



days of prayer

“Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.” (Psalm 127:1)

God is already on the move all around us, restoring His world back into the original image He created. When we pray, we not only connect with Him but also become more aware of the role we might play in this great mission. Prayer invites God to bring on His very best into the world, beginning first in our lives and then spilling out into the people and issues all around us.

Throughout these 40 days of prayer we will find out what it means to take an active part in His Story – *together*. By intentionally using the plan below, your prayers will connect with others all over who make up Connection Church... renewing ourselves to God and each other. Not only will His church deepen, but we just might find ourselves stronger and more courageous to reach out to the lost and broken.

The plan is to pray either at noon or 6pm each day using the prescribed focus, each designed to move you beyond your own concerns. Whether you pray out-loud or silently, you're asking the Lord to reveal His kingdom through us “on earth as it is in heaven.” In doing so you will actually become connected through prayer to what God is doing in the lives of others - people who have yet to follow Christ as well as Christians who need to wake up to the fully-alive life Jesus Christ invites all of us into. Let's get this party started!

Day 1-10: Praying for Christ: Read Colossians 2:1-5 each day.

1. Praise God for providing a way to Him – how is your connection strong/weak?
2. Return to Jesus as your Lord over all – what needs to be surrendered to Him?
3. Ask God to move you one more step beyond being a spiritual spectator.
4. Yield to the role Jesus longs to play in the finances He's given you to manage.
5. Pray for God to “deepen your roots” in Christ and show you your role in that.
6. Praise God out loud or on paper for all the reasons you have to be grateful.
7. Return to the last thing the Holy Spirit asked you to do... and do it.
8. Ask God to make you more aware of His presence & intentionally look for Him.
9. Yield to Christ & His resurrection power any habits/attitudes/sins you feel stuck in.
10. Pray for Jesus to have leadership in all your relationships – and follow Him.

Day 11-20: Praying for Church: Read Acts 2:42-47 each day.

11. Praise God for how he works perfectly in a community of imperfect people.
12. Return to believing in the potential Jesus has for His church– to be His “plan-A-and-no-plan-B” means of telling the world all about the Life He offers.
13. Ask Christ to impress the full-reality of His presence and power upon everyone who has ever been a part of Connection Church – any age or walk of life.
14. Yield to what it means that you don’t “go to church” – *you* ARE the Church!
15. Pray for us to be the Church by developing new Christians & better Christians.
16. Praise God for the other churches in our area who love Him and teach Truth.
17. Return every resource God has given you back to Him by asking if/how He’d like to use it within His organized movement called Connection Church.
18. Ask God to help you care for anyone in His church who might’ve slipped through the cracks.
19. Yield to size of the building & parking lot we use when the church gathers – ask God to fill it with people, and even more people, until He is pleased!
20. Pray for new people to serve in and through Jesus’ church – starting with you.

Day 21-30: Praying for Community: Read 1 Peter 2:9-12 each day.

21. Praise God for any/all of the opportunities and open doors you have in your life to rub shoulders with other people.
22. Return to an awareness of where your family is at with God & how are to help.
23. Ask Christ to show you what the next step of action on your part is to join Him in what He’s doing in the community – then take a step in that direction today.
24. Yield to any way God wants you to be a part of healing a broken relationship.
25. Pray for abusive spouses/parents/siblings to turn to Christ and stop that behavior.
26. Praise God & pray for His wisdom for those who serve the community in civic roles.
27. Return to God’s plan for marriages –pray for those who are hurt by divorce as well as anyone pondering it to follow the Lord and not react to circumstances.
28. Ask Christ to bring godly change to every household in Medina - including yours.
29. Yield to becoming the kind of co-worker or neighbor Jesus dreams you will be.
30. Pray for God to help people without income to meet their financial needs – one way or another (even if that means you’re a part of it).

Day 31-40: Praying for Culture: Read Acts 1:1-11 each day.

31. Praise God for those in Hollywood who live for Jesus and use their talents for Him.
32. Return your attention/prayers to global needs of hunger and care for orphans.
33. Ask Christ to impact the next election – that people would vote not based on a particular party but as they pray to the Lord and how He leads them.
34. Yield to a whole new way of taking care of God’s planet – reduce, reuse, recycle.
35. Pray to see every person in every lifestyle as someone to love in the name of Jesus.
36. Praise God for His goodness in tragic times – ask how you can help point it out.
37. Return to the trash any books/videos/magazines/etc that present a distorted view of sexuality.
38. Ask God to raise up a whole new generation of Christians who love Him completely.
39. Yield to the adventure Jesus invites you into – to “make disciples of all nations.”
40. Pray for the negative statistics to change because Christians take God and love seriously - commit yourself back to Him, your spouse/family, and His church.