

A large, stylized illustration of hands in prayer, rendered in shades of blue and white. The hands are positioned in the center-left of the cover, with fingers pointing upwards. The background is a textured, mottled blue. The illustration uses bold, dark blue outlines and lighter blue washes to create depth and shadow.

40

# DAYS OF PRAYER

A GUIDE FOR FOCUSED REFLECTION AND MEDITATION

# 40 DAYS OF PRAYER – WESTGATE 2024

Beginning Wednesday, February 21, we will enter into a **time of special prayer** over the next 40 days that will culminate on Easter Sunday, March 31. This time of prayer will serve to **focus us** on our spiritual renewal as individuals, as a church body and as a city. Scripture encourages us to come before the throne of God with confidence. The Hebrew writer says in **Hebrews 4:16**, “Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” In this time of prayer, be encouraged to **go boldly before the throne** of grace and offer up our petitions.

You will see on the following pages that there are **Scripture references and specific intentions** for each day to focus your time of prayer. Please **read** the passages, **consider** those passages that you read, and then take time to **pray** for the specific intention of that day. Many of you have a robust prayer life already in place. If that is the case, please **add these specific intentions to your prayer time** you already have. We have picked 40 days of prayer because of the significance of that time period throughout the Bible.

Consider the following:

- Rain fell for 40 days during the Flood
- Moses was on Mount Sinai with God for 40 days
- Israelite spies took 40 days to explore the Promised Land
- Jonah warned Nineveh for 40 days
- Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness after His baptism
- Jesus spent 40 days with the disciples after His resurrection

If you are new to prayer, here are a **few pointers** that will help you facilitate a strong prayer life. First, **assign a time** you are going to pray and get rid of all distractions during that time. Next, **have an idea** of how you want to structure your prayer. One easy template to use for prayer is the acronym A-C-T-S. **“A” is for Adoration**, which means praising God for His greatness. In Adoration, you proclaim your adoration for God as Creator and Redeemer. **“C” is for Confession**, which centers around having a contrite heart. We confess our sins before God and show our total reliance on Him. **“T” is for Thanksgiving**, and it is at this time we thank God for all He has done for us. **“S” is for Supplication**, and that centers on offering up our requests to God. This is the part of the prayer where we make our petitions known to God.

Hopefully, this 40-day period will **strengthen your walk with Jesus**. It is to Him, through Him and for Him that we live and offer ourselves as a living sacrifice.

## **PERSONAL REVIVAL | February 21-27**

**Day 1 (2/21):** Personal thirst for God – Ps 63:1-3; Jn 4:13-14; Matt 5:6

**Day 2 (2/22):** Longing for His word – Ps 119:36-40; Jer 15:16; Matt 4:4

**Day 3 (2/23):** Self-examination – Ps 51:10-12; Phil 1:9-11; 2 Cor 13:5

**Day 4 (2/24):** Relationships with others – Eph 4:25-27; Jn 13:34-35; Col 3:12-15

**Day 5 (2/25):** Concern for the lost – Matt 9:37-38; Rom 1:16; Matt 28:18-20

**Day 6 (2/26):** Personal repentance – Acts 3:19; Jer 31:19; Lk 13:1-5

**Day 7 (2/27):** Move to action and obedience – Matt 5:13-16; Jn 14:21

## **CHURCH REVIVAL | February 28-March 5**

**Day 8 (2/28):** Revival at Westgate – Eph 3:17-19; Ezek 37:4-10

**Day 9 (2/29):** Revival in all the churches in Dothan – Ps 85:6-7; Isa 57:15

**Day 10 (3/1):** Revival in churches in our nation – Phil 1:4-7; Ps 80:19; Rev 3:1-6

**Day 11 (3/2):** Missionaries we support at Westgate (21st Century/JC Enlow; Ghana/David Essuman; India/KG Kumar; Korea/Sang, Bill Ramsey; Nicaragua/Benny Baker; Tanzania/Brett & Christie Harrison) – 2 Thess 1:11-12; Eph 1:17-19; Matt 28:19

**Day 12 (3/3):** That we will clearly see God's vision for Westgate – Isa 48:17-18

**Day 13 (3/4):** Westgate members to be motivated to serve in a ministry at Westgate – Eph 2:10; Gal 6:10; Rom 12:1-8

**Day 14 (3/5):** Members to raise faithful children – Ps 127:3-5; Matt 18:2-6; Deut 6:1-7

## **REVIVAL AMONG CHURCH LEADERSHIP | March 6-12**

**Day 15 (3/6):** Westgate ministers and their families – 2 Tim 4:1-5; Eph 6:19-20

**Day 16 (3/7):** Westgate Shepherds – Heb 13:17; 1 Thess 5:12-13; 1 Pet 5:1-4

**Day 17 (3/8):** Westgate deacons – Phil 2:5-8; Acts 6:2-6

**Day 18 (3/9):** Westgate ministry leaders – 1 Cor 16:15-16; Rom 12:6-8

**Day 19 (3/10):** Life Groups and Life Group leaders – Phil 1:8-10; Eph 1:17-19

**Day 20 (3/11):** Jail ministry and Transform Central – Matt 25:34-40; Mark 2:17

**Day 21 (3/12):** Benevolence outreach – Gal 2:8-10; Deut 15:7-15; Prov 22:9

## **REVIVAL IN THE CITY OF DOTHAN | March 13-19**

**Day 22 (3/13):** People to be convicted of sin – Rom 1:20-21; Jn 15:22

**Day 23 (3/14):** God to bring conversions to Christ – Isa 55:1; Acts 2:36-41; Jn 14:6

**Day 24 (3/15):** Saved to be spirit-filled – Eph 5:18-21; Gal 5:24-25

**Day 25 (3/16):** A thirst for God in our city – 2 Pet 3:9-10; Ps 42:1-2; Ps 119:81

**Day 26 (3/17):** God to move in schools – Isa 44:3; Ezek 34:26; Num 6:24-26

**Day 27 (3/18):** Police/fire departments – Rom 13:1-7; Matt 5:9; Jn 15:13; Titus 3:1

**Day 28 (3/19):** Civil magistrates and city government – 1 Pet 2:13-17; 1 Tim 2:1-6

**NATIONAL RENEWAL** | March 20-26

**Day 29 (3/20):** America to reject immorality – 2 Cor 7:1; Titus 2:11-14; 2 Tim 2:21

**Day 30 (3/21):** America to embrace Biblical values – Ps 119:105; Ps 1:1-2; 1 Tim 4:6-8

**Day 31 (3/22):** Families to be strengthened – Eph 6:1-4; Col 3:18-21; Deut 5:16

**Day 32 (3/23):** Communities to be at peace – Ps 133:1; James 3:17-18; Esth 10:3

**Day 33 (3/24):** Return to civic morality – Ps 85:10-13; Matt 7:12

**Day 34 (3/25):** Religious liberty for all people – Rom 13:1-7; Dan 6:10-12; Acts 17:24-31

**Day 35 (3/26):** God to raise up courageous leaders – Ezek 22:30; Isa 41:10; 2 Tim 1:7

**COUNTDOWN TO EASTER** | March 27-31

**Day 36 (3/27):** Those hurt by betrayal (remember the betrayal of Jesus by Judas) – Matt 26:14-16

**Day 37 (3/28):** God to give us a heart of a servant, like Jesus – Jn 13:12-16

**Day 38 (3/29 – Good Friday):** Thankfulness for our salvation and the cross (consider fasting today) – Isa 53:1-5

**Day 39 (3/30):** Reflect on your baptism and the day you died to self and were made alive in Christ – Rom 6:3-11

**Day 40 (3/31 – Easter Sunday):** Thanksgiving to God for the resurrection of the dead and victory over death – Jn 20:1-9



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