us into the fellowship of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. You always cause us to triumph in Your Son and You raise the aroma of salvation in every place we preach of You and bring people to know You. You have enabled each of us to be ministers and ambassadors of Your grace regardless of our past and abilities. To You the only wise God, the King eternal, immortal, unseeable by human eyes, who dwells in the light which no one can approach, who is the blessed and only true and Living God, the King of kings, and the Lord of lords, be the glory through Christ Jesus, the Church, and my life forever and ever. Amen

The Priestly Blessing

The Aaronic Blessing is the blessing that Aaron and his sons were to speak over the people of Israel, recorded in Numbers 6:23–26. We speak that same blessing over each of you...

²² And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ²³ Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them, ²⁴ The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: ²⁵ The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: ²⁶ The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.