

40 Days of Prayer

*“And they continued steadfastly
in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.”*

Acts 2:42

"Expect great things; attempt great things."

(Missionary, William Carey)

Day 1

***'Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.'* (James 4:8)**

As we begin this journey of prayer, anticipate the Lord's nearness in a special way. Begin each day with a humble and passionate desire to experience His holy presence. Learn to wait upon God to reveal Himself and to make His ways known. God promises us that if we draw nigh unto Him, He will draw nigh unto us.

☞ Pray today for yourself and our church family that as we begin this journey, we will learn to turn from the things of this world and to seek God. Pray that the presence of God will become very real in each of our lives.

Day 2

***'My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.'* (Psalm 5:3)**

It is impossible to live a victorious Christian life without maintaining close fellowship with God. Our morning watch (quiet time, secret place) is a key to maintaining this spiritual intimacy. Personal devotion to Christ refuses to be content with anything less than to experience Him.

☞ Pray today for yourself and our church family that we will not get caught up in our busyness and become too preoccupied to be a praying people. Pray that we will set aside specific times each day in order to study God's Word and to talk with our heavenly Father. Pray that this day will be a blessed day for all those who are seeking the face of their Savior.

Day 3

***‘He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.’
(Revelation 2:7)***

Sometimes we become so preoccupied with what we have to say to God that we fail to listen for what He might have to say to us. A prayerful spirit is the spirit to which God can and will speak. In each of the seven letters our Lord sent to His churches, He concluded each with the admonition – “He who hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says...”

☞ Pray today for yourself and our church family that we will have a heart that is able to hear the voice of the Spirit. Pray that we will learn how to be still and know that He is God. Pray that we will hear what the Spirit has to say to our church.

Day 4

‘But thou, when thou prayest , enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly .’ (Matthew 6:6)

Often the greatest hindrance to our daily fellowship with God is the noise and busyness of our lives. It is so easy for us to get so caught up in our daily routines that fail to have time for our Savior. Yet the Bible teaches us that we were created for fellowship with God. It has been said that the primary duty of man is glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. Times of quietness are essential to knowing and walking with God.

☞ Pray today for yourself and our church family that we will each find a secret place where we can commune deeply with God. Pray that each of us will make our time with God the top priority of our lives. Pray that each of us will get a vision for the reason why God created us and that we will learn to live for that reason.

Day 5

***'For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.'* (Colossians 1: 9)**

God has promised to fill us with His wisdom and knowledge, yet we have to avail ourselves to such blessings. We must never forget that it is by prayer that the Spirit is poured out, souls are saved, and believers are established in the faith. It is by prayer that the kingdom of darkness is defeated and those held captive are set free. It is by prayer that the glory of God is revealed.

☞ Pray today for yourself and our church family that we will take up the responsibility of interceding for the lost and for each other. Pray that our church will become a house of prayer. Pray that through our prayers, our community, county and country will be turned back to God.

Day 6

***'If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.'* (2 Chronicles 7:14)**

There has never been a time when God's people did not need to desperately hear from God and to have His presence in their lives. Our tendency is to trust in our abilities and the traditions of the past and to neglect the seeking of God's presence and power. Humility, prayer, repentance and longing for God are the avenues through which our Lord will speak and make Himself known to His people.

☞ Pray today for yourself and our church family that we will turn from the sin in our lives and humbly seek God. Pray that we will seek God's face more than God's blessings. Pray that God will first heal us and then through us – heal our land.

Day 7

***'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.'* (1 John 1:9)**

Too often the confession of sin becomes superficial or neglected. Few Christians realize how absolutely necessary it is to acknowledge their sins before God and to seek His forgiveness. Instead, we become careless and complacent about our sins and sometimes deliberately disobedient in our living. Confession of sin means not only that we with shame admit that we have sin, but also with true repentance we choose to turn from our sin and to seek God's holiness.

✞ Pray today for yourself and our church family that we will not become complacent in our Christians walk and begin to condone sin in our lives. Pray that whenever we sin, we will experience the heaviness of the Spirit's conviction and run to God in repentance. Pray that our church family will be clean from the 'inside out.'

Day 8

'Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way. (1 Sam 12:23)

Samuel told the nation Israel that it would be sin for him to stop praying for them. A major part of our prayer life each day should be concerned with the needs and spiritual wellbeing of our fellow believers. Let us not sin by failing to pray for our brethren.

✞ Pray for yourself and our church family that we will be a body of believers that support each other with our prayers. Pray that we will be sensitive to the needs of each other and that we will help bear one another's burdens through our prayers.

Day 9

'I want you to know how much I have agonized for you and for the church at Laodicea, and for many other friends who have never known me personally.'
(Colossians 2:1 NLT)

The Apostle Paul believed in the power of prayer. In the passage we have just read, Paul says that he agonized in his prayers over the needs of his fellow believers. The thought behind the word agonize is a wrestler competing with his opponent in order to win the prize. True prayer can be hard work; yet the reward of seeing a fellow believer being blessed by God is well worth any effort we may expend.

☞ Pray for yourself and our church family that we will not become lazy or haphazard in our prayer lives. Pray that we will take prayer seriously and that we will agonize before the throne of God for the needs of our fellow saints.

Day 10

'Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.' ***(Acts 12:5)***

Shortly before Peter's arrest, James, a fellow apostle, had also been arrested and executed. Many in the church now wondered if the same would happen to Peter. Understanding the danger that Peter faced, the church began to pray. Scripture says that they prayed without ceasing. Night and day, saints cried out to God for Peter's deliverance. The result of their prayers was that Peter was released from prison and able to continue his ministry.

☞ Pray for yourself and our church family that we will be committed to lift each other up in prayer. Pray that we will pray without ceasing. Pray that God will use each of us, day and night, to be His intercessors.

Day 11

***'And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.' For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.'* (Matthew 6:12, 14-15)**

Conflict between believers is bound to happen, yet there should always be a spirit of forgiveness within the body of Christ. Jesus teaches us that the forgiveness of others should be a part of our daily prayers.

☞ Pray for yourself and our church family that we will kind, tenderhearted, and always willing to forgive others, even as we ourselves are forgiven. Pray that if there is a need for believers to discuss their differences, the Lord will help them to do so and that the spirit of forgiveness will always be present.

Day 12

'Brethren, pray for us. (1 Thessalonians 5:25)

As members of the church, none of us can fully comprehend the weight that is often carried by our spiritual leaders. They are often pulled in many directions as everyone wants their specific needs met by them. Paul referred to this weight in 2 Corinthians when he wrote- "...that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches." One of the greatest gifts we can ever give to our spiritual leaders is to pray daily for them and their families.

☞ Pray that God would put a hedge of protection around the homes and lives of our church leaders. Pray for their deliverance from discouraging assaults and any harm that Satan would attempt to bring to their lives and ministries. Pray that God would constantly keep them close to His side where they can draw from His strength and wisdom and therefore be the spiritual leaders God has called them to be.

Day 13

***'Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.'* (Heb 10:25)**

It is the Lord's will that His followers love and support each other. He has ordained that we should come together regularly for worship, prayer, and mutual edification. It is against His will that we be willfully negligent of these duties. Therefore, we should approach our church attendance, not so much with the attitude of what we might get out of it, but with what we might give. We should ask ourselves – "How might the Lord use me this day to help others?"

☞ Pray for yourself and our church family that each of us will take our church attendance seriously. Pray that we will not find contentment whenever we are willfully absent. Pray that the love of Christ may abound within our church family. Pray that lives will be changed and God will be glorified.

Day 14

***'And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.'* (Matthew 21:13)**

Few things seemed to upset our Lord; yet when He saw men hindering others from praying it angered Him greatly. From what we have just read we can see that one of the primary activities that God desires to happen within His church is prayer.

☞ Pray for yourself and our church family that we will always make prayer a priority. Pray that those who attend will feel encouraged to pray, whether it is done publicly or privately. Pray that our church always be a place of prayer.

Day 15

'Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit...and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel.(Ephesians 6:18-20)

Are you bold in your faith? Do you worry what others might think of you if you tried to share your faith? Embrace the cross. Hold it high for the world to see. Do not be ashamed of the gospel. Instead, believe in its power to save the lost. Those around us need to hear that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, and that no one can come to the Father except through Him.

☞ Pray for yourself and our church family that we will be bold in sharing our faith. Pray that God will open doors for us to share Christ and that we will be ready to go through them. Pray that the lost will have ears to hear and faith to believe. Pray that through the ministries of our church, many will come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Day 16

***'The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish , but that all should come to repentance.'* (2 Peter 3:9)**

The Bible says that in the last days many will scoff at the notion of Christ's return. They will believe that they still have plenty of time to be saved; yet the Bible says that the Lord's return will occur when men least expect it. Brethren, Jesus is coming again and when that happens, many will be left behind.

☞ Pray for yourself and our church family that we will not be negligent of our present opportunities to share the gospel. Pray that we will not be guilty of scoffing at the thought of Christ's return, but instead we will be working as we watch and wait. Pray that God will this very day use someone in our church family to help lead someone to Christ.

Day 17

'Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. (Matthew 9:37-38)

The Bible asks us – “But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?” As Jesus looked upon the lost multitudes, He pleaded with His disciples to pray for more laborers. Perhaps each day we should pray – “Here am I Lord, send me!”

☞ Pray for yourself and our church family that we will be involved in spreading the gospel. Pray that those who work on public jobs will take the gospel to their places of employment. Pray that our children will take the gospel to their friends in school. Pray that each of us will take the gospel to our friends and neighbors. Pray that we will be active in the process of sowing and reaping.

Day 18

'Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you. (2 Thessalonians 3:1)

Christians are in a great battle over the gospel. Though we may at times think our battle is with liberal politicians and atheists, the Bible says that our battle is with the forces of evil. Satan and his demons are doing all they can to keep us from spreading the gospel. Paul faced something similar in his day and therefore he pleaded with the church to pray that there would always be an open door.

☞ Pray that the door will remain open for Christians to share the gospel. Pray that the government will not establish laws that would restrict our ability to share our faith. Pray that the word of the Lord may have free course and that God would be glorified.

Day 19

***'Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.'* (Matthew 28:19-20)**

Jesus commands us to help those who are converted to become His fully committed disciples. To disciple someone in the faith is more than handing someone a book or asking them to attend a class. It involves us taking the time to share our lives with them and to communicate to them the truths of God's Word.

☞ Pray for yourself and our church family that each of us will be willing to give of ourselves in order to help others grow closer to Christ. Pray for those who prepare messages and lessons and for those who listen. Pray that together we will grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

Day 20

'And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 5:18) I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. (Philippians 4:13)

What an awesome thought - God has empowered us for this ministry of reconciliation. Trust God to use you. Seek His guidance to grow in your abilities to share the Gospel. Never forget brethren our calling to be His representatives in this world.

☞ Pray for yourself and our church family that we will find victory over our fears and that we will become bolder in telling others about Christ. Pray that we will be sensitive to His Spirit's leading and that God will use us to bring others to salvation. Pray that our church will be a ministry of reconciliation to a lost and dying world.

Day 21

'As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed , and laid their hands on them, they sent them away . (Acts 13:2-3)

As the church at Antioch began to pray and fast, the Holy Spirit spoke and revealed His plan to use Paul and Barnabas as missionaries. No one in their church had ever done anything like this before and therefore we can be sure they had many fears and concerns. Yet, as they continued to pray, the Spirit continued to guide and those called out continued to find strength.

☞ Pray for yourself and our church family that each of us would be sensitive to the Spirit's leading. Pray that God would call out from our church family-missionaries, pastors, and other spiritual leaders. Pray that those who are fearful will step out in faith and take on new ministries. Pray that our church will be a serving church.

Day 22

'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children...' (Deuteronomy 6:5-7)

The home is under great spiritual attack. Christian parents are in a constant battle with the forces of evil for the hearts of their children. We need to pray for our families. We need to pray that our homes will have biblical convictions and that parents will be godly examples to their children. We need to pray for the hearts of our parents and the hearts of our children.

☞ Pray for the protection of our Christian homes. Pray that God's Word will be taught and that time at the family altar will be a regular part of every family's daily routine.

Day 23

***'Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers...'* (Malachi 4:5-6)**

The Bible tells us that one of the last things our Lord will do before He returns is to bring revival to the home. If the Lord intends to bring revival in the home during last days, surely He wants revival in our homes today.

☞ Pray for your family and for the families of our church that there will be spiritual unity and support. Pray that through our families - souls will be saved, lives will be changed and God will be glorified.

Day 24

***'Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.'* (Colossians 3:18-19)**

The Bible teaches us that the Christian home is a living example of the relationship between Christ and His church. (See Ephesians 5:28-33) Yet, this cannot happen when there is strife and division in the home. When husbands and wives do not honor and love each other as the Bible commands, they cannot bear witness to their children or to the world what it means to be a child of God.

☞ Pray for the relationship between husbands and wives. Pray that husbands will love their wives, even as Christ loves the church. Pray that wives will honor their husbands, even as the church honors our Lord. Pray that the marriages within our church family will become strong and spiritual.

Day 25

'Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.'
(Colossians 3:20)

It has become all too common in today's world for children and youth to profess that they know the Lord, yet be disrespectful to their parents. If a child doesn't honor their parents, they can't honor the Lord. It is the Lord's Will that the home be a place of love and respect.

☞ Pray for our children, (especially those who profess to know Christ), that they will always honor and respect their parents. Pray that there will be spiritual conviction when there is not such honor and respect. Pray that through our homes our children will learn what it means to honor and love the Lord.

Day 26

'Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.'
(Colossians 3:21)

Paul commands fathers to be on guard against doing things that might unnecessarily cause their children to become discouraged or angry. Some fathers anger their children through harsh behavior and unreasonable demands. Other fathers discourage their children through negligence and a lack of involvement in their lives. This command can also be applied to mothers as well. Some mothers allow themselves to become involved in power struggles with their children. Other mothers are fearful of offending their children and therefore fail to establish proper boundaries. It is not easy to be a Christian parent. It takes much prayer.

☞ Pray for our parents that they will know how to properly raise their children. Pray that they will know how to establish boundaries that are biblical and to teach their children the importance of such boundaries. Pray that our parents will walk in the Spirit as they raise their children.

Day 27

'Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee. Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table. (Psalm 128:1-3)

God wants to bless the home. He wants it to be a place where there is joy and happiness. Yet there is a principle that is vitally necessary in order for this to happen. There must be a proper fear of God. To fear God does not mean that we run from Him, but that we bow before Him. A home that will be blessed is a home where Jesus is Lord.

☞ Pray for our homes that they will be places where every decision is put under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Pray that Jesus will be Lord of what is seen on TV. Pray that Jesus will be Lord of what is heard on the radio. Pray that Jesus will be Lord of what is hanging in the closet. Pray that Jesus will be Lord of every aspect of our homes.

Day 28

***'And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve ; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell : but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.'* (Joshua 24:15)**

What is lacking in many of our homes today are strong biblical convictions. In many Christian homes, the world has more influence than the Word of God.

☞ Pray that God's Word will be studied in the home and that through this study, biblical boundaries and convictions will be established. Pray that these biblical boundaries and convictions will then be put into practice.

Day 29

***'Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.'* (1 Timothy 4:1-4)**

The church is commanded to pray for its governmental leaders! In Paul's day this meant praying for the wicked Roman emperor, Nero. Nero hated the Christians and tried to destroy them, yet God still commanded His people to pray.

☞ Pray that as our nation seeks God's blessings, we will also seek His righteousness. Pray that the conviction of sin will penetrate the hardness of men's hearts and cause our nation to seek God's forgiveness. Pray that Christians who hold political office will have a voice among their peers. Pray for a great spiritual awakening to sweep across our land.

Day 30

***'Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.'* (Matthew 5:13)**

Today is a day of compromise. Christians are being seduced to turn away from the teachings of God's Word and to embrace the godless philosophies of this world. Part of this seduction comes through the concept that the church should be careful to not offend the lost. Yet according to Christ, if the salt allows itself to become contaminated with impurities, it becomes worthless. We should never needlessly offend the lost, nor should we bow before their godless philosophies.

☞ Pray that the church will not compromise in its purity. Pray that biblical convictions will direct everything the church does. Pray that the church will not believe the lies of the evil one and thus leave its purpose in this world.

Day 31

'Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. (Matthew 5:14-16)

Satan is doing everything he can to silence the church. He is threatening to harm us if we stand up and speak out. He is leading us to believe that true biblical Christianity is too radical and needs to be watered down. He is telling us to stay silent and to keep our light hidden from a dark and dying world.

☞ Pray that we will not be ashamed of who we are. Pray that we will let our light shine in a darkened world. Pray also that as we let our light shine, the lost will come to see the truth and turn to the Savior.

Day 32

***'Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.'* (Hebrews 13:3)**

Many Christians in America are unaware of the terrible suffering our brothers and sisters in other parts of the world are suffering. Today, many Christians around the world will face a penalty of death for their faith. Others will be beaten or thrown out of households with no way to support themselves or their families.

☞ Pray for courage and strength for our fellow believers who are suffering. Pray that Bibles and Christian literature will get to them to encourage them in God's Word. Pray that the Holy Spirit will bring comfort to the families of all those who have been martyred. Pray that persecuted Christians will be encouraged and filled with comfort, hope and love from God's presence with them.

Day 33

'For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him' (2 Chronicles 16:9)

God has promised in Jeremiah 29:13 that "you will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart". God is searching for people who are searching for Him.

☞ Pray for yourself and our church family that we will be the kind of people that God can bless and use. Pray that we will not be hypocrites who pretend to love God while loving the world. Pray that when God looks for people He can bless, we will be among that number.

Day 34

***'And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you , Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.'* (John 16:23-24)**

God's plan for our lives is that we would abide in Christ and from that oneness with Him; we would live a life of prayer. Intense and unceasing prayerfulness is the essential mark of a healthy spiritual life and a healthy church.

☞ Pray for yourself and our church family that we would come to believe in the power of prayer. Pray that prayer would be more than a ritual. Pray that it would become a reality. Pray that we would experience joy from our prayers and that this joy would become contagious throughout our church family.

Day 35

***'Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.'* (Mark 9:23)**

The Bible says that without faith, it is impossible to please God. We cannot be the church without having faith. Jesus said that if we can believe, all things are possible. With faith God's people can move mountains.

☞ Pray for yourself and our church family that we will be people of faith. Pray that we will seek out the promises of God as found in His Word, and that we will stand upon those promises. Pray that with our faith, we will please God.

Day 36

***'And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.'*(Luke 11:5-10)**

Blessed is the man who does not grow weary and quit. Blessed is the man who perseveres in prayer.

☞ Pray for yourself and our church family that we will pray with persistence. Pray that when it comes to the matter of someone's salvation or spiritual well-being, we will not give up until we see God moving in their lives. Pray that we will ask, seek and knock until their hearts are opened.

Day 37

‘Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. (Romans 8:26-27)

What a thought! When we feel imperfect in our prayers; when we sense that we have no strength of our own; when we don’t know what to do - we may bow in silence before God with the confidence that His Spirit will help us. The Spirit is the Spirit of prayer. It is the Spirit who will make my prayers perfect, even in the moments of my greatest weakness.

☞ Pray for yourself and our church family that we will learn how to pray ‘in the Spirit.’ Pray that we will seek the Spirit’s guidance in our prayers and allow Him to teach us how to pray.

Day 38

‘Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house.’ (2 Chronicles 7:1)

Often we read the stories of great Christians and wonder what it was that made them so special. Yet the Bible teaches us that their strength was linked directly to their prayers. Much like the prophet Elijah and the early church, Solomon prayed and God moved.

☞ Pray for yourself and our church family that we will pray in such a way that it will cause fire to fall from heaven. Pray that through the intercession of our church, God will be caused to bring revival.

Day 39

***'Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty thing, which thou knowest not.'* (Jeremiah 33:3)**

God counts upon us to take our place before His throne as His intercessors. It is an indispensable element of the true Christian life. Intercession is the highest ministry any man or woman can attain or accomplish. Embrace this high and lofty privilege and position.

∞ Pray for yourself and our church family that we will faithfully call upon the Lord. Pray that we will learn to call upon the Lord, whether it is early in the morning or in the middle of the night. Pray that we call upon God in our time of need and that we will call upon God simply to praise Him.

Day 40

***'And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.'* (Acts 4:31)**

Of all the qualities mentioned concerning the early church, none is greater than their commitment to pray. They prayed, God moved, and the world was turned upside down.

∞ Pray for yourself and our church family that we will not let this call to pray cease. Much of the spiritual success of our church can be attributed to fervent prayer. Pray that we will pray individually and corporately. Pray that prayer will become a vital part of all we say and do.

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