40 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING

Over the next 40 days leading to the election, we are joining together as a church family (Koinonia) to intentionally seek God through prayer and fasting. Along with prayer, we are each encouraged to give something up as a personal reflection of our commitment to put God first and turn away from the distractions that compete for our attention.

When you find yourself feeling pulled by the distractions of the world, or simply aren't sure where to begin in prayer, use this guide as a simple starting point to lead you into a deeper, more focused time with God. Together, we will pray for our own hearts, our families, Story Church, our community, our nation, and the world around us.

START WITH ME

DAY 1 | Surrender
Begin these 40 days by surrendering ourselves fully to God.
Scripture: Romans 12:1-2

DAY 2 | Search My Heart
Ask God to reveal anything in us that needs to change.
Scripture: Psalm 139:23-24

DAY 3 | Repentance
Confess sin and receive God's forgiveness.
Scripture: 1 John 1:9

DAY 4 | Hunger for God
Pray that we would desire God more than comfort, possessions, entertainment, or distractions.
Scripture: Psalm 42:1-2

DAY 5 | Wisdom
Ask God for wisdom in the decisions we make.
Scripture: James 1:5

DAY 6 | The Fruit of the Spirit
Ask God to make love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control evident in us.
Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23

DAY 7 | Trust
Choose to trust God even when circumstances feel uncertain.
Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6

OUR FAMILIES & STORY CHURCH

DAY 8 | Our Marriages
Pray for strong, Christ-centered marriages.
Scripture: Ephesians 5:21, 25

DAY 9 | Our Children
Pray for the next generation to know, love, and follow Jesus.
Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:5-7

DAY 10 | Our Homes
Pray that our homes would reflect Jesus to others.
Scripture: Joshua 24:15

DAY 11 | Story Church
Pray that Story Church remains faithful to its mission and that every person knows their story matters to God.
Scripture: Matthew 28:19-20

DAY 12 | Story Church Leaders
Pray for wisdom, humility, protection, and faithfulness for our pastors and ministry leaders.
Scripture: 1 Peter 5:2-3

DAY 13 | Story Church Volunteers
Pray for those serving in Kids, Students, Hospitality, Worship, Prayer, Life Groups, Ladies, Men's, Community and other serving opportunities.
Scripture: 1 Peter 4:10

DAY 14 | Those Who Don't Know Jesus
Pray specifically for people connected to Story Church who have not yet chosen to follow Jesus.
Scripture: Luke 19:10

OUR COMMUNITY

DAY 15 | Our Neighbors
Pray for the people who live right around us.
Scripture: Mark 12:31

DAY 16 | Queen Creek & San Tan
Pray for our community and the people God has placed around Story Church.
Scripture: Jeremiah 29:7

DAY 17 | Schools & Teachers
Pray for students, teachers, administrators, and school staff.
Scripture: Proverbs 2:6

DAY 18 | Families in Need
Pray for families experiencing financial hardship, broken relationships, loneliness, or crisis.
Scripture: Psalm 34:18

DAY 19 | First Responders
Pray for police officers, firefighters, EMTs, and others who serve our community.
Scripture: Psalm 82:3-4

DAY 20 | Local Leaders
Pray for those making decisions that affect our towns and communities.
Scripture: 1 Timothy 2:1-2

DAY 21 | Be a Light
Ask God to show us where we can serve instead of simply praying for someone else to act.
Scripture: Matthew 5:14-16

ARIZONA & OUR NATION

DAY 22 | Arizona
Pray for the people, communities, churches, and leaders throughout our state.
Scripture: Jeremiah 29:7

DAY 23 | State Leaders
Pray for wisdom, integrity, humility, and discernment for those serving in state government.
Scripture: 1 Timothy 2:1-2

DAY 24 | Our Nation
Pray for the well-being of our country and the people who call it home.
Scripture: Psalm 33:12-15

DAY 25 | National Leaders
Pray for those currently serving in positions of authority, regardless of party or whether we agree with them.
Scripture: 1 Timothy 2:1-4

DAY 26 | Wisdom for Leaders
Pray that leaders at every level seek wisdom and make decisions justly.
Scripture: Proverbs 8:15-16

DAY 27 | Justice & Mercy
Pray that our communities and institutions value justice, mercy, and humility.
Scripture: Micah 6:8

DAY 28 | Peace in Our Nation
Pray against hatred and division and ask God to help His people become peacemakers.
Scripture: Matthew 5:9

THE CHURCH & OUR WORLD

DAY 29 | The Church in America
Pray that churches remain faithful to Jesus above culture, politics, popularity, or power.
Scripture: Colossians 2:6-8

DAY 30 | Unity Among Jesus Followers
Pray that believers demonstrate a unity rooted in Jesus even when they disagree.
Scripture: John 17:20-23

DAY 31 | Courage
Pray that Jesus Followers speak truth with courage, grace, and love.
Scripture: Ephesians 4:15

DAY 32 | The Persecuted Church
Pray for Jesus Followers around the world facing persecution because of their faith.
Scripture: Hebrews 13:3

DAY 33 | The Nations
Pray for people throughout the world to hear and respond to the Gospel.
Scripture: Matthew 24:14

DAY 34 | Peace Around the World
Pray for places experiencing war, violence, persecution, and instability.
Scripture: Psalm 46:9-10

DAY 35 | Global Partners
Pray for those carrying the Gospel across cultures and nations.
Scripture: Romans 10:14-15

ELECTION, UNITY & TRUST

DAY 36 | Wisdom for Voters
Pray that Jesus Followers approach civic decisions prayerfully, thoughtfully, truthfully, and with love for their neighbors.
Scripture: James 1:5

DAY 37 | Those Seeking Office
Pray for all candidates and those who may soon hold positions of authority.
Scripture: 1 Timothy 2:1-2

DAY 38 | Our Words & Relationships
Pray that political disagreements would never become an excuse for anger, contempt, gossip, or broken relationships.
Scripture: James 1:19-20

DAY 39 | Jesus Is King
Remember that our ultimate hope and allegiance are found in Christ rather than any earthly leader or government.
Scripture: Philippians 3:20

DAY 40 | Faithfulness Whatever Comes
Ask God to help us faithfully love Him, love our neighbors, make disciples, serve others, and live out the Gospel regardless of political outcomes.
Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-2