



# 40 Days of Prayer (EXAMPLE)

## 40 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH SEEKING GOD DURING THE PASTOR SEARCH PROCESS

Prayer-Driven Transition Ministry for \_\_\_\_\_ Baptist Church  
Prepared by the Pastor Search Committee

### THE BASICS OF PRAYER

- P** PRAISE: Worship the Lord as you pray.  
**R** REPENT: Return to the Lord as you pray.  
**A** ASK: Pray with passion and patience.  
**Y** YIELD: Surrender all to Jesus as you pray.

This time of focused prayer and devotion will help the church walk well through the pastor search process underway now. During these 40 days, spend time with God, praying for yourself and your church family. Practice the four aspects of prayer (Praising, Repenting, Asking and Yielding) as you pray. Take time to listen to the Lord through Scripture reading and times of quiet in His presence.

Each day has a specific focus and a Scripture passage to read. Unite with fellow Christians in agreement, lifting these requests to the Father. Trust God to hear, heal and answer as we spend time with Him during these 40 days.

Thank you for uniting with your brothers and sisters in Christ in prayer for the church! Christians across our region are joining with us as we pray for God's will to be done and His Kingdom to come in our hearts and in this place.

### **WEEK 1** *(Beginning on Sunday)*

<b>Day</b>	<b>Pray</b>	<b>Read Ephesians</b>
1	that God will lead many to pray these 40 days	1:1-3
2	that all eyes and focus would be on Jesus Christ	1:4-8
3	that God would clean our hearts — we need revival	1:9-12
4	that we will really listen for what God is saying to us	1:13-16
5	that each member will grow in their knowledge of Jesus	1:17-21
6	that He will give us pure hearts to seek His face	1:22-23
7	For the Pastor Search Committee as they serve	2:1-3

## WEEK 2

### Day Pray

- 8 Praise God for His abundant mercy!
- 9 That God will show you the work He wants from you
- 10 For deacons: [Insert names]
- 11 That the peace of God will guard our hearts and lives
- 12 For the worship & preaching of the Word to be anointed
- 13 For our worship leaders as we gather to worship
- 14 For healing and unity in the Body of Christ here

### Read Ephesians

- 2:4-7
- 2:8-10
- 2:11-13
- 2:14-18
- 2:19-22
- 3:1-5
- 3:6-9

## WEEK 3

### Day Pray

- 15 For deacons: [Insert names]
- 16 That God will reveal to you how great His love really is
- 17 Praise God for His ability to do more than we can ask
- 18 [Insert personal prayer requests]
- 19 That the church's leaders will be encouraged and united
- 20 For [insert preacher's name] as he prepares to preach
- 21 That God will reveal sin and purify His church

### Read Ephesians

- 3:10-13
- 3:14-19
- 3:20-21
- 4:1-6
- 4:7-13
- 4:14-16
- 4:17-19

## WEEK 4

### Day Pray

- 22 That we will deny self to live new lives in Christ
- 23 That we will not let the sun go down on any anger
- 24 For kindness and compassion to flow freely among us
- 25 That God will prepare our next pastor for us
- 26 That we will be Jesus' light in our community
- 27 For our church staff [insert names]
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### Read Ephesians

- 4:20-24
- 4:25-28
- 4:29-32
- 5:1-4
- 5:5-8
- 5:9-14
- 5:15-18

## WEEK 5

### Day Pray

- 29 Give thanks to God for His blessings and answers
- 30 For marriages to be strengthened and healed
- 31 For [insert names of worship accompanists]
- 32 That the ministry to children will grow & flourish
- 33 [Insert prayer request]
- 34 For Sunday School teachers/Bible study leaders today
- 35 For a strong prayer covering for the Search Committee

### Read Ephesians

- 5:19-21
- 5:22-24
- 5:25-30
- 5:31-33
- 6:1-4
- 6:5-9
- 6:10

## WEEK 6

### Day Pray

- 36 For the church to have the full protection of God
- 37 For wisdom for all those who serve as church leaders
- 38 For readiness as we deal with spiritual warfare
- 39 That God will dramatically answer prayers!
- 40 That God's love will overwhelm the church family

### Read Ephesians

- 6:11-1
- 6:14-17
- 6:18-20
- 6:21-22
- 6:23-24

*“Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think ... to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.” — Ephesians 3:20-21*