

Awakening

21 Days of Prayer and Fasting



Day One

Scripture: Luke 22 - 24

Our 21 Day Fasting and Prayer journey starts in Luke as we read through the account of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. We start with what our entire salvation depends on; Christ's payment for our sins and his defeat of spiritual death and the grave. We start with Christ denying his own human desires and laying down his life to ransom ours. He calls us to lay our lives down as well, as we follow Him. He is the ultimate example of sacrifice, humility and surrender to the Father's will.

Thanksgiving and Worship:

Begin today by first praising Him for his perfect example and the price he paid for your redemption. Take time to truly meditate and focus on all that Jesus' sacrifice cost him. Allow that realization to cause your heart to worship Him.

Personal Prayer Focus: Surrender

Luke 22:42 said that Jesus asked God to take this cup of suffering from him if there were any other way, but ended it with saying "not my will, but yours be done."

Ask the Lord what He would have you lay down in these next 21 days as you actively pursue the Father's heart.

Luke 22:47-48

It's so striking that someone like Judas who walked with Jesus for 3 years could betray him. He was motivated by power and wealth, and when Jesus' agenda did not line up with his own, he betrayed the Savior of the world.

Fasting is a precious time to seek God for who He is and for his divine will. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any agenda or expectations that you may have going into this. We can so easily become frustrated or disappointed with God when He doesn't move or answer in the way we think he should. Pray that He would give you a heart that would desire His ways and not your own.

ALL CHURCH Prayer Focus:

For an insatiable hunger to know God through the study of His word and private prayer.

Day Two

Scripture: John 1 - 3

Thanksgiving and Worship:

John 1:18 No one has ever seen God, but Jesus has made Him known to us.

After you have read today's scripture, start with gratitude and thanksgiving for anything that God revealed to you about Himself or the way that He has shown His love to you through Jesus.

Personal Prayer Focus:

Pray that God would illuminate every area of your life with His truth. We need the Holy Spirit to transform our hearts and our relationships. We need Him to bring healing & unity in our families, our church body, and our country. Ask that He would transform the way you think, the way you see other people, and that He would create in you a clean and pure heart.

ALL CHURCH Prayer Focus:

For reconciliation, strength, unity and hearts to serve in all of our relationships.

Day Three

Scripture: John 4 – 6

Thanksgiving and Worship:

John 4:34 "My nourishment comes from **doing** the **will** of God who sent me, and from finishing his work." Let's start today by thanking God that He has called you to be a part of His kingdom and mission on the earth. Thank Him for His work in your life, and for how He is moving in the world around us. Pray for spiritual eyes to perceive what He is doing.

Personal Prayer Focus:

Pray for personal and deep revelation of God's love & His will for you. Pray for the boldness to walk in whatever He is calling you to and for the faith to leave behind the things that you have been clinging to.

ALL CHURCH Prayer Focus:

A passion for the believers at AC to share their story of faith and to reach those that do not know Christ around us.

Day Four

Scripture John 7 – 9

Thanksgiving & worship:

Praise God for the gift of his Holy Spirit. Thank him for the ways that He has transformed your life. Thank Him for the wisdom, strength and the empowerment we receive through the Holy Spirit.

Personal Prayer Focus:

Jesus said that we as believers would have “Rivers of Living water flowing from us”. Jesus was speaking of the Holy Spirit who would be given to everyone that believes. We need the Holy Spirit to fill us. We need his discernment to know the truth. We need his fruit in our lives as we go into each day (self-control, faithfulness, love, peace, joy...). Ask the Lord to fill you each morning with his Spirit so that you can live for Him in all you say and do.

ALL CHURCH Prayer Focus:

Boldness that comes from the Holy Spirit to stand for God’s truth in our world.

Day Five

Scripture John 10 – 12

Thanksgiving and Worship:

John 10:10 “The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.” Praise and thank God for the life that we have in Jesus. Thank Him for true life, purpose, redemption and the hope in Him that sustains you in all of the hard times.

Personal Prayer Focus:

John 11: 5-6 “**So although Jesus loved** Martha, Mary and Lazarus, **he stayed where he was** for the next 2 days.” Sometimes God’s delay or our unanswered prayers feel like God is withholding his love from us. The truth is that He has a sovereign plan, a sovereign agenda. We are so limited in our view and perspective, so we cannot see how his actions or seemingly lack of action is far more loving than we can ever know. Today pray that your faith would grow as you rest and trust in the one who sees all & knows all.

ALL CHURCH Prayer Focus:

Pray against the attacks of the enemy in the areas of depression, loneliness, fear and other mental and emotional attacks.

Day Six

Scripture John 13 – 15

Thanksgiving and Worship:

John 14: 1-3

Start with thanking and praising God that we can trust Him completely. Our hearts can rest in the promise Jesus made that he is actively preparing a place for us with the Father. He will come again and take us there when everything is ready (vs 3). What an amazing hope and promise this is. Take some time to truly think about what that means for you. Thank Him and praise Him for his immense love that came after us in our brokenness and gives us eternal hope.

Personal Prayer Focus:

John 15: 1-17

Jesus is the true vine. Ask God to show you how you personally need to remain in Him. Ask Him if there is any area of your life that you are not living in obedience (Vs 10). After you have asked God to reveal these things to you, take some time to remain silent before Him to see if there is anything that He puts on your heart. Pay attention to what sticks out to you in scripture and throughout the day to see if there is any specific thing that He is trying to bring to your attention. Joy comes from radical obedience. His joy is ours when we live in surrender and walk in his ways. Seek Him with a fully surrendered heart and be ready to respond when He speaks.

ALL CHURCH Prayer Focus:

For God to renew a passion in all of our volunteers and to fill them with His grace as they serve our church family.

Day Seven

Scripture John 16 – 18

Thanksgiving and Worship:

When Jesus ascended to heaven, he said it was the best thing he could do for us because he was sending the Holy Spirit, our Advocate, to come be with us. John 16:7-18 explains just how vital the Holy Spirit is in our everyday life. As you read those verses, let your heart respond with thanksgiving and praise for the amazing gift of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer Focus:

The prayer focus today is taking the very words that Jesus prayed over all of us believers. Let all pray this together over our church, our family, our friends and ourselves.

*See next page for John 17 prayer.

John 17

“Father, as Jesus prayed in John, we want to know you, the only true God. Eternal life is found in you, and we want our lives to bring glory to your name alone. Thank you for your saving grace, and for reconciling our hearts to you. Thank you that Jesus is always before you, praying for us and interceding on our behalf. Protect us from the evil one by your mighty name, that we may be unified as you and Jesus are unified. Father, fill us with your joy as the words of Jesus become life to our souls. Help us to understand that the world does not know you. Your word says that they will hate us because we are not like them and do not belong to this world. Keep us all safe from the evil one. Keep our children, teenagers, men and women, parents and grandparents safe from the evil one. Make us holy by your truth. We are willing to be sent into the world just like Jesus was sent. Thank you, Jesus, for your sacrifice that enables us to be made holy.

Father we are desperate for unity in our church body. There are so many things, so many attacks by the enemy that are trying to tear us apart. Father we want to be one as you and Jesus are one. Let us be of one mind, heart, soul and purpose. Let us stop being distracted by the things that tear us apart and fight with our whole hearts for unity. We want to know your glory that brings this unity. Help us to accept this and grasp what it means. Father let the unity that you bring in the body of Christ astound the world around us. Let it bring glory to your name and draw many to you. Father, give us a deep revelation of your love and your love for your Son, and let that love live inside of us. We pray this all in Jesus name. Amen.”