

21 Days of Prayer and Fasting

March 15-April 4

Week 1 – Individual Prayer

Week one of our 21 days of prayer and fasting is focused on self-examination. Fasting and praying for this purpose is a discipline that will humble your soul and align your heart to God. This will give room for the Holy Spirit to reveal areas in your life that need God's healing and transformation, all the while, fostering an intimacy with your heavenly Father.

In this week's prayer time, it's vital that you not only pray, but that you take time to listen to God's response. Connect with your prayer/accountability partner(s) and share what God is doing in your personal life. Pray and encourage each other to push through!

Suggested Prayer Emphasis with Key Scriptures

1. Confession – Psalm 32:5; Psalm 51:1-5; Proverbs 28:13;
James 4:17
2. Forgiving Others – Matthew 18:21-22; Mark 11:25; Ephesians 4:32;
Colossians 3:13
3. Draw Closer to God – Deuteronomy 4:29; 1 Chronicles 16:10-12; Psalm 63:1; Psalm 143:8; Psalm 145:18
4. Give God Your Burdens – Psalm 55:22; Matthew 11:28-30; Romans 8:28;
Philippians 4:6-7
5. Supernatural Love for the Body – John 13:34; Ephesians 4:2-3;
Colossians 3:14; 1 John 4:16,19
6. Abundant Life – Isaiah 58:11; John 10:10; Romans 15:13.
2 Corinthians 9:8
7. Keep your eyes on Christ – Psalm 119:18; Isaiah 26:3; Ephesians 1:18;
Colossians 3:2-3

Week 2 – Corporate Prayer

Week two of our fasting/prayer focus is to petition on behalf of our church. The Bible opens our eyes to God's response when His church unites, humbles themselves, and seek His face.

The Word reveals how a nation was saved from complete annihilation, enemies were destroyed, the weak were empowered, prison doors were open, and a fearful group of followers of Jesus supernaturally received a promise fulfilled.

Has God's power diminished? Has His love for His church grown cold since then that He would disregard the cries of the hearts of our people in SAC? Absolutely not! So, let's join with expectancy as we pray in faith for our church to be empowered and inspire neighbors and nations to be passionate followers of Christ.

Don't forget to connect with your prayer/accountability partners, encouraging each other to press in!

Suggested Prayer Emphasis with Key Scriptures:

1. A church that prays – Isaiah 56:7; Matthew 18:19-20; Acts 1:14; Ephesians 6:18
2. A church that is unified – John 17:11,20-23; 1 Corinthians 1:10; 2 Corinthians 13:11; 1 Peter 3:8,9
3. A church that seeks God above all else – Psalm 100:2-5; Matthew 6:33; John 4:23,24; Colossians 3:1-2
4. A church that encourages – Romans 15:5-6; Ephesians 4:29; 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11; Hebrews 10:24-25
5. A church who cares passionately about the lost in our community and beyond and is willing to act on it – Proverbs 11:30; Matthew 9:37-38; Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16
6. A church whose leadership seeks after the wisdom of God and not man, standing firm in the Word – Psalm 32:8; Acts 5:29; Acts 20:28; 2 Timothy 2:15
7. A church that seeks God's protection – 2 Samuel 22:31; Psalm 5:11; Psalm 18:30; John 10:10-15

Week 3 – The Lost in our Community and Beyond

This third and final week of our churchwide call to pray and fast is focused on the very heart of Christ for His church, reaching the lost. Jesus lived a life of urgency to show His disciples the need to reach those who were marginalized and outcasts. The disciples witnessed as Jesus broke all social boundaries to offer hope, telling them that He came to seek and save that which was lost (Luke 19:10). A few chapters earlier, in His parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus gives the instructions to ‘go and do likewise’ (Luke 10:37), meaning to show mercy to those needing mercy.

If we desire Somerset Alliance to reach the lost, we must reflect the spirit of Jesus to the lost in our community and beyond. This desire can be awakened in us by asking the Spirit to move in us a gospel urgency to reach those turned toward hell.

Reach out to your prayer/accountability partner(s) and pray this passion over each other. You can also discuss continuing in your partnership after the 21 days to keep pressing in.

Suggested Prayer Emphasis with Key Scriptures:

1. Hearts that care for the lost as Jesus cared – Proverbs 24:11-12; Luke 19:10; Romans 10:1; 2 Peter 3:9;
2. Willing hearts to serve – 1 Samuel 12:24; Isaiah 6:8; 1 Corinthians 15:58; 1 Peter 2:9
3. Empowerment to do God’s work – Isaiah 41:10-13; Isaiah 61:1-3; Acts 1:8; 2 Peter 1:3
4. Have the mind of Christ – John 15:15; Romans 12:2; 1 Corinthians 2:16; Philippians 2:5
5. Pray for the lost – Isaiah 56:7; John 17:20-21; Luke 10:2; Acts 26:18
6. Pray that we would give generously to Kingdom work – Psalm 119:36; Proverbs 11:24-25; Matthew 6:19-21; 2 Corinthians 9:10
7. Pray that we would be a sending church to missions beyond our borders – Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Romans 10:14-15; 3 John 1:6