

2021 40 DAYS OF PRAYER

for El Dorado &
Union County,
Arkansas

PRAYER

1 OCT

kickoff prayer

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3 NOV

prayer walk

join forces with the community to pray over key places together - meet at the **el dorado police department** at **6:30 pm** to begin.

7th annual 40 DAYS OF PRAYER for El Dorado & Union County, Arkansas

IF MY PEOPLE WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME HUMBLE THEMSELVES AND PRAY AND SEEK MY FACE AND TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS, THEN I WILL HEAR FROM HEAVEN AND WILL FORGIVE THEIR SIN AND HEAL THEIR LAND.

II CHRONICLES 7:14

Power from God is available to those who pray. Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness fasting in preparation for His spiritual conflict with Satan (Matthew 4:1-3) because He understood the need for fasting and prayer to overcome evil (Mark 11:40). If our Lord felt the need for regular prayer, how much more should we, as His people, be devoted to prayer (Colossians 4:2)! To that end, for the seventh year, we as churches and as a community in El Dorado and Union County, Arkansas are being called to follow the example of Jesus by spending the next 40 days in concentrated, coordinated prayer.

If you are willing to be a part of this spiritual discipline, you can use this guide to pray for at least five minutes a day for 40 days for the specific needs identified by 31 ministers, ministry leaders, and community leaders across El Dorado and Union County.

How to use this prayer guide

- 1** Choose a specific time when you will pray each day (Daniel 6:10); be sure it is a time you will be alert (Matthew 26:40-41.) Choose a specific place to be when you pray each day; make sure it is one where you will be undistracted (Matthew 6:6).
- 2** Each day during your prayer time, read aloud the specific prayer requests for that day. This will help your mind focus on the petitions you will be offering to God. To track your progress, check off the box by each date after you have completed that day's petitions.
- 3** If you are married or have a family, consider praying together (1 Peter 3:7.)
- 4** This guide includes daily Bible verses. Take a moment to reach each day's scripture aloud before praying, to clear your mind and prepare your heart for your conversation with God (Psalm 19:14).
- 5** This guide is designed to expand our prayer aptitude by going beyond routine requests (Ephesians 6:18). Feel free to use each day's submission as a starting point for your own prayer time on the topic of the day.

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7 THINGS I'M GRATEFUL FOR

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1 Friday

THANKFUL FOR THE AVENUE OF PRAYER

In prayer we "ask" God to meet our most basic needs. In prayer we "seek" God's will for our lives. In prayer we persistently "knock" trusting that God will answer. As God's people "ask, seek, and knock" we will grow in our relationship with God and soon we will realize just how good God truly is.

Meditate

BUT WHEN YOU PRAY, GO INTO YOUR ROOM, CLOSE THE DOOR AND PRAY TO YOUR FATHER, WHO IS UNSEEN. THEN YOUR FATHER, WHO SEES WHAT IS DONE IN SECRET, WILL REWARD YOU.

MATTHEW 6:6

Pray

Heavenly Father we thank you for allowing us the avenue to come before your throne of grace boldly and ask for what we will! We thank you for providing the avenue to make our requests known unto you. Although you understand the groaning of our heart, we are grateful for the communication provided by stepping into our room of prayer to kneel before an all seeing God in secret. We thank you that you hear and answer prayer!

2 Saturday

PEACE IN OUR COMMUNITY

This world around us seems so unstable, but with peace in our heart let us keep our focus on the One Most High, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Meditate

DECEIT IS IN THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO PLOT EVIL, BUT THOSE WHO PROMOTE PEACE HAVE JOY.

PROVERBS 12:20

Pray

Oh Heavenly father may you please give us peace as we live in this unstable world. May you fill us with your wisdom, grace & mercy so we may spread it out to others. Lord help us to understand how to be your hands & feet in this broken world, so that all who are around us see only You. Amen

3 Sunday
PRAISE OF GOD

When I think of giving praise to God my thoughts automatically go to the Psalms. On this Lord's Day, Psalm 100 comes to mind. In this short Psalm he tells us how to enter worship & that is "...with joyful songs." When I am privileged to lead the congregation in songs on Sundays I like to begin with a song that is full of praise for my God & His Son Jesus Christ. One of those songs is PRAISE HIM, PRAISE HIM, by Fanny Crosby (1820-1915). What is so amazing is that she was totally blind from age 6 months! Yet as one writer said, "She grew up a happy & an active child." She despite being blind wrote over 8,000 songs many of which are sung in worship! Her life was of continual praise.

Meditate

SHOUT FOR JOY TO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH. WORSHIP THE LORD WITH GLADNESS; COME BEFORE HIM WITH JOYFUL SONGS.

PSALM 100:1

Pray

Heavenly Father may all glory & praise be to you this day as we assemble to worship you. May we realize we are entering into your very present as we worship you. Help us to remember that our lives should be a Psalm of praise to you each day & not just on Sunday...Amen

 4 Monday
PEACE IN OUR NATION

We live in a day when the United States of America looks more like the Divided States of America. We are in need of peacemakers who will seek out unity through the message of the Prince of Peace.

Meditate

PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM: "MAY THOSE WHO LOVE YOU BE SECURE. MAY THERE BE PEACE WITHIN YOUR WALLS & SECURITY WITHIN YOUR CITADELS."

PSALM 122:6-7

Pray

Heavenly Father, may You give us a spirit of unity in the saving message of Jesus Christ, our Peace. Break down the walls that keep us from loving each other the way Jesus commanded us. Give us a heart of compassion to feel for one another & seek out peace in our community & country. In Jesus name amen.

 5 Tuesday
PEACE IN OUR WORLD

Ask a random sampling of people for a definition of peace, & the most common answers will likely "no more wars, an end to senseless violence, or everyone being able to get along." But the biblical concept also includes harmony, wholeness, completeness, welfare, & tranquility. It embraces all of creation, reconciled to God through Christ, being remade, & renewed as he intended it to be. Biblical peace isn't something that we can create on our own, it is a fruit of the Spirit which is the evidence of God's work in our lives when we are obedient to the Holy Spirit (Gal 5:22-23).

Meditate

REPAY NO ONE EVIL FOR EVIL BUT GIVE THOUGHT TO DO WHAT IS HONORABLE IN THE SIGHT OF ALL. IF POSSIBLE, SO FAR AS IT DEPENDS ON YOU, LIVE PEACEABLY WITH ALL.

PAUL IN ROMANS 12:17-18

Pray

Lord, today I pray for every soul on earth to embrace Jesus Christ. His selflessness is reflected in our lives when we follow Him in faith, allowing others to catch a glimpse of who He is. Let my life shine as a good representative of love on earth and help me to look at others through the lens of love. While we pray for the world, remember that our true salvation comes from God through Jesus Christ. In Jesus name.

6 Wednesday

CURE FOR THE COVID PANDEMIC

We serve a God who is able to do all things. Pray in faith that this pandemic will be eradicated. We are mindful of those who are battling this awful disease, their loved ones who battle with them, and pray for comfort to all who have lost loved ones to COVID.

Meditate

NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO EXCEEDINGLY ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK...

PAUL IN EPHESIANS 3:20-21

Pray

Dear God, Give our medical community wisdom as they research and work to discover a healing process for all those who have Covid-19.. We ask that you would dwell with all the scientists who are working daily to develop an effective and safe vaccine to combat this virus. Lord, we trust you. We ask this in the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

7 Thursday

THEREFORE, A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER & HIS MOTHER & HOLD FAST TO HIS WIFE, & THEY SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.

GENESIS 2:24

MARRIAGES

Marriage is in crisis today. There are many reasons for this, but the real problem is a spiritual one that's brought on by sin in our hearts. It's important that we get back to God's covenantal purpose of marriage found in His Word. He designed marriage as a sacred and a joyous covenant. He gave it as a gift to show the full expression of love between a man and a woman. It should always be honored and never taken lightly. Let's commit to pray for marriages.

Pray

Jesus, today we pray that Your plan for marriage would be clearly displayed through our lives. We pray that we would honor our marriages completely. We pray for open communication and to have the wisdom to listen when it would be easier to speak. We pray for humility to say I'm sorry. We pray for the graciousness to forgive like You forgave us. We pray for You, Jesus, to be the center of our marriages and that when the world looks at us, they see You. Help us to love each other like You have loved us. Amen.

PERSONAL PRAYERS



8 Friday

CHILDREN, OBEY YOUR PARENTS BECAUSE YOU BELONG TO THE LORD, FOR THIS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. "HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER." THIS IS THE FIRST COMMANDMENT WITH A PROMISE: IF YOU HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER, "THINGS WILL GO WELL FOR YOU, AND YOU WILL HAVE A LONG LIFE ON THE EARTH. FATHERS, DO NOT PROVOKE YOUR CHILDREN TO ANGER BY THE WAY YOU TREAT THEM. RATHER, BRING THEM UP WITH THE DISCIPLINE AND INSTRUCTION THAT COMES FROM THE LORD.

PAUL IN EPHESIANS 6:1-4

FAMILIES

Each family member is mentioned in this passage with instructions for life. Verses 10-18, "the whole armor of God", gives understanding to the reader that this family unit will encounter conflicts and problems that originate from the powers of darkness. With that in mind, we can pray accordingly.

Pray

Father, our families are precious and so we stand firm against all the strategies of the devil. For the peace of our families we resist this enemy in the time of evil and we stand firm in our faith. Not neglecting the belt of truth (the Word of God) and the body armor of God's righteousness, we use the shield of faith and stop the fiery arrows of the devil. We honor you, God, as our Heavenly Father and we trust you to keep us and deliver our families in times of trouble.

 9 Saturday
CHILDREN

Our children are faced with many challenges today. The only constant and for sure thing is CHRIST.

Meditate

AND HE AROSE & CAME TO HIS FATHER. BUT WHEN HE WAS STILL A GREAT WAY OFF HIS FATHER SAW HIM & HAD COMPASSION & RAN & FELL ON HIS NECK & KISSED HIM.

LUKE 15:20

Pray

Father GOD we pray for our children. We pray that in this world they can discern your voice, & know they always have a home to return to & you are always there. In JESUS name Amen.

 10 Sunday
PRaise OF CHRIST

God gave us Jesus to save us from ourselves & our sin. Our living hope & our eternal future is in Him. Praise Jesus! Praise God!

Meditate

PRAISE BE TO THE GOD & FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST! IN HIS GREAT MERCY HE HAS GIVEN US NEW BIRTH INTO A LIVING HOPE THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD, & INTO AN INHERITANCE THAT CAN NEVER PERISH, SPOIL OR FADE. THIS INHERITANCE IS KEPT IN HEAVEN FOR YOU, WHO THROUGH FAITH ARE SHIELDED BY GOD'S POWER UNTIL THE COMING OF THE SALVATION THAT IS READY TO BE REVEALED IN THE LAST TIME.

1 PETER 1:3-5

Pray

Heavenly Father, thank You that in Your grace You sent the Lord Jesus to take the punishment for my sin so that by believing on Him I might be forgiven, redeemed & born into Your heavenly family. Thank You that He is my living hope so that the life I now live in this body, I live by faith in the Son of God. Thank You Father for the lasting hope that is kept for me in heavenly places. Thank You that this glorious inheritance does not depend on my faithfulness but on YOURS. You are a good & gracious God & I love You Lord, Amen.

11 Monday

HOSPITAL &
HEALTHCARE
PROFESSIONALS

Our healthcare workers are overwhelmed, overworked, anxious, and at times tired, but most believe they are GOD's eyes, arms, hands, legs, and voice to care for patients, and be there for them medically, physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

Meditate

**MAY THE FAVOR OF OUR LORD
OUR GOD REST ON US;
ESTABLISH THE WORK OF OUR
HANDS FOR US- YES ESTABLISH
THE WORK OF OUR HANDS.**

PSALM 90:17

Pray

Father GOD we thank you for covering us in the BLOOD OF JESUS. Thank YOU for keeping us safe from dangers seen & unseen & allowing someone to see CHRIST in us daily. Amen

12 Tuesday

THOSE IN
NURSING HOMES

With Covid restrictions, caring for those in nursing homes is not an easy thing to do. Over 1.5 million Americans live in these facilities today, & with visiting restrictions we need to pray for them daily & look for other ways we can show our love for them. Jesus told us, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers & sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matt 25:40).

Meditate

**RISE IN THE PRESENCE OF
THE AGED, SHOW
RESPECT FOR THE
ELDERLY AND REVERE
YOUR GOD.
I AM THE LORD.**

LEVITICUS 19:32

Pray

Lord, we are thankful for nursing homes and for those who dedicate their lives to care for our older friends. For those living in these homes, we ask for comfort and joy. We pray they feel your presence and know they are precious to you. We pray they are treated with dignity and respect. We also ask You to be with their families and caregivers who have a challenging job. Please give them strength when they become tired, and help them to be sensitive to the needs of these wonderful loved ones. In Jesus' name, Amen

13 Wednesday

THOSE IN
POVERTY

The need for believers to care for the poor is a constant theme in Scripture. But often we do nothing, caught up in meeting our own needs and desires. Perhaps we don't see enough poverty to remember the needs of the poor. The world is filled with poor people, here and in other countries. What can you do to help?

Meditate

**ALL THEY ASKED WAS
THAT WE SHOULD
CONTINUE TO REMEMBER
THE POOR, THE VERY
THING I WAS EAGER TO DO.**

PAUL IN GALATIANS 2:10

Pray

Dear Heavenly Father help us to remember the poor of our community and may we find ways to help those in poverty. May we learn to be blessings to those less fortunate than ourselves. Open our eyes to the needs around us so we may share the blessings, you have given us. Amen

14 Thursday

MILITARY

We recently lost 13 brave U.S. Service Members in Afghanistan. They died to protect us and to carry out our mission overseas. We should never forget the sacrifices of our brave men and women in uniform so that we can worship freely in the United States. We are blessed to live in a nation that has freedom of religion, and we have that right because of a military that keeps us free.

Meditate

"THERE IS NO GREATER LOVE THAN TO LAY DOWN ONE'S LIFE FOR ONE'S FRIENDS."

-JESUS
JOHN 15: 13

Pray

Father, we pray for protection of our U.S. military. We pray that they will serve our county with honor, and return home safety. We pray for the families and friends of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice to our county. May they find peace and love in knowing we appreciate their love ones sacrifice, and knowing that you have a plan for all.

15 Friday

LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS

A word of encouragement to our local business owners during these hard economic times: trust in the Lord, and He will help you.

Meditate

COMMIT THY WORKS UNTO THE LORD, AND THY THOUGHTS SHALL BE ESTABLISHED.

PROVERBS 16:3

Pray

Heavenly Father, we ask that you bless the local business owners of union county. We ask that they will seek your council, and that they will conduct their business according to your Word and will. May we remember to help them as they have helped us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

16 Saturday

EMTs & PARAMEDICS

Emergency medical service providers are often unseen until we are having one of our worst days. For these men & women, their everyday is an assortment of our worst days. Time & time again, they enter into the chaos of pain & fear calmly & carefully. When bad things happen we call out for help, & it is they who show up at our door. While, often, their principal role is to take us safely to healing hands, they do so with a seemingly limitless amount of care & compassion. In those moments of crisis, hands that care offer healing of their own. That care does not come without a cost. Each time they share our pain & fear with care, they take a little bit with them. Those layers add up & weigh heavily upon the hearts & souls of those who show up when we call. These men & women need our prayers & support just as we need their care & compassion. We call out for help, & it is their hands that bear us to healing.

Meditate

O LORD MY GOD, I CRIED TO YOU FOR HELP AND YOU HAVE HEALED ME.

PSALM 30:2

Pray

God, our Healer & Redeemer, we give thanks for your compassion. Bless all emergency medical service providers through whom we know your care. Give them knowledge, virtue, & patience; strengthen them in their capacity to heal & comfort; & help them to bear the weight of their experience; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

17 Sunday

PRAISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

God gives His Spirit to everyone to help us pray. His Spirit knows exactly what to pray in every situation.

Meditate

LIKEWISE THE SPIRIT ALSO HELPS IN OUR WEAKNESSES. FOR WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT WE SHOULD PRAY FOR AS WE OUGHT, BUT THE SPIRIT HIMSELF MAKES INTERCESSION FOR US WITH GROANINGS WHICH CANNOT BE UTTERED. NOW HE WHO SEARCHES THE HEARTS KNOWS WHAT THE MIND OF THE SPIRIT IS, BECAUSE HE MAKES INTERCESSION FOR THE SAINTS ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD.

PSALM 90:17

Pray

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of your Spirit. We gratefully acknowledge your Spirit's presence in us. We praise you for always knowing what we need and helping us pray. We desire to partner with you in interceding for others. We present ourselves to pray with you for your will to be done. In Jesus name, Amen.

18 Monday

THEREFORE, A PRISONER FOR THE LORD, URGE YOU TO WALK IN A MANNER WORTHY OF THE CALLING TO WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED, WITH ALL HUMILITY & GENTLENESS, WITH PATIENCE, BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE, EAGER TO MAINTAIN THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BOND OF PEACE. THERE IS ONE BODY AND ONE SPIRIT—JUST AS YOU WERE CALLED TO THE ONE HOPE THAT BELONGS TO YOUR CALL — ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM, ONE GOD & FATHER OF ALL, WHO IS OVER ALL & THROUGH ALL & IN ALL. BUT GRACE WAS GIVEN TO EACH ONE OF US ACCORDING TO THE MEASURE OF CHRIST'S GIFT.

EPHESIANS 4:1-7

UNITY AMONG LOCAL CHURCHES

The writer gives the readers several specific instructions: 1) walk in a worthy manner of the calling with humility, gentleness, patience, 2) while bearing one another in love, & 3) eagerly maintaining the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Furthermore, the writer lets us know there is one body, one Spirit, & one hope. This suggests unity without division despite different functions. The body has a purpose, the Spirit has a job, & hope has a role. Although different, they work together. This scripture points to one Lord, one faith, one baptism, & above all, one Father who is inclusive. What a wonderful reminder that our Creator, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit can distinctly function in more than one capacity & yet remain unified. As believers in the Kingdom of God, we may differ in race, denomination, gender, social status, & worship styles. However, we serve the same Lord – placing our faith in Him. We have also been baptized in His Spirit & have a renewed life. If One died for all, all should live in unity for the One, Jesus our Lord!

Pray

Heavenly Father, we thank You for sending Your son, Jesus, to die for all our sins. If it were not for Him, regardless of our various backgrounds, we would be lost forever. Father, we pray for unity amongst pastors and churches irrespective of our denomination and religious affiliations. If there is any divisiveness, forgive, deliver, and help us turn from those ways. We want to live for You in love, peace, and unity with our fellow brothers and sisters. This we pray in Jesus' mighty and matchless name. Amen.

19 Tuesday

LOCAL NON-PROFIT AGENCIES

We exercise the theological virtue of charity whenever we express our love for God, but that expression does not have to take the form of a verbal declaration of love. Sacrifice for God's sake; the curbing of our passions in order to draw closer to Him; the practice of the spiritual works of mercy in order to bring other souls to God, & the corporal works of mercy to show the proper love and respect for God's creatures—these, along with prayer & worship, fulfill our duty to "love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, & with thy whole soul, & with thy whole mind" (Matthew 22:37).

Like a pebble tossed in a pond, making ripples of what's to come, **WE are making a difference.** The greatness and goodness of our community is a blessing. Reaching out to each other, gathering our hope of making El Dorado a Home for everyone is pure joy. Take someone's friendship & treat it with respect and sincerity.

Meditate

LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH THY WHOLE HEART, & WITH THY WHOLE SOUL, & WITH THY WHOLE MIND.

MATTHEW 22:37

Pray

Good and gracious God, we recognize all life is a gift and a blessing. We thank You for Your most generous love. Help us to always reverence the sacred space where our donors and our missions meet. Give us joyful spirits, and an eagerness to engage others. Give us hopeful imagination and creative vision, recognizing generosity in even the smallest gift. Give us trusting hearts, knowing that the fruits of labors will be realized long after we are gone. Let us feel Your Presence so that we know we are never truly alone. Remind us always that what we do for the least of our sisters and brothers, we do for You. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

20 Wednesday

FROM ONE MAN HE MADE ALL THE NATIONS, THAT THEY SHOULD INHABIT THE WHOLE EARTH; AND HE MARKED OUT THEIR APPOINTED TIMES IN HISTORY AND THE BOUNDARIES OF THEIR LANDS.

ACTS 17:26

RACIAL EQUALITY

Harmony is the combination of simultaneously sounded musical notes to produce chords and chord progressions having a pleasing effect. Our community is a diversity of cultures, races, and beliefs, but when we work together, even though we have many differences, it's like musical harmony, when many sounds together produce a pleasant symphony.

Pray

God, our Father, the creator of all mankind, we thank you that in creating us all you created us in your likeness! We pray that we learn to see you in the faces of our brothers and sisters, not the color of skin. May we be able to know each other by our love! May we recognize that our differences should attract us, not divide us. You created us differently to exemplify your infinite majesty! To prove that your beauty could be found in different places, through different races on different faces! Our differences are beautiful to you, so continue to teach us to learn your heart through every race that you created equally!

21 Thursday

FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION

Currently in Union County, We have **51 LOCAL children that are in foster homes**. Of these 51, there are **11 children available for adoption**. There are only 11 families currently open to foster or adopt. The CALL works with our local church congregations to recruit families for foster care and/or adoption, work to provide the required training, and they provide support as the families are caring for the children. The CALL operates to provide a path for the local church to accomplish their mission as they care for the children waiting on family.

Meditate

PURE AND GENUINE RELIGION IN THE SIGHT OF GOD THE FATHER MEANS CARING FOR ORPHANS AND WIDOWS IN THEIR DISTRESS AND REFUSING TO LET THE WORLD CORRUPT YOU.

JAMES 1:27

Pray

Father, thank you. Thank you for stepping into our hurting lives. Thank you for your willingness to embrace pain and help us see the purity of your love. Lord, we pray that we see a movement in our city. We pray that the local body of believers step into the hurting lives of our children and love them regardless. Lord, we ask that obstacles are cleared and questions are answered. Lord, we pray that NO child has to leave our county simply because we do not have a home for them. We pray our city can provide more than enough foster homes to ensure that we can have no more waiting children. We pray for the 10 families that have stepped toward the scared and hurting children in our community. We pray that they feel the encouragement and gratitude of the church. Lord, thank you for showing us the way to serve and love. Lord, thank you for adopting us into your family. We pray every child that is waiting feels the acceptance you have shown us.

22 Friday

OUR JUDGES & THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM

Justice is the moral virtue that consists in the constant & firm will to give their due to God & neighbor. Justice toward God is called the "virtue of religion" Justice toward men disposes one to respect the rights of each & to establish in human relationships the harmony that promotes equity with regard to persons & to the common good. The just man, often mentioned in the Sacred Scriptures, is distinguished by habitual right thinking & the uprightness of his conduct toward his neighbor.

Pray

Almighty ever-living God, in whose hand lies every human heart & the rights of peoples, look with favor, we pray, on those who govern with authority over us, that the prosperity of peoples, the assurance of peace, the freedom of religion may through your gift be made secure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives & reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever & ever. Amen.

Meditate

MY BROTHERS, SHOW NO PARTIALITY AS YOU ADHERE TO THE FAITH IN OUR GLORIOUS LORD JESUS CHRIST. FOR IF A MAN WITH GOLD RINGS ON HIS FINGERS & IN FINE CLOTHES COMES INTO YOUR ASSEMBLY, & A POOR PERSON IN SHABBY CLOTHES ALSO COMES IN, & YOU PAY ATTENTION TO THE ONE WEARING THE FINE CLOTHES & SAY, "SIT HERE, PLEASE," WHILE YOU SAY TO THE POOR ONE, "STAND THERE," OR "SIT AT MY FEET," HAVE YOU NOT MADE DISTINCTIONS AMONG YOURSELVES & BECOME JUDGES WITH EVIL DESIGNS?"

JAMES 2:1-4

23 Saturday

FIREFIGHTERS & POLICE OFFICERS

Of all the members of our community, no one embodies more completely the idea of putting the welfare of other above that of themselves than the brave men and women proudly serving in our Fire and Police Departments.

Meditate

DO NOTHING FROM RIVALRY OR CONCEIT, BUT IN HUMILITY COUNT OTHERS MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN YOURSELVES. LET EACH OF YOU LOOK NOT ONLY TO HIS OWN INTERESTS, BUT ALSO TO THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS. HAVE THIS MIND AMONG YOURSELVES, WHICH IS YOURS IN CHRIST JESUS.

PAUL IN PHILIPPIANS 2:3-5

Pray

Kind Father we lift up to you this day all those who have chosen a path of true service. The men and women who serve as first responders display the best of humanity and help provide a safer community for all. May they never tire in their efforts and may your protection go before them at all times. In Jesus name we humbly ask. Amen

24 Sunday

PRAISE FOR ANSWERED PRAYER

God loves to answer the prayers of His people. His answers may not always come with yes, but they will come according to His will.

Meditate

AND THIS IS THE CONFIDENCE THAT WE HAVE TOWARD HIM, THAT IF WE ASK ANYTHING ACCORDING TO HIS WILL HE HEARS US. AND IF WE KNOW THAT HE HEARS US IN WHATEVER WE ASK, WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE THE REQUESTS THAT WE HAVE ASKED OF HIM.

I JOHN 5:14-15

Pray

We thank You Heavenly Father for answered prayer. You have promised to hear our prayers and if we know You hear us, then we are confident in Your answers. I praise You for being such an awesome God who answers prayer. We thank you for the answers that come even when You say no or wait. In Jesus name amen.

25 Monday

SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

I will remember tears welling up in my eyes when our oldest walked into kindergarten for the first time. Life had changed. I no longer had the illusion of control over her safety & wellness. She was in the hands of others whom I had to trust to keep her safe. All parents must face something similar at some point. We trust teachers, staff, & administrators to ensure our loved ones get home every day to tell us what they learned. Yet, our past has shown us that these same leaders can only do so much. The image of our loving God hovering over my children like an eagle to shelter & shield them gives me peace when I fear for our kids. Above all the children & adults that fill our school buildings is the love of God that reaches out like the wings of eagles to keep them from harm.

Meditate

AS AN EAGLE STIRS UP ITS NEST, & HOVERS OVER ITS YOUNG; AS IT SPREADS ITS WINGS, TAKES THEM UP, & BEARS THEM ALOFT ON ITS PINIONS.

DEUTERONOMY 32:11

Pray

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may be safe centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

☐ **26 Tuesday**

ALL LEADERS IN GOVERNMENT

We usually hear this verse around the Christmas season. It is a verse that not only reminds us of Christ's birth, but that He was sent to save a sinful world and that all nations, people and rulers are hopeless without Christ.

Meditate

FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN: & THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE ON HIS SHOULDER: & HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL, COUNSELOR, THE MIGHTY GOD, THE EVERLASTING FATHER, THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

ISAIAH 9:6

Pray

Dear Lord, we live in a broken nation in a broken world. I thank you for the gift of your Son, that we may have a hope in Him. We now live in a day & time where evil is called good & good is called evil just as your Word has predicted. I come to You today to ask that You place Your hand on our nations leaders & the leaders of this world. I pray that they come to have a personal relationship with You & that they govern under Your guidance and grace. I pray that, while they may rule over mighty nations, that they will have an understanding that You are sovereign & that it is You that will reign forever and ever. I pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

☐ **27 Wednesday**

WISDOM IN NAVIGATING SOCIAL MEDIA & CULTURE

Some of the best posts on social media are the posts you delete. Don't let a screen give you the courage to be mean. Is it kind? Is it encouraging? Is it necessary? Most of all, does it provide a good representation of Christ?

Meditate

AND WHATEVER YOU DO OR SAY, DO IT AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LORD JESUS, GIVING THANKS THROUGH HIM TO GOD THE FATHER.

PAUL IN COLOSSIANS 3:17

Pray

Dear Lord, even when issues ignite our passions, help us to spend our time praying rather than posting. May we represent You in all we do.

PERSONAL PRAYERS



□ 28 Thursday

THOSE INCARCERATED AND THEIR FAMILIES

The author of Hebrews tells us to remember those who are in prison. He does not give us an explanation as to why they are in prison. He simply says, 'remember those in prison.' Then he instructs us to identify with those in prison by saying, 'as if you were together with them in prison.' In other words, try to put yourselves in their shoes. Think about what they face each day and what they are going through in their condition. More than 5 million children, or one in 14, in the U.S. have had a parent in state or federal prison at some point in their lives, according to the Casey Foundation. We are not to ignore the many families who are dealing with life without a father or mother at home due to a prison sentence. Hebrews 13:3 tells us to keep on loving one another. This means showing hospitality to those who need it. This means we seek to reach out to those who are facing life without a significant family member.

Meditate

KEEP ON LOVING ONE ANOTHER AS BROTHERS & SISTERS. DO NOT FORGET TO SHOW HOSPITALITY TO STRANGERS, FOR BY SO DOING SOME PEOPLE HAVE SHOWN HOSPITALITY TO ANGELS WITHOUT KNOWING IT. CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THOSE IN PRISON AS IF YOU WERE TOGETHER WITH THEM IN PRISON, & THOSE WHO ARE MISTREATED AS IF YOU YOURSELVES WERE SUFFERING.

HEBREWS 13:1-3

Pray

Heavenly Father, we come before your presence in the Mighty name of Jesus. We come today interceding for those who are incarcerated & their families. We pray that their physical, emotional & spiritual needs will be met. We pray that while they are behind bars they find hope & joy in your Word. Let them know, Lord, regardless of who or what they've done you have not forsaken or forgotten them. Help them to know that You are Sovereign over all things & you're still God even in their darkest hour. Regardless of how long they may serve, you will always give them & their family your presence, peace, & provisions. We pray Lord that if one doesn't know you as Lord & Savior, they will surrender their all unto You. Thank you for hearing & answering our prayer today. In Jesus name, Amen

□ 29 Friday

TEACHERS, ADMIN, OTHER SCHOOL STAFF

We are all called to different ministries, as teachers, administrators & other school workers; this is a special calling from God to teach our future leaders in this community. Continue the good work!

Pray

All knowing father thank you for calling us all into different ministries. Please continue to give wisdom, knowledge, grace and mercy to all the teachers and administrators. God, give them the understanding of what a great responsibility this is and that you will give them all they need daily to continue to make a difference in this world. Amen

Meditate

THERE ARE DIFFERENT KINDS OF GIFTS, BUT THE SAME SPIRIT DISTRIBUTES THEM. THERE ARE DIFFERENT KINDS OF SERVICE, BUT THE SAME LORD. THERE ARE DIFFERENT KINDS OF WORKING, BUT IN ALL OF THEM AND IN EVERYONE IT IS THE SAME GOD AT WORK. NOW TO EACH ONE THE MANIFESTATION OF THE SPIRIT IS GIVEN FOR THE COMMON GOOD. TO ONE THERE IS GIVEN THROUGH THE SPIRIT A MESSAGE OF WISDOM, TO ANOTHER A MESSAGE OF KNOWLEDGE BY MEANS OF THE SAME SPIRIT, TO ANOTHER FAITH BY THE SAME SPIRIT, TO ANOTHER GIFTS OF HEALING BY THAT ONE SPIRIT, TO ANOTHER MIRACULOUS POWERS, TO ANOTHER PROPHECY, TO ANOTHER DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN SPIRITS, TO ANOTHER SPEAKING IN DIFFERENT KINDS OF TONGUES, AND TO STILL ANOTHER THE INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES. ALL THESE ARE THE WORK OF ONE AND THE SAME SPIRIT, AND HE DISTRIBUTES THEM TO EACH ONE, JUST AS HE DETERMINES.

PAUL IN 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11

30 Saturday, Oct 30

**READ
TODAY IN
MARK
5:1-20
ABOUT
HOW
JESUS
HEALS
THE
DEMONIAC**

HOMELESS IN OUR COMMUNITY

#1 God's Word is POWERFUL- Supernatural events won't change your life, but God's Word will. Faith comes from hearing, and hearing by God's word of Christ. This event will give you...#2 CONFIDENCE- God is all-powerful. Every problem and trial is under His control, and will end, stop the moment Christ chooses. Plus, everything you need will happen the moment Christ wills. You, as God's child, are right where He wants you. Plus, this will give you...
#3 HOPE- There is no evil God cannot overcome-evil around you or in in you. There is no pattern of sinfulness that can't be washed away. Plus, Christ can transform the most rotten person you know- there's hope!...#4 PEACE- In Christ, there is nothing to be afraid of. This is one of the scariest events in the Bible- a blood curdling moment. Yet Jesus was unmoved, not afraid, in control and super compassionate to the real needs of others, even those who reject Him. And that same Spirit of peace lives in you!...#5 MISSION- Not only can a filthy sinner like this man be washed, made whole and redeemed, but he was also commissioned to represent that same wonderful Christ who showed you mercy and to share the good news of that mercy to others enslaved by sin.

Pray

Glorious God, help us not to be hypocrites of lip service but the disciples of action. Keep our hearts soft enough to keep hearing the cry of the homeless. Remind us, O God that we cannot fully rest secure in our homes every night until all your people are, at last, home. In Jesus' name, Amen

31 Sunday, Oct 31

Meditate

THEN JESUS TOLD THEM THIS PARABLE: "SUPPOSE ONE OF YOU HAS 100 SHEEP & LOSES ONE OF THEM. DOESN'T HE LEAVE THE 99 IN THE OPEN COUNTRY & GO AFTER THE LOST SHEEP UNTIL HE FINDS IT? AND WHEN HE FINDS IT, HE JOYFULLY PUTS IT ON HIS SHOULDERS & GOES HOME. THEN HE CALLS HIS FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS TOGETHER & SAYS, 'REJOICE WITH ME; I HAVE FOUND MY LOST SHEEP.' I TELL YOU THAT IN THE SAME WAY THERE WILL BE MORE REJOICING IN HEAVEN OVER ONE SINNER WHO REPENTS THAN OVER 99 RIGHTEOUS PERSONS WHO DO NOT NEED TO REPENT.

JESUS IN LUKE 15:3-7

**THOSE UNREACHED
WITH THE GOSPEL**

Jesus calls his church to reach and to rejoice. To reach means the church must take the gospel message to the one that has wandered away and is hardest to find. To rejoice means the church shouts a song of praise when even one lost sheep is found. When is the last time you reached one? When is the last time you rejoiced over one?

Pray

Heavenly Father, focus our eyes on the lost sheep of El Dorado. Well up within your church an unquenchable desire to reach and rejoice. I pray that you would open the eyes of every Christian in our community to reach one lost sheep over these 40 days. Amen.

2021

40 DAYS OF PRAYER

for El Dorado & Union County, Arkansas



prayer walk

join forces with the community to pray over key places together - meet at the el dorado police department at 6:30 pm to begin.

□ **32** Monday, Nov 1

welcome november

THOSE
BATTLING
PRESENTLY
INCURABLE
DISEASES

Why does God allow evil, such as incurable diseases? He allows evil so that a greater good may come from it, so that "the works of God should be made manifest". The greatest suffering of the world (the crucifixion and death of the Lord) came with the greatest good (our salvation). Our suffering only finds meaning when it is united with His.

Meditate

AND JESUS PASSING BY, SAW A MAN, WHO WAS BLIND FROM HIS BIRTH...NEITHER HATH THIS MAN SINNED, NOR HIS PARENTS; BUT THAT THE WORKS OF GOD SHOULD BE MADE MANIFEST IN HIM...HE SPAT ON THE GROUND, & MADE CLAY OF THE SPITTLE, & SPREAD THE CLAY ON HIS EYES, & SAID TO HIM: GO, WASH IN THE POOL OF SILOAM, WHICH IS INTERPRETED, SENT. HE WENT THEREFORE, & WASHED, & HE CAME SEEING.

JOHN 9:1,3, 6-7

Pray

Dear God, We pause to pray for all those who face an incurable disease. Lord, we have known many people who received the word that nothing more could be done for them medically speaking. Some of these dear people are still alive today. Teach us to live each day to its fullest. We know that all of us are going to physically die one day. Give us wisdom to face this challenge. We are all terminal. Thank you for sending the great healer in Jesus name we pray.

Amen

□ **33** Tuesday, Nov 2

LOCAL
WORK
FORCE/
JOBS

In the gospel according to the writer John 9:4 it talks about working the works of Him that sent Jesus, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

Meditate

WE MUST WORK THE WORKS OF HIM WHO SENT ME WHILE IT IS DAY; NIGHT IS COMING, WHEN NO ONE CAN WORK.

JOHN 9:4

Pray

Lord we are asking you to give each of us individually & all of us collectively the stability & the ability to do our part to help our neighbors, provide for ourselves, & our families. Help us to see you the light of the world & see ourselves to walk by faith & do the works necessary to accomplish the task necessary to live comfortable in the world as we wait for your return, to take us to a far better place. Lord, when we are there with you, where everything that we need & want will be provided. Thank you Lord, for what we now have & thank you for that which you have for us in the future. Amen.

34 Wednesday, Nov 3

PRAYERS FOR A PEACEFUL ELECTION

The world around us is filled with turmoil. Our nation is under attack from within. Everyone seems to hate those who disagree with them. Even in the church, belief in a political figure has seemed to replace belief in our Savior. Many feel very overwhelmed. Our hearts ache from worry. It's even hard to find peace in oneself. We know the Bible speaks of perfect peace that only You can grant us, a peace that no person can comprehend. HE will fill us with peace, we need to believe. No matter the outcome of the election, there will be upset, & unrest felt in our country. Let's be encouraged to pray for peace - a peace that surpasses all understanding (Philippians 4:7). Our nation will need a peace that no matter what disappointments we face, we can trust in the One who has it all worked out & is in our today & tomorrows. We can find hope in a faithful God who promises to be with us. God is in control, & He alone can bring the healing, wisdom, & peace that we long for.

Meditate

AND THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH TRANSCENDS ALL UNDERSTANDING, WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND YOUR MINDS IN CHRIST JESUS.

PHILIPPIANS 4:7

Pray

Our Heavenly Father, Thank you for being with us & for sending the Holy Spirit to comfort us & to guide us. Lord, right now it feels like there is so much at stake, & there is a lot of anxiety about elections. We ask that You provide peace & comfort to the worried hearts of this country. Relieve their anxiety by helping them to focus on You & Your will. Help those who feel anxious to instead feel Your presence. Reign over us, O Lord, instead of fear. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

35 Thursday, Nov 4

FOR SPIRITUAL LEADERS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Ministers, lay leaders, worship leaders, teachers, youth ministry, & volunteers. Our leaders in our churches need encouragement to hold steady in their call & find God's peace & rest to keep their spirit refueled for the work ahead. "Oh Lord, Your Word declares that You are our Good Shepherd. Just as shepherds provides guidance for their sheep, we pray that You, Lord, provide guidance for every leader. I pray that You help them to be more like You. Help them know the condition of their flock. I pray that every leader gives careful attention those they lead, & that the relationship between those they lead will flourish. This is the prayer of our heart. Amen.

Meditate

BE SURE YOU KNOW THE CONDITION OF YOUR FLOCKS, GIVE CAREFUL ATTENTION TO YOUR HERDS.

PROVERB 27:23

Pray

Lord, we pray for a refueled spirit in our spiritual leaders today. We pray they are each overwhelmed with the spirit as they remember the reason they started this work. We pray for those leaders that are struggling with serving hurting & broken people. We ask that their souls not grow weary. We pray for their families, that they may see them & encourage them when needed. Lord, we pray for the truth they speak. That it is received clearly & those words move people to action & toward love. Lord, we pray for the grace you so freely give & the mercy we so eagerly receive. Today we pray that the floodgates are thrown open on our church leaders as they accept that grace & mercy. Most of all, we pray for rest & mediation for each of our leaders. We pray that the burdens of their ministry fall away & they find peace with you.

36 Friday, Nov 5

**THANKS FOR
OUR FREEDOMS
& LIBERTIES**

"We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, & the Pursuit of Happiness." - Thomas Jefferson

Meditate

FOR YOU WERE CALLED TO FREEDOM, BROTHERS. ONLY DO NOT USE YOUR FREEDOM AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE FLESH, BUT THROUGH LOVE SERVE ONE ANOTHER.

PAUL IN GALATIANS 5:13-14

Pray

We praise you God for being the great God that you are. We praise you for allowing us to be born with the freedoms that we have here. We are thankful for the liberties that we still have, and we pray that you will restore the freedoms that we have lost. Father we are thankful for our country. In Jesus' name, Amen.

37 Saturday, Nov 6

**THE ABUSED &
THEIR ABUSERS**

Abuse can occur to anyone of any age and gender and from any walk of life. It can include physical battery, emotional abuse, psychological abuse, financial abuse or exploitation, sexual abuse, and child or elder neglect or abandonment. Offenders are often victims of abuse themselves. Without intervention, the cycle of violence continues.

Meditate

HE GIVES STRENGTH TO THE WEARY AND INCREASES THE POWER OF THE WEAK.

ISAIAH 40:29-31

Pray

Father God, we lift up those hurting from abuse. We pray for a peace that surpasses all understanding and for comfort even in the midst of despair. Rescue the helpless and restore to them strength and joy. Show us how we might intervene and give us the wisdom and resources to do all we can. We pray also for the abuser. We ask that you heal their pain and touch their hearts. Lead both the abused and the abuser away from the chains of darkness and into the light of freedom. In Jesus' name, we believe and pray, Amen.

38 Sunday, Nov 7

**PRaise TO
THE GOD WHO
HOLDS THE
FUTURE**

We can praise, with confidence and trust, the One who holds the future, because He is eternal.

Meditate

"I AM THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA—THE BEGINNING AND THE END," SAYS THE LORD GOD. "I AM THE ONE WHO IS, WHO ALWAYS WAS, & WHO IS STILL TO COME—THE ALMIGHTY ONE."

REVELATION 1:8

Pray

We praise the Eternal One that holds our future. We entrust our future to you. We trust the "ending" to the One who wrote the beginning. You are faithful to bring to completion what you began. Our confidence is in You, The God eternal, that there exists nothing in our future that can take You by surprise. The Almighty One is Lord over the future.

39 Monday, Nov 8

ADDICTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Helplessness & hopelessness fill the lives of many addicts & their families. The addict is powerless to stop on their own & the family can do nothing to change that. Love is painful in this situation. Sometimes life is too hard to face, & the terrible alternative is chosen.

Meditate

BE STRONG, AND LET YOUR HEART TAKE COURAGE, ALL YOU WHO WAIT FOR THE LORD!

PSALM 31:24

Pray

Father, intervene. Step into the life of the addict and do whatever it takes for them to hit bottom. Help them find their way to you. Also, step into the life of the family. Hold them close. Gather support around them. Calm their fears and free them from undeserved guilt. Help all to trust your faithfulness. We pray this in Jesus name, Amen.

40 Tuesday, Nov 9

LOCAL, SPECIFIC CONCERNS

As we end our 40 Days of Prayer, let us continue to pray every day for our community, our state, & our nation. Although we have different opinions, so much more can be accomplished when we are unified looking to God for guidance. Let us go forward from these 40 days & remember to pray for God to guide us to do His will in this community with unconditional love for each other.

Meditate

AND HE ANSWERED, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

JESUS IN LUKE 10:27

Pray

Father, we thank You that we live in a nation where people can openly unite in prayer to You. We ask You to bless our community with unity and love while we work together to improve the quality of life for everyone here. Please help us always put You and Your ways first in our lives. In Jesus' name, Amen

7 MORE THINGS I'M GRATEFUL FOR

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