

First Baptist Church East Martinsville

Forty days of “PRAYER, PEACE & POWER”

Romans 15:13 “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit”.

March 2 - April 16, 2022

A Commitment to PRAYER, PEACE & POWER: Tapping into these will empower us to endure the perilous times that we are painfully living in. It will affect the way that we deal with other people.

The purpose of our 40 Days of PRAYER, PEACE & POWER (Consecration):

The 40 Days of PRAYER, PEACE & POWER is first a time of preparation and devotion to God.

Each Wednesday @ 6am... We'll have Devotion & Prayer on Zoom

The 40 days prior to Resurrection Sunday (Easter) is commonly known as the Lenten Season. Lent starts with “Ash Wednesday” (March 2, 2022) and ends on Saturday (April 16, 2022).

The purpose of the Lenten season is to reflect on the sacrifices of Christ as we get closer to the day Christ was crucified followed by His resurrection. Believers today, must also understand that we cannot expect personal or corporate victory without first enduring our own “crosses.” (Luke 9:23)

The 40 Days of PRAYER, PEACE & POWER is also a time to connect with others. To strengthen our prayer life, repair those areas where our peace is broken and build a greater sensitivity to the Holy Spirit in order to fully experience his power.

The focal points of the 40 Days of PRAYER, PEACE & POWER (Consecration):

The primary focal points of our 40-days will include GROWING in our PRAYER connection with God so that we can live daily in the PEACE & POWER of God.

1. Living in Peace with those around us. Many of us have been previously hurt in a relationship. Those hurts can last a long time. 2 Corinthians 5:18 states: “All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.” To reconcile means to “fix what is broken.” Many of us need God’s help to fix some broken relationships. THIS is what the 40 Days of PRAYER, PEACE & POWER is all about!
2. Talking to God through prayer in order to hear the Voice of God: Jesus said in John 10:27: “My sheep listen to My voice; I know them and they follow Me.” It is VERY IMPORTANT for a believer to know and understand the voice of the Lord.

For the 40 Days of PRAYER, PEACE & POWER we want to answer the questions:

- How can I expand my current prayer life?
- How does God want me to live peaceably with others?
- How can I experience a fresh power to live witnessing truly as a disciple in all ways?

During these 40 Days, it will be important to spend time MEDITATING on God’s Word. God’s Word is where His voice is MOST KNOWN. Psalm 1:1-3: 1 Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, 2 but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law, day and night. 3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers. (NIV)

There is a BLESSING for meditating on God's Word on a consistent basis! It helps us to develop a PROSPEROUS life because we KNOW the VOICE of the Lord!

3. Obeying the Voice of God: In John 10:27, Jesus also said that listening to His voice was not enough...that His sheep also FOLLOW HIM! They follow because they have heard and KNOW His voice! Hearing what God said but not obeying WHAT He said is DISOBEDIENCE.

The 40 Days of PRAYER, PEACE & POWER for First Baptist Church

In our 40-day journey, we combine both a corporate and individual time of prayer, bible reading and fasting.

1. Quiet time/meditation: Removing ALL distractions (phone, social media, TV, etc.) so you can focus on hearing and obeying the voice of God is key for these 40 Days! We desire to develop the discipline of meditation. The goal is 30 minutes per day with NO INTERRUPTIONS. PRIVATE QUALITY TIME WITH GOD.

2. Daily prayer targets: Spending CONSISTENT PRIVATE TIME speaking AND listening to the voice of God is what prayer is all about! The goal is to have this time EVERYDAY during the 40 Days.

3. Virtual Weekly Corporate Devotion/Prayer: Each Wednesday during the 40 Days (March 2-April 16 at 6:00 am EST) there will be a time of Corporate Devotion/Prayer. The Zoom meeting ID: 992 195 0780. **The telephone information for the corporate Devotion/prayer time is: (301) 715-8592 plus the Zoom ID, #.**

4. Fasting: If you desire to take your relationship with God deeper, have a more intimate, and powerful relationship with Him, then incorporate Fasting during this season. It will help you recognize areas of repentance, hear God's voice, obey with certainty and begin to know His will for your life spiritually. And/or if you have a specific need or desire to have a breakthrough or healing (see Mark 9:29), Fasting is recommended.

Be prayerful about how you will fast and the type of fast you will do (absolute, partial, Daniel, etc.). **Things to give up: Meats, sweets,**

sodas, sweet drinks, social media, other fleshly vices). However, make sure you give them up for the right reasons (spiritual reasons).

Pastor Whitfield wants to hear from you during the 40 Days of PRAYER, PEACE & POWER! Please send your testimonies, reflections and more to FBC24112@gmail.com

First Baptist Church
www.fbcmartinsville.org

Facebook: First Baptist Church East Martinsville
YouTube: @FirstBaptistEastMartinsvilleVA

40 Days of PRAYER, PEACE & POWER Bible Reading Plan

The 40 Days daily scriptures will be readings in Acts chapters 1-28 and Romans chapters 1-16 – We will read one chapter each day, meditate and reflect on the scripture as we also experience Prayer, Peace & a new Power. BLESSINGS ON THE JOURNEY!