



## 40-Day Prayer Challenge

*The story of what happened spread quickly all through Ephesus, to Jews and Greeks alike. A solemn fear descended on the city, and the name of the Lord Jesus was greatly honored. So the message about the Lord spread widely and had a powerful effect. Acts 19:17-18 & 20*

**Our Purpose:** Inspired by author Mark Batterson we will draw a circle around our cities with intimate and intentional prayer targets about the power of the name of Jesus and the transformation that can occur in a community that leads to revival.

### **The Challenge: Unity, Revival, Impact, Prayer Gathering, Daily Focus**

**Unity:** Encouraging participants to pray for unity among different communities within the city. This includes praying for collaboration between churches, local businesses, and Non-Profit Organizations.

**Revival:** Focusing on spiritual revival, praying for hearts to be opened to the message of hope and redemption. We will be praying for those who are lost or struggling in the city.

**Impact:** Just as the early church profoundly impacted Ephesus, we will pray for the city to experience a similar transformation. This includes prayers for healing, justice, salvation and restoration in various areas such as education, healthcare, and the economy.

**Prayer Gathering:** Alongside other participants we will gather to pray on a **14 minute** weekly conference call and a monthly Prayer Gathering on the Square Downtown Tyler engaging participants in a united prayer to move the heart of God.

**Daily Focus:** Each day of the challenge participants will pray for at least **7 minutes** on their own, setting their alarms for **7:14 am** to pray with the passion of **2 Chron. 7:14** in mind and heart. With a focus on our daily prayer targets, we will reveal the heart of God to transform our cities both spiritually and socially.

## **Our Daily Prayer Targets 4/18 - 5/27:**

### **Week 1: Unity in the City**

**Day 1 (April 18):** Pray for unity among churches and believers in our city, breaking down denominational barriers to work together for the common goal of spreading the Gospel.

**Day 2 (April 19):** Pray for unity among community leaders and social and humanity organizations. (Love Thy City, Mentoring Alliance, Selah Life Choices, The Fostering Collective and others that come to mind)

**Day 3 (April 20):** Pray for reconciliation among those who have experienced division or conflict.

**Day 4 (April 21):** Pray for blended and single parent families to be united and supported within the community.

**Day 5 (April 22):** **(Conference Call Prayer)** Pray for relationships between different cultural and ethnic groups in the city that barriers would be broken.

**Day 6 (April 23):** Pray for open hearts to collaborate on community projects.

**Day 7 (April 24):** Pray for a spirit of cooperation among local businesses.

### **Week 2: Revival of Hearts**

**Day 8 (April 25):** Pray for a mighty move of the Holy Spirit to draw more than 3000 people to faith in Jesus Christ, breaking down barriers and opening hearts to the Gospel on LTC Day/LoveFEST July 19th.

**Day 9 (April 26):** Pray that those who are already saved would develop a burning desire to reach the lost, sharing the Gospel with urgency and compassion.

**Day 10 (April 27):** Pray for the youth in the city to find purpose and direction.

**Day 11 (April 28):** Pray for healing for those struggling with addiction or mental health issues.

**Day 12 (April 29):** **We will gather on the Square Downtown Tyler at 7am to pray for the city (cities) Praying for Revival in the City.**

**Day 13 (April 30):** Pray for our military, veterans, and elderly in the community to feel valued and supported.

**Day 14 (May 1):** Pray for our leaders to seek wisdom and guidance.

### **Week 3: Transformation of the City**

**Day 15 (May 2):** Pray for economic growth and job opportunities in the city.

**Day 16 (May 3):** Pray for our local colleges, school districts and students for protection, improved education and resources.

**Day 17 (May 4):** Pray for safety and peace in neighborhoods.

**Day 18 (May 5):** Pray for access to healthcare for all residents.

**Day 19 (May 6):** **(Conference Call Prayer)** Pray for the transformation of our city, that it would become a place where God's presence is evident and His love is reflected in every aspect of society.

**Day 20 (May 7):** Pray for churches to seek opportunities to engage with the community, creating new avenues for outreach and demonstrating Christ's love in practical ways.

**Day 21 (May 8):** Pray for the homeless and those needing shelter.

## Week 4: Empowerment and Action

**Day 22 (May 9):** Pray for more volunteers who would come forth with a heart of serving the community.

**Day 23 (May 10):** Pray for a spirit of generosity among residents and businesses.

**Day 24 (May 11):** Pray for families to be restored and strengthened.

**Day 25 (May 12):** Pray for mentorship programs to guide the youth.

**Day 26 (May 13):** **(Conference Call Prayer)** Pray asking God to raise up His true children to step forward and disciple these new believers, providing guidance, support, and spiritual nourishment.

**Day 27 (May 14):** Pray for local law enforcement to serve with integrity and compassion.

**Day 28 (May 15):** Pray for those advocating social justice and change.

## Week 5: Celebration and Commitment

**Day 29 (May 16):** Pray for a spirit of gratitude and appreciation for the city.

**Day 30 (May 17):** Pray for upcoming community events to foster connection.

**Day 31 (May 18):** Pray for those who are sharing the message of hope.

**Day 32 (May 19):** Pray for partnerships between churches and community organizations.

**Day 33 (May 20):** **(Conference Call Prayer)** Pray for continued efforts in outreach and service.

**Day 34 (May 21):** Pray for families to engage in their neighborhoods.

**Day 35 (May 22):** Pray for a lasting impact from the prayer challenge.

## Final Days: Reflection and Commitment

**Day 36 (May 23):** Prayer of thanks, reflecting on the changes seen in the community and giving thanks.

**Day 37 (May 24):** Pray asking God for a sustained revival that goes beyond prayer challenge, initial conversions, resulting in lasting change, deepened faith, and ongoing spiritual renewal in our city.

**Day 38 (May 25):** Pray for protection against spiritual attacks and discouragement, equipping believers with the armor of God to stand firm in their mission.

**Day 39 (May 26):** Pray for the city as a whole, lifting it up for God's guidance and blessing.

**Day 40 (May 27):** **We will gather on the Square Downtown Tyler to Celebrate the conclusion of the prayer challenge with prayer and worship.**

## Special Instructions:

- ❖ All participants are encouraged to read their Bible and do intermittent fasting throughout the prayer challenges as the Holy Spirit directs you.
- ❖ Conference Prayer Call will convene on Tuesdays at 7:14 am. **(Dial 508-924-1812)**
- ❖ This is a public prayer challenge; please feel free to also purchase Mark Batterson's "Draw the Circle" Book and share with family, friends and co-workers.

