

2024 Congregational Prayer & Fasting Guide

Dear Ones, I am excited to present to you this year's prayer guide for our annual 7 Days of Prayer. Sarah and I always look forward to this time of pursuing more of God as a congregation! Our theme this year is *Revival Fire*. Let's agree together for the outpouring that God has promised us; reminding Him of His promises and believing for our inheritance to be released. I want to encourage you to join us on this seven-day journey and to fully participate in this strategic and intentional time of prayer. We need your part of the puzzle; the prayers God has placed in you. Let's get serious with God, for He desires to meet with us, both corporately and personally. This prayer guide is designed to unite us all in one heart and mind, so follow along daily and plan on joining us during the Zoom prayer meetings each day. Powerful things will happen as we starve our fears and feed our faith. I want to express a special thanks to Leslie Murphy for writing our guide this year!

Together Building His Kingdom,
Pastor Joshua & Sarah Alvarez

FAST

Choose the type of fast that is best for you. Remember, the fast should be a sacrifice. Our hope is that everyone would participate. If you have any health problems, please consult with your doctor before beginning any fast.

Total Fast – No water, no food. **Regular Fast** – Water only, no food (no sugar, tea or coffee).

Semi-Total Fast – Juices, smoothies or a vitamin drink each day (no solid foods or sugar, tea/coffee).

Partial Fast – Eat one meal a day (no sugar, tea or coffee).

Daniel Fast – Eat foods that grow from the ground (no animal products, sugar, tea or coffee).

eFAST

In addition to fasting from food, we recommend you consider fasting from the things that take your time away from prayer and seeking God, such as electronic entertainment, internet, TV, movies, social media, games etc. This time should be replaced with daily Bible reading, prayer, journaling and seeking God in worship. During your fast, we encourage you to keep a **daily journal** and write down any revelations that God gives you.

ZOOM PRAYER MEETINGS - ID: 562.779.0731 | PASSWORD: 653152

There will be a special prayer focus every morning and evening during the seven days. This is a great opportunity to increase your personal and/or family time of prayer. Be sure to check the daily prayer focus for the schedule of events and prepare ahead of time. During most days, there will be two 50-60 minute ZOOM prayer meetings, which will occur through the "**Zoom Cloud Meetings**" App. Download the app press JOIN and write in the ID code and Password above. That will bring you into the meeting!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13 – FOCUS: REVIVAL FIRE | MAIN EVENT SERVICE AT 6:30 PM

PURPOSE/FOCUS: We are in desperate need of revival fire to ignite us. As carriers of God's presence, we are to stand in awe of His holiness and merciful love. A church walking in humility, repentance, and power is God's heart. The harvest is ready, and our youth are destined to be part of a greater works generation. We must carry within us an intense hunger for more of God and a deep desire for change that moves us to seek God's face with prayer and fasting. May our appeals to the King of Heaven, fuel the flames of revival fire in our hearts. **Oh LORD, let Your kingdom come to our hearts to pave the way for the greatest revival yet.** *Isaiah 58:6, Isaiah 64:1-2, Jeremiah 1:12, Joel 2:15*

DAY 1 – SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 – ZOOM PRAYER AT 10:00 AM | START FASTING AT 4:30 PM MORNING FOCUS: INTENSE HUNGER FOR GOD - PART 1

Yours, Oh LORD, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours. King David and the psalmists describe a soul's craving for God's presence like searching for water in a dry desert. David finds the power and glory of God's presence in the sanctuary. In the presence of the LORD, we encounter His heart, and the wells of salvation are opened. The intensity of His love provokes us to pursue Him more and more. He calls us to walk in His righteous ways, as we join hearts, not wanting sin to separate us from each other. Author, Graham Cooke, describes Abba, playing hide and seek with Him at times like we played as children. Abba wants to be found. One author says that if you don't have a hunger for God, it's because you haven't drunk deep enough or long enough. To deeply experience God makes one hungry for more; nothing else will satisfy. Jesus tells us that those who hunger and thirst for righteousness receive the blessing of being satisfied. Let revival fires be ignited to empower us to be God chasers. *Deuteronomy 4:29, Psalms 42:2-4, Psalms 63:1-3, Matthew 5:6*

DAY 1 – SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 – ZOOM PRAYER AT 7:00 PM | START FASTING AT 4:30 PM

EVENING FOCUS: INTENSE HUNGER FOR GOD - PART 2

Oh LORD, You are Jehovah, the One Who Was, Who Is, and Is to Come. There is none holy like the LORD, for there is none beside You. O God, we pray that the church would have an intense hunger to live in Your presence; captivated by the host of Heaven's banquet. Forgive us, for our lack of desire to know You. God, cause us to be lovesick for Your voice. Draw us to Yourself; cause revelation of Your majesty and our need of You to be released. Let Your bride be dressed in the power of Your presence so the world would desire Your love. Cause us to hunger for Your justice and power to manifest, crushing the works of darkness. Raise up Your watchmen to pray day and night for waves of hunger for God and His righteousness to sweep over the land. We ask that many would hear the invitation to the banquet and respond to Your heart cry. Cause the young and old to pursue You, the Living God. Raise the level of intensity to know You and teach us how to grow more and more as we live in Your presence. We want more! *Exodus 33:13, Exodus 34:6-7, Psalms 62:1-2, Luke 11:2-4*

DAY 2 – MONDAY, JANUARY 15 – ZOOM PRAYER AT 10:00 AM

MORNING FOCUS: DEEP AWARENESS OF THE LOVE AND MERCY OF GOD - PART 1

They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, and talk of Your power, to make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of His kingdom. During classic revivals of the past, a deep awareness of the love and mercy of God drew tens of thousands of people to salvation. Many in the church today are the fruit of someone else's prayers. In 1949, the Hebrides Revival began with two sisters; one was 84 years old and blind, the other 82 and crippled with arthritis. They were burdened because they'd been told no young person attended public worship at their church. The sisters decided to pray twice a week asking God to rend the heavens and come down believing His promise to pour water upon the thirsty and floods upon dry ground. It is documented that an overwhelming awareness of the presence of God came down and filled their meeting space and streams of supernatural power were released in their lives. They had entered a God-realization zone that lasted four years. Two women were moved by God to pray, yet it is written that the very ground was saturated in prayer. O LORD, cause an awareness of your presence to overwhelm us. We cry out to be undone! *Isaiah 44:3, Isaiah 64:3-4, Psalm 145:11-12, Romans 5:6-8*

DAY 2 – MONDAY, JANUARY 15 – ZOOM PRAYER AT 7:00 PM

EVENING FOCUS: DEEP AWARENESS OF THE LOVE AND MERCY OF GOD - PART 2

Oh God of Mercies, from everlasting to everlasting Your love is with those who fear You, and Your righteousness with their children's children. We ask that You would stir up prayer for an outpouring of Your presence. Cause Your love and mercy to be felt, drawing the young and old to yourself. God, come and overwhelm our families, churches, and communities with Your love and mercy. May our places of worship be known as zones of Your presence with signs and wonders that bring healing and restoration. O LORD, truth and mercy go before Your throne. Let the true state of our hearts be revealed to us. We ask that the revelation of Your loving kindness would lead every one of us to Godly sorrow leading to heart-felt repentance. May prodigals return to your embrace, Abba; that rebellious hearts would melt before the power of Your love. Let bondages break, strongholds crumble, and restoration spring up. In Your mercy You desire to be known O LORD, so let all quake as You reveal Your loving kindness. Cause the most unlikely to leap for joy at Your presence as the majesty of Your liquid love rolls over us! O LORD, call the watchmen to take their place; empower them to pray the prayers of Heaven!

Psalm 89:14, Psalms 103:12, John 3:16, 2 Peter 3:9

DAY 3 – TUESDAY, JANUARY 16 – ZOOM PRAYER AT 10:00 AM

MORNING FOCUS: A REVELATION OF GOD'S HOLINESS - PART 1

LORD, in Your mercy, you guide us in Your strength to Your holy place. In encouraging a multi-generational quest to know and experience God's holiness, God anoints men and women to speak with Heaven's heart. Author, Tony Evans, is one such man. In his book, *Praying Through the Names of God*, Tony encourages God's people to craft their heart prayers for God's intervention to include adoring God, confessing sins, being thankful, and supplication. The LORD dwells in a high and holy place, yet he chooses to dwell with those of a contrite and humble heart. Throughout Scripture, God's people have called on His name and He has responded bringing answers. Let's keep in mind that we approach a Holy God. May we always remember to honor His name, confess our sins, and thank Him

for His answers as we bring our requests before a Holy God who has enabled us to come to His throne by the shed blood of Jesus, our Redeemer. *Exodus 15:13, Psalms 28:7, Proverbs 8:13, Proverbs 9:10*

DAY 3 – TUESDAY, JANUARY 16 – ZOOM PRAYER AT 7:00 PM

EVENING FOCUS: A REVELATION OF GOD'S HOLINESS - PART 2

Oh, LORD, You alone are Holy. Yet you say, "...Be holy, for I am holy." Forgive us for not taking Your commandments seriously. Forgive us for neglecting the first thing first - loving You with all our heart, with all of our soul, and with all of our mind; honoring You as Holy and bearing Your image in purity. Let an outpouring of the revelation of Your holiness bring a holy hush to church gatherings. May it extend beyond the walls of our churches, flowing over the altars, drawing men, women, and children to their knees with conviction of sin. Cause our hearts to desire an encounter with a Holy God, leaving idols and unrighteous deeds behind. May we be in awe of Your majestic holiness, not giving excuses for our behavior. Let Your watchmen cry out for God's people to be Holy. Cause our hearts to yearn to be in Your holy presence; a place of radical worship; a place where the things of the world grow dim and powerless over our souls. O Lord, let our communities be consumed with the revelation of Your holiness, we ask.

Deuteronomy 6:5-7, 1 Chronicles 16:10, 1 Peter 1:15-16, Revelation 4:9-11

DAY 4 – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17 – ZOOM PRAYER AT 10:00 AM

MORNING FOCUS: A PASSIONATE DENUNCIATION OF SIN - PART 1

Oh, LORD God Almighty, who is like You? You are mighty, O LORD, and Your faithfulness surrounds You. You speak over the barren with everlasting kindness and words of hope. Authentic moves of the Holy Spirit have always been empowered by Grace which leads to transformed lives. James Goll, author of *Revival Breakthrough*, says an intense call for repentance and a passionate response to that call were often traits of historic moves of God's presence. Today's church is largely barren of passionate cries for the salvation of others, and practicing personal repentance is a silent topic. God's people are to carry Abba's burden for the lost, even as Heaven rejoices over one sinner who repents. The modern church has lost her way, and serious pursuit of Godly virtues is often absent. We are called to walk in purity and be fiery carriers of the hope found in Christ. Let's stoke the fires of revival through prayers of personal repentance, remitting the sins of others, and intercession for the lost. *Psalms 32:5, Proverbs 28:13-14, Acts 3:19, Revelation 2:4-5*

DAY 4 – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17 – ZOOM PRAYER AT 7:00 PM

EVENING FOCUS: A PASSIONATE DENUNCIATION OF SIN - PART 2

You LORD are our strength and song and have become our salvation. Your right hand is glorious in power, Your right hand has shattered the enemy into pieces. O LORD, forgive us for being lukewarm, having lost our first love. Forgive us for being cold-hearted and dismissing correction. Help us to passionately repent. We ask that You would cause us to put away what draws us from You and Godly virtues. O LORD, may we be so captivated by Your beautiful majesty that we would hide Your word in our hearts so as not to sin against You; allowing revival fire to grace a beautiful bride that would bring You glory. Let the revelation of the power of Your name crush the works of darkness. O that we would know the love of Christ and be moved to choose life. Convict us of our sins. Let an outpouring of Godly sorrow leading to repentance emblazon our communities; igniting the very ground with the call to return to the Lord. It's an appointed time to cry out for revival fires to burn. *Deut. 30:15-16, Luke 12:31, Eph. 3:17-19, 1 John 1:8-9, Psalms 139:23-24*

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DAY 5 – THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 – ZOOM PRAYER AT 10:00 AM

MORNING FOCUS: A HEIGHTENED CONSCIOUSNESS OF ETERNITY - PART 1

O God our strength, we will sing praises to You; for You God are our stronghold, the God who shows us loving-kindness. In 1741, Jonathan Edwards' sermon, *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God*, was the catalyst for the First Great Awakening. Genuine conviction of sin is one sign of a grace-driven revival. Convicting the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment helps paint the reality of eternity and the judgment to come. As our teacher, Holy Spirit comes in His loving-kindness to convict us of our sinful condition and need of righteousness. In the Hebrides Island Revival, there was a five-mile zone where people would come under an open heaven and be convicted of sin. Evan Roberts, of the Welsh Revival, had a deep life of intercessory prayer for revival to break out in Wales. The Lord would wake Evan up each night, and he would pray for the next four hours until sunrise. The world is in desperate need of Salvation from an eternal Hell. God used the prayers and obedience of His watchmen to help pour out a profound revelation of eternity's love and need for a Savior. May the God of Heaven dip us in His love so that we would be provoked to prayer and works of righteousness in this generation.

Isaiah 61:1-2, Matthew 24:37-39, Acts 2:40-42, Acts 4:33

DAY 5 – THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 – ZOOM PRAYER AT 7:00 PM

EVENING FOCUS: A HEIGHTENED CONSCIOUSNESS OF ETERNITY - PART 2

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever: the scepter of Your kingdom is a right scepter. LORD of all, please forgive us for living like we will never have to give an account for how we lived our lives; for disregarding You and Your ways as in the days of Noah. We ask You to release the reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. Our righteous God, that You would break the bondage of wickedness and darkness that seeks to hide the truth that eternal rewards and eternal judgments await us all. Call us by name and convince us of Your love and forgiveness. Let Your heart be revealed causing even the hard-hearted to surrender to You. O God, cause the orphans to find You and the prodigals to return burning with revival fire. May Your light shine, bringing down spiritual powers that would distract and deceive us. We ask You to electrify the atmosphere with an intense yearning to know You, our creator God. Help us find our place co-laboring with heaven's purpose. Send Your laborers with Your message of salvation and draw us to Yourself as Father, Savior, and Deliverer, we pray. *Psalms 145:11-13, Matthew 6:10, Matthew 25:28-29, Romans 8:38-39*

DAY 6 – FRIDAY, JANUARY 19 – ZOOM PRAYER AT 10:00 AM

MORNING FOCUS: EXPERIENTIAL CONVICTION OF SIN - PART 1

You LORD are our Rock, our Fortress, and our Deliverer; in You, we put our trust. You are our shield, our refuge, and our savior from violence. LORD God, we worship You as the Spirit of Truth. Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a pastor-theologian who became a spy to assist in an underground plot to smuggle Jews into Switzerland during Hitler's reign over Germany. One biographer says Bonhoeffer's life was framed by a passion for truth; that he was committed to justice on behalf of those who faced unrelenting evil. Dietrich Bonhoeffer says, "We must learn to regard people less in light of what they do or omit to do, and more in the light of what they suffer." As a martyr, his life still speaks today. Brother Bonhoeffer was fully persuaded in his personal call to action; laying his life down, as needed. The church needs to be fully persuaded that sin separates us from God; that Jesus came to die for humanity; and that there is an eternal decision in the balance. There are people in the valley of decision right now. The King of Heaven has a message for us to carry to those on the earth. Let us ask God to rend our hearts so we can join Him in rending the heavens through prayer. *Isaiah 61:3-4, John 3:16, Romans 4:20-21, Romans 12:1*

DAY 6 – FRIDAY, JANUARY 19 – ZOOM PRAYER AT 7:00 PM

EVENING FOCUS: EXPERIENTIAL CONVICTION OF SIN - PART 2

O LORD Most High, You are our righteousness and judge of all the earth; You judge the righteous and the wicked with just scales. LORD God, You show mercy to thousands of them who love You and keep Your commandments. We pray that You would forgive our iniquities, transgressions, and sins. We repent for neglecting Your Word, and not living by it. We compromise and dilute Your truth with worldly wisdom. Forgive us. We ask that You give each of us a heart that seeks out Your truth; a heart that puts its faith in You and Your Word. Let the power of Your prophetic Word enable the youth of this nation to fulfill the call on their generation. Guide us in Your truth and teach us, for You are God our Savior. Spirit of Truth, may Your church recognize Your voice and quickly respond. May You teach and instruct us in returning to our first love. We ask that an intense Godly sorrow in recognition of our sins fall upon us and our communities. Cause people to hear about Your power to save and run to the altars to find love and forgiveness. Let a canopy of Your presence cover our communities, one that causes all our hearts to quake and seek Your forgiveness.

Psalms 32:8, Psalms 51:10, Romans 12:2, James 5:16

DAY 7 – SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 – JOIN US FOR THE ALL NIGHT WORSHIP AND PRAYER WATCH

MORNING FOCUS: NETWORKING TOWARD UNITY

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory, and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and on earth is Yours. We are grateful for the inspiring example of our Chinese Christian Brother Yun, who tirelessly worked with others in the 1970's to develop a network of house churches in China during torturous opposition. His life was so marked by a passion for Jesus and for the lost to find their Savior, that the miraculous power of God followed him. Many call him, the heavenly man. In John 17, the King of Heaven prayed His famous prayer asking that the church would be one even as He and the Father are one. Let's put aside our independent nature. It is time to link arms with others for Heaven's sake. The LORD wants to hear our cry for Him to raise up leaders among the youth of our generation to ignite an unprecedented movement of the Holy Spirit; desiring it to spread like wildfire across our nation. Watchmen are needed to pray for the heavens to be rent, that God would come down and light the church up with revival fire making His name known on the earth. Let us be part of the greater works generation, causing this move of the Holy Spirit to be the greatest yet. For revival's sake, we appeal to Heaven to make us one in You, even as You and the Father are one.

Isaiah 44:3-4, Isaiah 64:1-2, Jeremiah 1:12, John 7:21, John 14:12

Day 7 – Sat., Jan. 20 – BREAK THE FAST AT 4:30 PM | NIGHT WATCH (SAT. 5:30 PM – SUN. 5:30 AM)

THE CALL: NOW is the appointed time to fast and pray for His revival fire to consume us. This is the hour to contend for the heavens to be rent, bringing the greatest revival yet to come. ***May the awe and fear of the LORD God forever capture our hearts and minds with His greatness; for no purpose of His can be withheld.***

O Lord, prepare our hearts to receive the blessing of Your presence and transformative power among us. Amen! Psalms 95:1-3

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