When was the last time you were encouraged to fast and pray as you open the Scriptures and ask God to help the Church hear the message the Holy Spirit has for them?

20 Days of Fasting

**January 2 – January 27, 2023; Mondays through Fridays**

Have your meals as you normally do with the following modifications:

1. **Eat only one serving of meat each day.**
2. **Refrain from sweets and carbonated drinks.**
3. **Spend extra quality time in God’s Word and prayer; No social media; Limit television time.**

Prayer and fasting is defined as voluntarily going without food and or other habits that you routinely do in order to focus on prayer and fellowship with God. Prayer and fasting often go hand in hand, but this is not always the case. You can pray without fasting, and fast without prayer. It is when these two activities are combined and dedicated to God's glory that they reach their full effectiveness. It is not a way of manipulating God into doing what you desire. Rather, it is simply forcing yourself to focus and rely on God for the strength, provision, and wisdom you need. Fasting may also be for spiritual renewal, for guidance, for healing, for the resolution of problems, for special grace to handle a difficult situation. Ask the Holy Spirit to clarify His leading and objectives for your prayer fast. This will enable you to pray more specifically and strategically.

Let’s all pray throughout our day for God’s Spirit to manifest Jesus through us to those we meet.

2023 Church Theme

**In order to be a true servant of God you must have a passion to know and obey Him. Philippians 3**

30 Days of Prayer

**January 2 – January 31, 2023**

**Day 1 - Praise & Adoration**

*Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable*. *Psalm 145:3*

**Father, You are great! There is none like You! Every day I will bless You and praise Your Great Name for ever and ever**! **May we as a church family bless Your Name for ever and ever. Thank You for the sweet hour of prayer and for Your open ears that hear our prayers. We pray and want only what Jesus wants. Thank You for each answer. You are our amazing God!**

**Day 2 - Praise & Adoration**

*Our God is in heaven and does whatever He pleases. Psalm 115:3 CSB*

**Father, You are the One who created all things and by You all things are held together. You are the One who shapes the mountains, stirs up the winds, and reveals Your will to man. You turn the light of dawn into darkness. The Lord God of Heavens Armies is Your Name, and I choose to worship You this day and forevermore! Do with us, O Lord, as You so please!**

**Day 3** **- Thanksgiving**

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to your name, Most High,* ***2****to declare your faithful love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, Psalm 92:1-2 CSB*

**Father, O how great it is to praise Your Holy Name! To come before Your presence with singing and thanksgiving; the fruit of my lips giving You praise continually for Your faithfulness in the morning and your faithfulness every night!**

**Day 4 - Confession & Repentance**

*Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:* ***24****And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Psalm 139:23-24*

**Father, You know our hearts, thoughts, and motives. Please show us any wickedness within us so that we may seek You with a repentant heart. I confess my sin of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and ask You to forgive me. Now Lord, help me to turn away from this sin and into submission to You.**

**Day 5 - Submission**

*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Romans 12:1*

**Father, I present my body to You as a living sacrifice. May we all present our bodies as living sacrifices unto You. Use us for your glory and the purpose which you created each one of us. Help us to fully commit to You with all our heart, mind, and soul. May we desire to know and do Your perfect will as Your Church. Transform our thinking so that our thoughts line up with Your Will.**

**Day 6 – Direction and Guidance**

*This book of instruction must not depart from your mouth; you are to meditate on it day and night so that you may carefully observe everything written in it. For then you will prosper and succeed in whatever you do.  Joshua 1:8 CSB*

**Father, help us to be sure that everything we do is based on Your Word. Let Your Word guide us in all our decisions. May it be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. For then we will prosper and have success in everything we do. May our success be from You and not what man calls success.**

**Day 7 - House of Prayer**

*And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer;**Matthew 21:13a*

**Father, as You bless this house, let it be a house of prayer; a place where we come to worship and bless Your Name, a place where Your names is called upon; a place where sinners come to repent and find You here. May Your Name always be praised in this house, Your house!**

**Day 8 - Kingdom Purpose**

*In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:* ***22****In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. Ephesians 2:21-22*

**Father, as we give ourselves unto You, align us with Your Son, Jesus Christ so that we may serve His Kingdom Purpose. May this church always be about Your Kingdom Purpose and nothing else. Please always dwell here and let Your Glory be known that we may be a holy temple for You.**

**Day 9 – Love in Action**

*And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. I Corinthians 13:13*

**Father, You said that there is no greater commandment than to love You with all of our heart, mind, and soul, and then to love one another as ourselves. Teach us how to love like Jesus did. To love one another whether a person deserves it or not; whether we feel like showing love or not. May we be identified as Your disciples by our love. Thank You for loving us first!**

**Day 10 – Spiritual Growth**

*Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

**Father God, May your Word be at home in our hearts. May we delight in Your Word and love to do what it says. May it be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Let it grow us in our relationship with You and each other.**

**Day 11 – Doers of the Word**

*But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. James 1:22*

**Father, as we meditate on Your Word, write it upon our hearts that we may do what it says. May we apply Your Word in our lives so that we may be transformed and that we may support the work of the Holy Spirit. Your Word is powerful, may it change our lives!**

**Day 12 - Unity**

*Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.* ***4****There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;* ***5****One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 One God and Father of all, Who is above all and through all, and in you all. Ephesians 4:3-6*

**Father as we work together for Your Kingdom Purpose and Your glory, remind us to put forth every effort to keep and protect the unity of Your Holy Spirit. Let us put aside all selfish motives and serve from Your point of view. May the Holy Spirit override our personal difference and bring us into Your bond of peace that You have already given us through Your Son, Jesus Christ.**

**Day 13 - Word of God**

*So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. Isaiah 55:11*

**Father, Thank You for speaking to us in Your Word. Open the eyes of our hearts to Your Word, that we may see You. May Your Word go forth in this sanctuary and from this sanctuary with Your power and accomplish all that You desire. Let it prosper in what You send it to do! Let it teach us what is true and make us realize what is wrong in our lives. Let it straighten us out and teach us to do what is right. Use it, O Lord, to prepare us in every way and to equip us for every good work that You want us to do.**

**Day 14 - Evangelism**

*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*

***20****Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Matthew 28:19-20*

**Father, please let us not forget our purpose in this great commandment You have given to Your Church. Let it always be our purpose. May the salvation of many take place in this, Your House, and within this community and city of Valdosta. Let us not be comfortable just to visit this House, but that we may go out into this world, in Your power and win souls for Christ and bear witness of the Gospel.**

**Day 15 - Encouraging One Another**

*Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. Hebrews 10:25*

**Father, May we always come together in this House to worship You, to show love to one another, and to encourage one another to do good works. May we always watch over and pray for one another all the more as we see the day of Your return approaching.**

**Day 16 - Peace**

*Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.* ***7****And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians 4:6-7*

**Father, Remind us to do the things we are supposed to do and not worry or be anxious about anything, to instead bring all of our requests before You with thanksgiving. May we meditate upon Your Word and receive Your truth about each situation so that we may have Your peace. For You have not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind. Remind us to think on those things which are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of a good report, for then the God of peace will be with us and will change our hearts and our response.**

**Day 17 - Experience God**

*That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; Philippians 3:10*

**Father, May we not just know about You, but we want to know You in every way, to experience You and to be conformed into Your character by abiding in Your Words. May we see You in every aspect of our lives and Your works. May we take notice of Your favor, Your provision, Your Will being done as You desire.**

**Day 18 - Great Works**

*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father. John 14:12*

**Father, May we focus on imitating You on this earth, living like You as we go from day to day. May we each do the great works You have given us to do individually and collectively; May the impact of Your works reach throughout our community, the city of Valdosta and beyond.**

**Day 19 - Adoration**

*Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, Thou art very great; Thou art clothes with honour and majesty. Psalm 104:1*

**Father, I command my soul to bless Your Name today! From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, I will bless Your Holy Name because You are worthy to be praised!**

**Day 20 – Pastor, Deacons, and Leaders**

*Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.* *I Corinthians 4:2*

**Father, Bless our pastor to continue to teach Your Word and faithfully proclaim it before Your presence. May our pastor, deacons and all leaders serve you with honesty and integrity. Bless them operate under Your authority and to be faithful to Your Kingdom Agenda.**

**Day 21 – Health and Healing**

*Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not. Jeremiah 33:3*

**Father, thank You for knowing all things and all power is in Your Hands! You are a healer and a restorer of strength. You give power to the weary and strength to the faint. May we come to You for it. You can do exceeding, abundantly above all that we can think or imagine.**

**Day 22 – Joy of the Lord**

*These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. John 15:11*

**Father, thank You for Your Truth; thank You for the joy You have given to us through Your Son, Jesus Christ. He is my joy; therefore, I can never lose my joy because I can never lose Jesus!**

**Day 23 – Salvation**

*That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Romans 10:9-10*

**Father, thank You for saving my soul by Your Grace through faith in Jesus Christ. It is a free gift, and I praise Your Name! I also pray for those who are lost and need Your Son as their Savior. May you continue to draw lost souls unto You through Your Gospel Message.**

**Day 24 – Emotional Strongholds**

*For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds: Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;*

 *2 Corinthians 10:4-5*

**Father, We have peace with You and the peace of You; therefore we pronounce freedom and peace over our circumstances and the lives of those we love. May the Holy Spirit govern our thoughts so that external circumstances don’t dictate our response. Because we are Yours we live from and in victory! It is for freedom that You have set us free.**

**Day 25 – Government**

*The king’s heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: He turneth it whithersoever He will.*

**Father, we thank You for our government and our country. For the freedom You have given us. We ask that you turn the hearts of our leaders towards You. May they make the right decisions concerning the citizens of this country. May they do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with You.**

**Day 26 – Youth and Parents**

*Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

**Father, our children need You! Open the eyes of parents to know and obey You and to raise up their children to know and obey You. That they may leave a legacy of followers of Christ and that it may be well with their souls on the earth. Open their hearts and write Your Word in them, O Lord.**

**Day 27 – Confession and Repentance**

*If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14*

**Father, we are the church, the body of Christ, and I am calling upon Your Name, I ask that You will forgive me of my sins and give me an obedient heart. I am seeking You because we need You in every way. Help us to turn from anything that displeases You and submit to You in all our ways so that we may hear from Heaven and You will heal our land.**

**Day 28 – Submission**

*Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time: I Peter 5:6*

**Father, I give you all of me. I submit my heart to you for cleansing, for repentance, and for guidance. I need You and desire You to control every aspect of my life. I choose to live for You and through You. May all glory be unto You in all that I am and all that I do! And Lord, when I became faint or discouraged, may I come to You and receive Your renewed strength. Thank You for giving me all that I need to live this Christian life.**

**Day 29 - Praise & Adoration**

*I will extol Thee, my God, O king; and I will bless Thy name for ever and ever.* ***2****Every day will I bless Thee; and I will praise Thy name for ever and ever. Psalm 145:1-2*

**Our God, Our King! Father, I exalt You and bless Your Name forever and ever. I will bless You every day and forever and ever. Thank You for Your breathe in my lungs that I may praise Your Great Name FOREVER AND EVER! May Your Great Name be praise in this sanctuary until Your return.**

**Day 30 - Doxology**

*Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21*

**Father, Today and every day I give all honor, praise, and glory to You. For there is no limit to what You can do. Thank You for Your power that works in me and in the church. Unto You be glory in this local congregation as well as the entire Church, the body of Christ, throughout all generations FOREVER and EVER! Thank You for hearing these, Thy servant prayers, and for answering them, in Jesus Name, Amen!**