



MESSIAS TEMPLE CHURCH

Bishop Harry S. Grayson, Pastor

PRAYER & FASTING

21 DAYS

A SEASON OF FOCUS

February 3<sup>rd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>

2025

**Focus** is essential to living an intentional life because it allows us to be mindful of our actions and make decisions that serve our highest purpose. When we focus on doing what is necessary for growth, transformation, and success, we can create a more meaningful existence for spiritual growth with Him. Knowing your purpose and sustaining your focus is essential to living an intentional, God-honoring life. The power of purpose is like the energy of the sun focused through a magnifying glass. When we focus, knowing our purpose, is when we do what we need to do, not what we want to do. Focusing on living an intentional life is saying yes to the dream God gave you and no to your fears. Focus is saying yes to our responsibilities and no to our numerous schemes and rationalizations to avoid them. Focused, intentional living is where we put notions into motion.

Thus this year 2025, the **21-Day Consecration** is designed to help us focus on our relationship with God. It's often said that it takes 21 days to change a habit, so this is not just about prayer and bible study. Commit to attending all worship services and bible classes. Each day during your fast, we encourage you to journal and take notes on your personal reflection throughout this journey. Remember, this fast is not a diet or ritual; it is a sacred time to focus. It is a time of consecration and prayer. As Pastor Grayson's sermon title a few years ago, "**No More Children**," *"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;"* Ephesians 4:14.

## Special Consecration Schedule

**Tuesday | February 4<sup>th</sup>:** On-Site Corporate Prayer 7pm-8pm

**Thursday | February 6<sup>th</sup>:** Prayer @6:20pm, Worship @6:50pm, and the Word @7pm  
(Guest Speaker: **Bishop Will Thornton**).

**Saturday | February 8<sup>th</sup>:** Ministers and Leadership Session @11am  
(Guest Speaker: **Bishop Will Thornton**).

**Thursday | February 13<sup>th</sup>:** Prayer @6:20pm, Worship @6:50pm, and the Word @7pm  
(Guest Speaker: **Bishop Will Thornton**).

**Friday | February 14<sup>th</sup>:** On-Site Corporate Prayer 7pm-8pm

**Thursday | February 20<sup>th</sup>:** Prayer @6:20pm, Worship @6:50pm, and the Word @7pm (Guest Speaker: **Elder David Hollis**).

**Friday | February 21<sup>st</sup>:** On-Site Corporate Prayer 7pm-8pm

**Sunday | February 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Holy Communion Service @10:30am

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# 1. Weekly Fasting

**Food: (Choose an option or combine them)**

**Option 1** | Tuesday & Thursday **Absolute** (Only water from midnight to 4pm)

**Option 2** | Monday (Soup and Salad only), Wednesday **Absolute** (Only water from Midnight to 4pm)  
Friday (Fruits and Vegetables Only)

**Option 3** | Monday - Friday - **Modified Danial Fast.**

No fast food, No red meat, No fried foods, No sweets,

No soft drinks. *(Drink only water, tea, and 100% fruit juice)*

**Option 4** | Choose any below that you will avoid for 21 Days

( ) No Sweets ( ) No Meats ( ) No Video Games ( ) No TV

YOUTH  
FRIENDLY

**No Social Media** (Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)

**No scrolling or posting!** Except for work, news, or spiritual programs.

*\*If you have any known medical conditions or think you have a medical condition, consult your doctor before beginning the fast.*

## 2. Prayer

(See Prayer Focus on back page)



♦ **Personal Prayer** - 15 minutes of meditation and prayer each morning and before bed.

♦ **Online Corporate Prayer on Tuesday's February 11th & 18th @ 7:00pm**  
(VIA Zoom ID: 815 2637 9739 Passcode: **48197**)

## 3. Bible Reading

(See Focus Bible Reading on back page)



♦ **15 minutes of bible reading each morning or before going to bed.**

## 4. EXERCISE

Exercise is an important part of a healthy lifestyle. It offers many health benefits – helps to control weight, lowers blood pressure, combats many health conditions and diseases, improves mood, boosts energy and more!

## 5. REFOCUSING OUR FINANCES

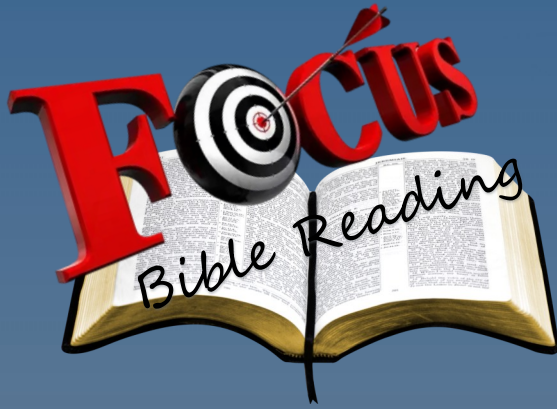
Save a dollar a day, seed it in the Word, and sow it towards financial freedom on Sunday, February 23rd.

## 6. Daily Devotional

Take time each day to read the devotional manual. Scan QR Code or go to: [www.messiaistemple.org/2025dev](http://www.messiaistemple.org/2025dev)



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### Fasting and Meditation

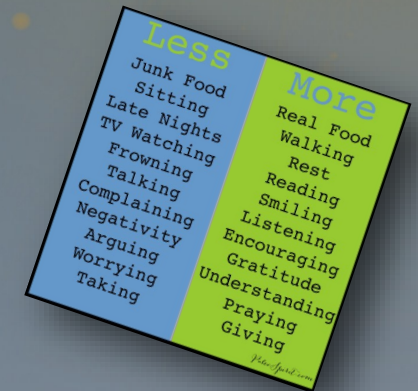
- Matthew 6:16-18; 4:1-11
- Esther 4:12-17; 8:3-8
- Daniel 1:1-21
- Luke 2:36-38
- Psalm 1:1-6; 19:1-14; 119:1-16
- Isaiah 26:3-9
- Joshua 1:1-9

### Prayer

- Luke 18:1-14
- Matthew 6:1-18
- James 5:13-24
- 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24
- Ephesians 6:10-20

### GRATITUDE

- Philippians 4:1-13
- Colossians 3:1-17
- Luke 17:11-19
- 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
- Daniel 6:1-28



### February 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>

- ♦ Revival in ourselves.
- ♦ Bishop and Church Leadership.
- ♦ Souls to be saved, good health and healing in our bodies
- ♦ Your personal growth in God
- ♦ Government Leadership

### February 10<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>

- ♦ Spiritual growth in families
- ♦ Healing in our natural and spiritual bodies
- ♦ Bereaved families
- ♦ Souls to be saved
- ♦ Depression and anxiety

### February 17<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>

- ♦ International Missions
- ♦ Our church family needs
- ♦ Souls to be saved
- ♦ Youth and Young Adults
- ♦ School Children and Youth
- ♦ Winning the battlefield of your mind.

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*And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables,  
that he may run that readeth it. Habakkuk 2:2*

## **NOW LET'S COMMIT AND WRITE IT DOWN:**

What type of Fast? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your need/desired outcome from fasting and this Consecration? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a Prayer Partner to Fast with you? Y/N (Try to find one for accountability )

List 3 things you can focus on to grow during this 21 days and plan to continue throughout 2025

What are your Personal Prayer Targets you will pray for during fasting and this Consecration?

I will attend all Sunday and Thursday services during this 21 days ☐

I will attend Prayer Onsite and Online during this 21 days ☐



# **MESSIAS TEMPLE DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET**

## ***2025 Twenty-One Day Consecration***

### **Day One** (Feb. 3)

#### **Acknowledging God, the Creator of Heaven and Earth**

##### **Devotion**

Have you ever wondered who or what created the heavens or even little things like flies and ants? If so, what caused you to think that there is someone besides God who can bring things like that into existence? Colossians 1:16 says, “for by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.” When we acknowledge the Creator of heaven and earth it leaves no room or doubt in our minds that our Heavenly Father is the creator of the Universe. Look around outside today, and behold the beauty of the sky and the things around you; and look at how detailed our Father God is. Don’t you think that if we serve a God who is that detailed in the smallest things of His creation like a fly or a tiny ant then think of how detailed the plan must be He has for your life? Take sometime today to thank God for what He has done for us in all creation. God loves it when we brag on Him and about Him. Watch how He will begin to fill your heart with joy!

##### **Prayer**

Father God, who is like You? There is none in heaven or on earth like our Mighty and Awesome God. O Lord, you have created all things and by You all things exist. Heaven is Your throne and the earth is Your footstool. God we your children cannot build anything large enough to contain You and Your glory, the heaven and heaven of heavens can’t contain You, yet You have chosen to have Your Holy Spirit live inside of us. Thank You Father for all the things You have done for us. Thank You for the wonderful creation of life we partake in each day God. Lord, we acknowledge that You are God of every living thing. We say that You are God of all flesh, the Creator, the Great I Am, The Ancient of Day, and we bless Your Holy and righteous ways. Thank You Father for Your Creation.

##### **Scriptures to Meditate on**

1Kings 8:22-23,27; Psalm 103:1; Psalm 148, Isaiah 66:1; 2Timothy 1:14

### **Day Two** (Feb. 4)

#### **One Nation Truly Under God**

##### **Devotion**

Today in our society we have become passive about how and what people do, especially our own children. We now look at the wrong people do and call it right, and the good that people do and call it bad. The word of God tells us in Psalms 33:12, “that blessed is

the nation whose God is the Lord". If we continue to go silent and watch as our families, children, homes, schools, and yes Government become a bunch of modern-day pagans worshipers how can we be called one nation under God. I challenge you to stand for what is right even when you are the only one standing, remember with God there is more with you than there is against you (see 2Kings 6:17). God is watching (see Pro.15:3) us to see what we will do in these times when He has given us a voice to make a difference. You might think that you are just one person and how can one person make a difference, but all God needs is just one person; ask Daniel, Jeremiah, and Moses. One person's actions could help God save a whole nation from destruction. Will you be that one?

### **Prayer**

Father, first forgive me for silently standing by while watching people make bad decisions and not sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with them. Help me to not be afraid to share Your goodness to the world around me. Father I have a desire to see my home, city, state, and country be changed by You. We want You Lord Jesus to rule in our nation. We want what You want for our Nation so that we can continue to be blessed by You to be a blessing to other Countries. Help us dear Lord to be a Nation who calls You our God.

### **Scriptures to Meditate on**

Psalms 33:12-15, Psalm 52:4, Job 24:1-25

## **Day Three** (Feb. 5)

### **Guidance for the President of the USA**

#### **Devotion**

The President and VP has been chosen by majority vote. It is our job as believers to keep them lifted in prayer, whether you like the choice or not we are told in scripture to pray for them. God is the one who lifts some up and sits some down. We must understand that God has the last word and whatever decisions these two new people make our God is STILL in control of them also. The bible tells us that He is the God of all flesh. So let us decide to pray for guidance for our new leaders of these United States of America. Let us purpose in our hearts that we will ask the Father to lead and guide every plan, purpose, thought, and decision they make. Remember these Leaders have a huge load to carry with the state of our economy, health care, and our soldiers in harms, and other war-torn countries. Let us also remember that they need people they can trust to help them in their decision making. Like all of us one of the most important things we can ask God for and that is guidance. Can you imagine what the White House would be like if you knew that the President asked our Lord and Savior each day for guidance in their actions, motives and plans.

#### **Prayer**

Lord God, we pray for our new President and Vice president will trust in You, Lord, with all their hearts: and that they will not lean on their own understanding. We pray that in all their ways they will acknowledge You, and You will make their paths straight. For You, Father,

lead the humble in justice and teach the humble Your way. A man's way is not in himself; nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps. The steps of President VP are ordered by You. Father, and You delight in their way. Make them to know Your ways, Father; teach them Your paths. Lead them in Your truths and teach them, for You are the God of their salvation; for You they wait all day. Thank You Father for surrounding our new leaders with people who will serve them with pure motives and help them make the best decisions for our Country. Thank You Lord for leading them and guiding them with Your right eye.

### **Scriptures to Meditate on**

Psalms 1:1-3, Romans 13:1-7, 1 Timothy 2:1-4

## **Day Four** (Feb. 6) **The Elephant in the Church**

### **Devotion**

Have you ever heard the saying "Elephant in the Room"? I'm sure you have. Around the office, with friends, or even at the dinner table, it's an old English idiom that many of us use to describe an obvious truth that is either being ignored, or at times, rarely being addressed. We all have seen elephants at the zoo or maybe on TV., and we know how impossible it is for an elephant to be ignored. They are the largest land animals in the world, weighing anywhere between 9000-12,000 pounds. So, you would think that if you and I were in a room with an elephant, we would probably know it! While doing some soul searching this week, I began to ask myself this question; as Christians, what are the elephants you and I have in the room today? What are the biggest elephants we have in the church today? I'm sure, depending on whom you ask, the answers to that question would differ greatly, money, divorce, racism, homosexuality, politics, and sexism. The list is endless. There is however one "elephant" that we as Christians rarely seem to uncover enough. Despite its size and ability to frighten all in its path, this elephant has been chained to the rooms (and hearts) of every believer by God Himself. It simply cannot be avoided. That elephant is ACCOUNTABILITY. Romans 12:16 says, "Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion." If we are honest with one another we can all say at one point or another that we have a hard time asking for help. Whether it was from a family member, friend, or even fellow believer, for some reason we equate a need for help as a sign of weakness. Nothing like figuring things out on your own, or so we think until our "elephants of accountability" grow bigger than the rooms we hide them in. As Christians, there is nothing more important than seeking out and embracing the accountability of the friends and loved ones God has placed around us. Often, many of us can fall victim to a dangerous belief system that our relationship with Christ (and no one else) is all that we need to be successful in our daily walk with Him. Without accountability, the voice of God can sound a lot like your own. I encourage you today to become a person of accountability.

### **Prayer**

Dear Lord, I humble myself before You and ask You to forgive me of thinking that I am wise in my own opinion. I ask You Father to help me see when I need to be held

accountable for wrong actions or thoughts. Father take away the shame and help me to see that my need for help is not a sign of weakness. Father I want to please You in all that I do and say, I want to be a true Ambassador for Christ sharing Your Gospel without any issues that will hold me back from being who You want me to be. Amen

### **Scriptures to Meditate on**

Romans 12:16, Matthew 12:33-37

## **Day Five** (Feb. 7)

### **God wants to use you!**

#### **Devotion**

It absolutely thrills me when I think that the God of Heaven can use me! We all should be very grateful to know that we can be an instrument to accomplish His will here on earth. Faithful Christians are the tools God uses to do great things that have eternal value. He uses His followers as witnesses to the entire earth to tell everyone about Him and His love. When you stop to think about it, you and I can truly alter the course of history and the world. Unfortunately, some people are not being used by God because they are either unwilling or unfaithful. It is said that Leon Trotsky, who was a key part of the Communist revolution in Russia, attended a Sunday school class one day during a visit to America. But the teacher of the class was absent that morning and did not bother to get a substitute. So, no one taught the Bible that morning, and as far as anyone knows, Trotsky never attended church again. What if someone had been faithful enough to show up that morning? It may have helped to alter history! All that God asks of us is to make ourselves available to Him. Tell the Lord today that you want to faithfully serve Him, who knows what wonderful things might happen when you are faithful to the Lord.

#### **Prayer**

Dear Lord, forgive me for not being available for Your use in the Kingdom. Lord, I want to be used by You to bring about change in my community. I yield myself to You Lord, to do whatever You want me to do. In Jesus name, Amen.

### **Scripture to Meditate on**

2Timothy 2:20-21

## **Day Six** (Feb. 8)

### **What is Freedom?**

#### **Devotion**

The concept of freedom is one that most Americans would claim to comprehend. But after generations of living free, do we really understand what would be lost if just a piece of our freedom were taken away? Remember the days just after September 11, 2001? The airlines were shut down, and air travel suffered for months. Professional football games were postponed. Large events were canceled. The security measures implemented since then have cost billions of dollars and demanded countless hours.

Imagine what life would be like if we suffered a barrage of suicide bombers, truck bombs and armed assaults like what happens in places like Iraq and Israel. An old saying warns that you don't know what you have until it is gone. Truly, we take so much for granted in this country that it is easy to lose sight of how much is at stake. We must not allow terrorist to shut us down and isolate us from the rest of the world. Our soldiers are risking (and some losing) their lives to protect our freedom. The rest of us must do our part to secure the future for our children and grandchildren, not only for the sake of our loved ones, but also for the sake of freedom. This is where our prayers for freedom and protection, not just for America, but for all those other countries like Darfur, and Israel etc. that suffer through terror every day, become very important. We must pray for the protection of this Country. God is waiting to hear from us about everything that concerns us. Not just about achieving the house with the two-car garage and the six figure a year job, but also about our safety and if we don't pray to the King of the Universe, Jesus Christ to protect us then we are in trouble.

### **Prayer**

Thank You, Lord for the freedom we enjoy in this country. You have blessed us beyond what we deserve. Thank you for the gifts of transportation, recreation, financial security and so much more. We are guilty of taking Your blessings for granted. Remind us continually of how You protect us and cause us to prosper. Help us not to squander the freedom You have bestowed upon us. Help us to protect it as the treasure that it is.

### **Scriptures to Meditate on**

Psalms 91 and Psalm 100

## **Day Seven** (Feb. 9)

### **The Difference between Covering and Covering Up.**

#### **Devotion**

If you hang around church folk very long, you will hear them speak about "covering". We assumed they were talking about covering up. But there is a huge difference between covering and covering up. There is only one time in the New Testament that the word "cover" is used in that context, and that is in 1 Peter 4:8, "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins." Sometimes this passage is misinterpreted to mean that our love for each other blots out our sin. Make no mistake, the only love that can cancel out sin is the love of Jesus manifested in His death on the cross. What Peter is talking about here is the unconditional love and acceptance that should be present in the Body of Christ creating an environment where we feel safe and secure to confess our sins to one another and repent. Sadly, in some church fellowships that love and acceptance is not present. This results in an environment where we dare not confess our faults to each other for fear we will become exposed and put through a gossip mill. There is no doubt in my mind that the epidemic we are currently seeing in moral failure, divorces, and scandals among church leaders and pastors has its roots in the lack of "covering love" present in the church. In most cases, these Leaders and Pastors may have been too proud or too isolated to seek out accountability partners. For every high-profile leader who falls, there are scores of Deacons, Elders, Teachers, and

others in the church who suffer the same fate out of the spotlight. This is why the divorce rate is higher in the church than outside the church! You don't dare come to church and admit you and your spouse are struggling and need prayer, help and support, so you suffer in silence while your marriage and family crumbles around you. This lack of "covering love" in the church is the spirit of the Pharisees, not that of Jesus! When Jesus encountered those struggling with sin He responded with compassion and understanding, saying "I don't condemn you." He did this, even though He is the only person who has the right to condemn sinners. You and I don't have the right. We are like the Pharisees with rocks in their hands waiting to throw them at the sinful woman, when Jesus reminded them of their own sin, one by one they dropped their stones and walked away, knowing they were every bit as guilty as she was. Covering up your sin will only result in repeating the same behavior. Through prayer find someone in your fellowship who you can be transparent with, and ask them to help you be accountable.

### **Prayer**

Dear Lord, thank You for putting me in a body of believers that I can be accountable to and who won't gossip about my sins or shortcomings but will pray with me and for me. Help us Father, your children to truly edify and pray for each other the way You intend for us to. In Jesus name, I pray Amen.

### **Scriptures to Meditate on**

Hebrew 10:24-25, 1Thessalonians 4:11

## **Day Eight** (Feb. 10) **Salvation for the Lost**

### **Devotion**

Do you know of someone who does not know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior? Chances are you do, it may be a co-worker, a friend, a neighbor, and even your own mother or father. The fact is almost every born-again believer knows at least one person who is not saved. Why then do you think that God has placed you in their life? Is it to witness to them or to let your light shine before them so that they will desire to know your God? Today take time out to pray for someone specifically you know who is not saved. Ask God to show and tell you exactly how to witness to this person or people He has for you to share your faith with. God desires for everyone to be saved not just a select few but EVERYONE!

### **Prayer**

Heavenly Father, I come to You now in the name of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Heavenly Father I pray for (\_\_\_\_\_), and the lost of the world this day and that every man, woman, and child from here to the farthest corners of the earth be saved. As I intercede, I use my faith, believing that thousands this day can make Jesus Christ their Lord and Savior. I ask the Lord of the harvest to thrust the perfect laborers across these lives this day to share the good news of the Gospel in a special way so that they will listen and understand it, that it will touch their hearts. In the name of Jesus I pray with thanksgiving, Amen.

## **Scripture to Meditate on**

Isaiah 52:10

### **Day Nine** (Feb. 11) **Your Destiny**

#### **Devotion**

This life is but a grain of sand on eternity's beach. Your ultimate destiny is more magnificent than you can possibly imagine. However, God wants to give you a taste of it right here in this life. He has a plan for you to accomplish. He has set you on a prearranged path with an intended destination. Has God told you to do something that looks totally impossible to your natural eyes and understanding? Do you here God calling you to go to the left instead of the right? Are you saying to God how, who, what, when or I can't do that? Step onto that path that God is calling you to and stay on it. Every step on this path is covered in God's wisdom. Follow the flow of the favor He gives you. Listen and watch as He guides you past every obstacle and distraction. Know that your Heavenly Father is always guiding you with His right hand. Your destiny of greatness is inevitable.

#### **Prayer**

Dear Lord, in my heart I have determined the direction that I will take, making plans and setting all my goals in accordance with the will of God. When my dream is made plain and I am focused on my destiny, You Lord direct my every step to fulfill it. Help me Father to accomplish every plan and purpose You have already set for my life, even when I don't understand it or can't comprehend Your predestined plans for my destiny. In Jesus name, Amen

#### **Scriptures to Meditate on**

Proverbs 19:21; 20:24, John 5:20, Romans 12:2

### **Day Ten** (Feb. 12) **Promotion**

#### **Devotion**

No one in the Body of Christ is bound to a dead-end job. We serve a God of increase and prosperity. He will promote you to positions you never thought you could do and then give you the ability to do them better than anyone ever has. Never forget that your Father prospers everything you set your hands to do. So set your hand to the plow and don't let up. Maintain a good attitude. Don't be a complainer. Complainers are always last in the promotion line. See your present job as a proving ground. Do it as unto the Lord and to the very best of your ability. And don't be selfish. If the opportunity arises, teach others to do your job as well as you can. You will reap the benefit of sowing into someone else's life and ensure that you have a replacement when you get the promotion you've been expecting. Remember promotion does not come from the east or the west, but promotion is from God!

## **Prayer**

Dear Lord, thank You for raising me from the dust (the place where I am easily driven by the wind). Thank You, Lord for delivering me from the dunghill (the place of deep and filthy poverty). You Lord have set me with kings and nobles. You Father have made me righteous in the earth. You have guarded my ways and given me strength to do Your will. Lord Your word says that You are the one who promotes, and I believe Your word for my life. I thank You Father that You have come to give me life and an abundant life. Amen.

## **Scriptures to Meditate on**

Deuteronomy 8:6-18, Psalm 75:6, 7

## **Day Eleven** (Feb. 13) **Waiting on God**

### **Devotion**

As children of God, we often find it hard to wait on God to answer our prayers. For some reason we think God needs our help in answering our prayers so we might tend to do things our own way instead of waiting on God. God's word tells us that His ways are not our ways and His thoughts are not our thoughts, so why is it hard for us to wait on God? Maybe it is because of our impatience, immaturity, or lack of trust that will cause us to jump ahead of God instead of waiting and listening for His voice. Do we really trust God to answer us when we call on Him. Well He did say that He will answer us when we call and sometimes it may not be the way we were thinking He should answer. Are you willing to wait on the Lord to answer all your prayers, even if it takes longer than expected?

### **Prayer**

Father show me Your ways, Lord God, and teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me. You are the God of my salvation. I wait before You with expectant hope all the day long. Let integrity and uprightness preserve me as I wait on You. Father God, help me to remember to wait on You at all times and to be of good courage, for I know that as I do these things, You will strengthen my heart. Thank You, Father, for this precious promise from Your word. In Jesus name Amen.

## **Scriptures to Meditate on**

Psalm 25:1-5, 21; Psalm 27:14

## **Day Twelve** (Feb. 14) **Life Balance**

### **Devotion**

When more time is spent at work than at home, there's a greater possibility of missing out on a rewarding personal life. However, when there is significant stress in the personal life, increased focus on the work life may sometimes serve as a coping

mechanism. We should seek to bring glory to God in what we do and in how we spend our time. Neglecting ourselves or to avoid something at home isn't really God-honoring behavior. 1Corinthians 6:19 says, "Do you not know that your body is a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God?" The impact of overwork on the body is physically destructive and harmful and can lead to hypertension, depression, fatigue, and exhaustion. To keep work and personal priorities in check, seek Godly advice from other believers and pray for God's guidance as you seek to honor Him with your time. Then, keep a log of how you spend your time. Remember God has given you a life to enjoy and not to overwork yourself until the point of sickness or maybe even death.

### **Prayer**

Father, please show me any areas where I need to reorder my priorities. Guide me to solutions that will help me live my life in a way that is pleasing to You. Jesus, I desire for my steps to be ordered in Your Word. I want to be faithful to the time You have given me on this earth. I want to please You Lord in all that I do. Help me Holy Spirit not to neglect my body in which You dwell, help me not to neglect my family by being too busy for them. Forgive me Lord for using my time unwisely. Thank You Lord for being faithful to me when I am unfaithful to the time You have given me. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.

### **Scripture to Meditate on**

Ecclesiastes 3:13

## **Day Thirteen** (Feb. 15) **God Works through Families**

### **Devotion**

Whether we know it or not our families are a classroom for God's character traits, including forgiveness, mercy, justice, grace, trust, loyalty, and love. God put us in families to teach us how to be more like Him. As we care for our aging parents, we learn to serve as He served us in the person of Jesus Christ. As we raise our children, we learn to love as He loves us as His own children. As we carry out our marriage vows, we learn to sacrifice self as He sacrificed Himself for our sins. As we stand by our brothers and sisters in trials, we learn to care for their needs as our Father cares for us. Through the family, God also teaches us about His covenant. God works through families. Over and over in scripture we see His hand touching generations to bring His plan to fulfillment. Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and even through the genealogy of Jesus Christ. God also uses the family to teach us about community. In walking through life with our families, we share the good and the bad. We care for one another, pray for one another, and learn the value of standing together in tough times as well as rejoicing in good times. Scripture says, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). So inevitably we will wound one another or let one another down in some way. But in our family, we can hold each other accountable and walk through forgiveness and repentance. No matter our family situation, God can use it to teach us more about who He is and to help us rely on Him.

### **Prayer**

Dear God, thank You for what You have taught and are teaching me through my family. Help me to continue to grow in love, joy, peace, forgiveness, self-control, kindness, and goodness. Help me and my family to glorify You in all that we do. Use us to teach another family about Your true love so that they may want You as their Lord and Savior. Help us Lord to love what You love and do what You would do. Amen.

### **Scriptures to Meditate on**

Genesis 17:7, Romans 3:23, Galatians 5:16

## **Day Fourteen** (Feb. 16) **Restore Relationships**

### **Devotion**

Today as you continue in this fast and prayer ask the Holy Spirit to help you restore any of your relationships that you know ended in an abrupt way. You may not be angry or hold any ill feeling towards the person but maybe you feel as if they are upset with you. Sometimes the enemy blinds us into thinking that someone is angry at us or you have done something wrong to them. Walk in boldness today and with help of the Holy Spirit go to that person and say, "can we talk". Don't be tricked by your own thoughts, it may not be what you think. How many people do you know are not communicating with distant loved ones just because they think that the other person is mad at them when in fact it's not that way at all? Maybe they are waiting on you to make the first move.

### **Prayer**

Father, today I ask you to help me take all my thought's captive to the obedience of Jesus Christ. Help me Lord to see all people the way you see them. Help me Lord to be a person of reconciliation, restoring all that may have been lost in the relationships with others you have place in my life. I ask You Father to restore a good relationship between me and all my family, friends, co-workers, and others. In Jesus Name amen

### **Scriptures to Meditate on**

Proverbs 19:11, Ephesians 4:30-32, Romans 12:10

## **Day Fifteen** (Feb. 17) **Enlightenment**

### **Devotion**

Do you have a desire to be more in tune to the word of God? Do you want a bigger understanding of the things of God? Today lets us challenge one another to really seek and ask for the wisdom of God and divine revelation of our Holy Father and His Word. Remember you must do your part in reading and studying the word of God it does not come to those who are slothful, unwilling to study, or does not spend time with God. Give the Lord something to work with; you must put forth some effort.

## **Prayer**

Lord of Glory, I pray that You might give to me Your spirit of wisdom and revelation in the sphere of a full knowledge of Yourself, with the eyes of my heart being enlightened, knowing what is the hope of Your calling, what is the wealth of the glory of Your inheritance in me and what is the super-a-bounding greatness of Your inherent power to me as one who believes, as measured by the operative energy of the manifested strength of Your might (see Eph.1:17-19). And Father I pray that You would make known to me the mystery of Your will according to Your good pleasure which You have purposed in Yourself (see Eph. 1:9).

## **Scriptures to Meditate on**

Daniel 2:21, James 1:5

## **Day Sixteen** (Feb. 18)

## **God's Provision and Protection**

## **Devotion**

When we seek God and are thankful for all He has given us, we will not lack anything we need. And when we give to those less fortunate than ourselves, He will bless us (Ps.41:1-2). But if we close our eyes to the needs of those around us, God will do the same with our needs. When we put all that, we have, especially our finances in His hands and do with it what He is telling us to do He promises to bless us. Remember if you give nothing you get nothing, and if you give little you get little, "you reap what you sow".

Now for protection, we should never take for granted the protection of the Lord in our lives. We should not enter a plane, train, or automobile without praising God as our Protector. We should not enter a day without asking Him for His protection and then thanking Him for it in advance. How many times have we been protected and spared from harm and disaster that we are not even aware of? God's word tells us that we are in His hands and no man can pluck us out.

## **Prayer**

Lord, I worship You as my Almighty God. You are my King and Lord over all my life. I surrender everything, I have to You because I recognize that every good thing I have has been given by You as a sign of Your goodness, mercy, and love (James 1:17). Thank You that You are my Provider and You provide everything I need. Lord, I praise You as my Protector. Thank You for hiding me under the shadow of Your wings". You have delivered my soul from death. Have You not kept my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living. Thank You, Lord for providing and protecting me, my family, and all that I have in Jesus name, Amen.

## **Scriptures to Meditate on**

Psalms 28:7, 34:10, Matthew 6:25-34, Psalm 91

## **Note of encouragement.**

**You are on the last week of your prayer and fasting, great job, you have hung in there. This last week will focus on more praying and reading the scriptures, instead of devotions. We will focus more on praying specific prayers from specific scriptures for specific topics, such as; unity, sanctification, guidance, and thankfulness.**

## **Day Seventeen** (Feb. 19)

### **A prayer for Spiritual Strength**

Praying Ephesians 3:14-21

Father, In the name of Jesus, I praise and thank You that You saved me for a purpose, and that You have a plan for my life that exceeds my most imaginative hopes and dreams. For that reason, Father, I bow my knee to You, the God of heaven and earth from whom Your whole family receives our name. I pray that by Your glorious riches You would strengthen me on the inside through the power of Your Holy Spirit and that Christ would truly live in my heart and live through me by my faith in You. Help me to understand with all of the saints the breadth, length, depth, and height of Your love which surpass all knowledge. Fill me with all of Your fullness, Your wisdom, strength, and power, so that I would live constantly to Your glory! Now unto You, Father, who is able to do exceedingly far above all that I ask or can imagine, be the glory in the church through Christ Jesus throughout all the ages and forever. Amen!

### **Destroying Generational Curses**

Heavenly Father, I (we) come to You now in the Name of my (our) Lord and Savior Christ Jesus. Heavenly Father, I (we) repent of any sins in my (our) life (lives) and my (our) ancestors' lives, going back 25 generations, that have resulted in a curse or curses. I (we) repent of all and any sins of: not keeping Your commandments: having other gods before You; making or buying images, bowing down to or serving images; for taking the Lord my (our) God's Name in vain; for not observing and keeping holy the Sabbath day; not honoring my (our) father and/or mother; murder; adultery; stealing; bearing false witness; coveting a neighbor's spouse, house, land, servants, donkey, or anything that is my neighbor's; not loving You with all my heart, with all my soul, and with all my mind; not loving my neighbor as myself or not loving myself (see sin list). I (we) ask Your forgiveness and cleansing through the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ according to 1 John 1:9 and John 14:14. Heavenly Father, I (we) repented of all of my (our) sins and I (we) thank You for forgiving me (us). In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I (we) now ask You to destroy all curses, generational curses that have been placed on me (us), my (our) spouse, and my (our) children.

## **Day Eighteen** (Feb. 20)

### **A prayer for Guidance**

Praying Philippians 1:9-11 for your wife, husband, child, and yourself

(just insert the name of the person or people for whom you are praying for)

Father, in the name of Jesus, I pray that Your love that was shed abroad in \_\_\_\_\_'s heart by the Holy Spirit would abound and grow more and more, strengthening \_\_\_\_\_'s knowledge of You and of the things You have called \_\_\_\_\_ to do, in the discernment and spiritual insight of the Holy Spirit. I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ can prove Your excellence by always knowing the right things to do and doing them with excellence and that \_\_\_\_\_ will remain sincere, genuine, and real in

all his/her/my encounters with others and free from blame or even the appearance of evil until the day of Jesus Christ's return. Allow this to lead to \_\_\_\_\_ overflowing in the fruits of Your righteousness, which I have because of Jesus Christ, that all of this would make \_\_\_\_\_ a constant glory and praise to You under all circumstances and in all things. In Jesus name, Amen

## **Day Nineteen** (Feb. 21)

### **A prayer for Unity**

Praying Romans 15:5-6 for your Loved Ones, Your Church, Your Organization or Business, or Your City. Heavenly Father, I know that it is by Your Spirit that we have the power to forgive, and that it is through the fruit of Your Spirit that we can overcome the challenges of life and become encouragers to others around us. I thank You that You have called us as Christians to be unifiers, reconcilers, and peacemakers on this earth as a display of Your love and grace in our everyday lives. I also thank You for giving us an example of true unity in Your relationship with Your Son, Jesus, as He walked upon this earth and that we can be one as You and He were one because of His prayers for us in John 17. For this reason, Father, I pray for unity for \_\_\_\_\_. I pray that You would not only use \_\_\_\_\_ to be a unifier, reconciler, and peacemaker but that the Holy Spirit would also be present with \_\_\_\_\_ everyday to help \_\_\_\_\_ overcome with Your joy and encourage others as \_\_\_\_\_ follows Jesus. I pray that in unity with one heart and one mouth \_\_\_\_\_ may glorify You, the Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Day Twenty** (Feb. 22)

### **A prayer for total Sanctification**

Praying 1 Thessalonians 5:23 for yourself Father, in the name of Jesus, I praise and thank You for being the God of Peace. I pray that You would sanctify me completely from my inner spirit to my outer actions, making my life stand out to others as an example of Your grace, mercy, love and righteousness. Father, help me to walk worthy of my heavenly citizenship even as Jesus has made me worthy through His sacrifice on the Cross. I pray that my entire Spirit, soul and body would be sanctified and complete for the purpose to which You have called me. That I would live blamelessly, above reproach, and without any appearance of evil, fit for Your use in all things and ready to spread Your kingdom upon the earth until the return of Your Son, my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Now unto You, who called me, be the glory forever and ever, even as You will be faithful to walk out and make certain Your sanctification and will are fulfilled in my life. Amen.

## **Day Twenty One** (Feb. 23)

### **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.

**You did it! Give God the glory for the Victory. And purpose in your heart to go forward and not backwards.**