

DAILY GUIDE for 40 Days of Prayer

Introduction:

It's time to fast and pray at Connect. Why? Because the enemy wants to divide us, but Jesus tells us to stand united in Christ. America is divided; anger is raging; therefore, the Church needs to come together to pray and fast so it can stand united in Jesus.

Beginning October 1 we will pray for our country, for our leaders, for a peaceful election and for unity in the Church. Here's what you can expect during this initiative:

- 1 united prompt to pray each day
- 1 meal a week to fast and pray (you pick which day and time to fast)
- 2 nights to gather in person at Connect for prayer:
 - October 12th from 7:00pm – 7:45pm
 - November 9th from 7:00pm – 7:45pm

Keep in mind the words of Jesus in John 17:20-21:

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”

How To Experience 40 Days of Prayer:

- If you do not pray daily, this is a great excuse to begin! Here's a prayer tool you can use:
 - A = Adoration: Acknowledge God's greatness through adoration.
 - C = Confession: Confess your sins/faults/failures and ask Him to forgive and strengthen you.
 - T = Thanksgiving: Give thanks to God for love, hope, life, relationships, purpose.
 - S = Supplication: ask God to provide for your needs, for specific things.
- Use the daily prompt as a supplement to your regular prayer time.
- Read the Scripture out loud.
 - What does this passage say about God, Jesus or His plan?
 - What does this passage say about humans?
 - What do I need to change?
 - Who can I share this Scripture with?
- Fast (abstain) for one meal each week; channel your hunger into a time of prayer with Almighty God. If you want to learn more about biblical fasting, here's a helpful article: <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/fasting-for-beginners>
- Join us in person at Connect Christian Church for two prayer nights, one before and one after the election: October 12 and November 9 from 7:00-7:45pm.
- Each prayer prompt will be repeated twice in the forty-day period.

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DAY 1 – October 1, 2020

Prayer Thought: Pray that hate would decrease, and LOVE would increase in America.

Romans 12:9 - Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

DAY 2 – October 2, 2020

Prayer Thought: Pray that we advocate for Justice.

Amos 5:24 - But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

DAY 3 – October 3, 2020

Prayer Thought: Pray that I would have a heart of LOVE for my family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and even enemies – that LOVE would overcome offense.

1 Peter 4:8 - Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

Romans 14:19 - Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

DAY 4 – October 4, 2020

Prayer Thought: Pray that God would provide wisdom, discernment and understanding of truth at the federal, state and local levels of American government.

Proverbs 3:5-6 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

DAY 5 – October 5, 2020

Prayer Thought: Pray that I would be an example of a disciple of Jesus to my community, trusting and following Him daily.

Matthew 5:14-15 – [Jesus said] “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.”

1 Peter 2:12 - Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

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DAY 6 – October 6, 2020

Prayer Thought: Pray that America would repent of cultural evils.

Hosea 12:6 - But you must return to your God; maintain love and justice, and wait for your God always.

Acts 3:19 - Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord...

DAY 7 – October 7, 2020

Prayer Thought: Pray that in matters of opinion, I would value listening over being offended.

James 1:19-20 - My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

DAY 8 – October 8, 2020

Prayer Thought: Pray for those who have authority over us, that they are protected and honored.

Romans 13:6-7 - This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

DAY 9 – October 9, 2020

Prayer Thought: Pray that Connect Christian Church models sacrificial LOVE to our community.

Romans 13:8-10 - Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law.

DAY 10 – October 10, 2020

Prayer Thought: Pray that our community servants (especially law enforcement officers) would be confident and courageous in the LORD.

Joshua 1:9 - Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

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DAY 11 – October 11, 2020

Prayer Thought: Pray that I would have a heavy burden for the “lost,” those who do not trust and follow Jesus.

1 Timothy 2:3-4 - This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

DAY 12 – October 12, 2020 (**PRAYER NIGHT at Connect 7:00-7:45pm**)

Prayer Thought: Pray that we would respect, appreciate and follow godly leadership in the church.

Hebrews 13:17 - Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

DAY 13 – October 13, 2020

Prayer Thought: Pray for those officials who hate Christ and biblical values, that they would lose influence and not be able to carry out plans that are against God’s will.

Psalms 140:8 - Do not grant the wicked their desires, Lord; do not let their plans succeed.

Ephesians 4:18-19 - They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.

DAY 14 – October 14, 2020

Prayer Thought: Pray that the Church in America would repent, pray and put Jesus first.

2 Chronicles 7:14 - if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

John 14:6 - Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

DAY 15 – October 15, 2020

Prayer Thought: Pray that God would protect me from divisive people.

Romans 16:17-18 - I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery, they deceive the minds of naive people.

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DAY 16 – October 16, 2020

Prayer Thought: Pray for a passion for the Word of God.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 - And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 - All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

DAY 17 – October 17, 2020

Prayer Thought: Pray that God enables and causes success for those officials who follow Christ or at least govern with biblical values.

Psalms 5:12 - Surely, Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

DAY 18 – October 18, 2020

Prayer Thought: Pray for wisdom to understand and practice the Lord's will.

Ephesians 5:15-17 - Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

DAY 19 – October 19, 2020

Prayer Thought: Pray that I would care about what God cares about, even if the culture disagrees.

1 John 2:15 - Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.

Romans 12:1-2 - Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

DAY 20 – October 20, 2020

Prayer Thought: Pray that I would become a champion of unity.

John 17:20-21 – [Jesus prayed] “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”

Philippians 2:2 - then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

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DAY 21 – October 21, 2020

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DAY 22 – October 22, 2020

Prayer Thought: Pray that we advocate for Justice.

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DAY 23 – October 23, 2020

Prayer Thought: Pray that I would have a heart of LOVE for my family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and even enemies – that LOVE would overcome offense.

1 Peter 4:8 - Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

Romans 14:19 - Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

DAY 24 – October 24, 2020

Prayer Thought: Pray that God would provide wisdom, discernment and understanding of truth at the federal, state and local levels of American government.

Proverbs 3:5-6 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

DAY 25 – October 25, 2020

Prayer Thought: Pray that I would be an example of a disciple of Jesus to my community, trusting and following Him daily.

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1 Peter 2:12 - Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

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Prayer Thought: Pray that America would repent of cultural evils.

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DAY 27 – October 27, 2020

Prayer Thought: Pray that in matters of opinion, I would value listening over being offended.

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DAY 28 – October 28, 2020

Prayer Thought: Pray for those who have authority over us, that they are protected and honored.

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DAY 30 – October 30, 2020

Prayer Thought: Pray that our community servants (especially law enforcement officers) would be confident and courageous in the LORD.

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DAY 32 – November 1, 2020

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DAY 34 – November 3, 2020 (Election Day)

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