

Get involved

GOD'S ARK OF SAFETY

Spring 2020



COMMIT TO FAST FOR 21 DAYS: MARCH 22 - APRIL 11.

Fasting, when coupled with *prayer*, serves as a powerful vehicle to draw closer to God. This God-designed discipline enables God's people to enter into a focused time for seeking His wisdom, intervention, and direction. Fasting is simply "the restricting of food for spiritual purposes."

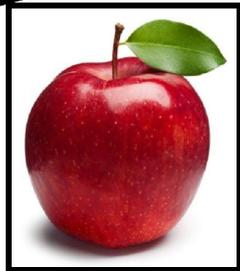
READ PSALM 51, I SAMUEL 15, AND ISAIAH 58.

These Bible passages explain how God isn't interested in our sacrifices for Him but in our obedience to do what He asks. God wants us to become more like Him. This requires letting go of our own agenda and being "remade" to look, act, and think like Him—which requires time, attention, and discipline.

USE THIS DEVOTIONAL GUIDE TO FOCUS YOUR 21 DAYS.

This guide contains weekly devotional thoughts and daily prayer requests designed to unify our church over the next 21 days and throughout 2020.

"Then Christ will **make His home in your hearts** as you trust in Him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you **have the power to understand**—as all God's people should—how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you **experience the love of Christ**, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the **fullness of life and power** that comes **from God.**" Ephesians 3:17-19 (NLT)



DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS

Nothing can survive, let alone thrive, without water. Does your spiritual life show symptoms of dehydration? Is it brittle, lacking luster, fragile, or crumbling? Does it look good on the outside but inwardly feels dry? The answer to this dehydration is simple and accessible: spend daily time with God in prayer, Bible reading, worship, and devotion.

What does it take to have an unquenchable spiritual life? To abandon empty rituals and dry religion? To live the vibrant spiritual life God has purchased for each of us? The abundant life is found only through a relationship with Jesus. Join us as we take 21 days to discover and embrace the “extravagant dimensions of Christ’s love”?

1st Weekly Devotional

Spiritual Health and Growth

March 22-28

VERSE TO REMEMBER

“As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.”

Psalm 42:1-2, NKJV

Here’s an encouraging word for you as you pray. End your prayer time with a prayer similar to this:

“Father, may what I do today matter for eternity, so that heaven will be populated differently because I was alive today!”

*Pray as though everything depends on God
and work as though everything
depends on you.*





DAILY
PRAYER
FOCUS
(WEEK 1)



Sunday, March 22

Pray we will be bold and faithful in this season of prayer and God will raise up faithful intercessors and praying believers.

Monday, March 23

Focus on personal repentance from sin and turning to holiness in Christ. Pray for corporate repentance of sin and that righteousness will be a safeguard for our church.

Tuesday, March 24

Pray for our church to grow in godly character, to lay aside ungodly habits, and to become spiritually mature. Pray for purity among church leaders, teens, and the congregation—always guarding against perversion, immorality, and broken marriages.

Wednesday, March 25

Focus on the families of our congregation. Pray there will be a growing desire within each family to completely submit to God's will for their lives in 2020.

Thursday, March 26

Pray to have a heart of worship personally and corporately as a church. Pray we will desire to please God and that we will fear Him and nothing else. Pray for every blue chair to be filled.

Friday, March 27

Pray our church will grow spiritually as we give obediently and generously to God. Pray there will be an abundance to advance the cause of Christ. Pray for your own finances and what you will be giving in tithes and missions this year.

Saturday, March 28

Pray for a fertile spiritual climate throughout the congregation. Pray individuals will have an increased hunger for God, for His Word, for His Spirit, and for others to know Him as Savior.



DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS

The church is unstoppable as God anoints and appoints leaders to lead the church in fulfilling His purposes. Only God truly calls



leaders over the church, but they must first respond in obedience with a reckless

faith in Him. May God raise up an army of servant-leaders who are willing to lay down their lives in order to advance the cause of Christ.

Leaders often get distracted with the details of administrating a “machine,” rather than boldly pursuing God’s “mission” to “seek and save that which was lost.” May God strengthen and renew the leadership of God’s Ark of Safety, and call more leaders and missionaries so His Kingdom is radically advanced.

2nd Weekly Devotional

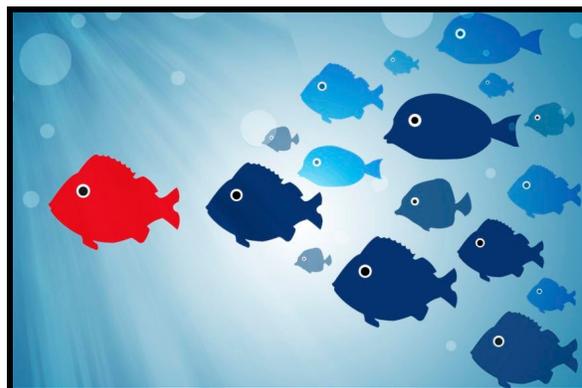
Leadership of the Church

March 29 - April 4

VERSES TO REMEMBER

“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.”

Ephesians 4:11-12, NKJV



“How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent!”

Romans 10:14-15, NKJV



DAILY
PRAYER
FOCUS
(WEEK 2)



Sunday, March 29

Focus on God's Ark of Safety Ministry. Pray God will build a leadership team with a vision for spiritual unity, maturity, and growth.

Monday, March 30

Pray for Pastor Everett. Pray for encouragement, boldness, and renewal in his call. Pray he will focus on God's purpose and power this year. Pray for our next pastor.

Tuesday, March 31

Pray for a church-wide spirit of evangelism. Pray we will all share our faith boldly as strong believers in the gospel. Pray we will fully embrace the principles of The Great Commission and The Great Commandment. Pray we will break the 150 barrier.

Wednesday, April 1

Pray for our youth and children's ministry. Pray for boldness, encouragement, and renewal in their call. Pray God will call more of our congregation into ministry roles so we fulfill God's plan for this entire ministry.

Thursday, April 2

Focus specifically on the names of each of our leaders at God's Ark of Safety Ministry, starting with the pastor and his family and then each elder, each ministry partner, and so on.

Friday, April 3

Pray for God's Spirit to guard our leadership against temptation, discouragement, and attacks of the enemy. Pray they will remain strong and be faithful as they stand firm.

Saturday, April 4

Pray for the marriages and children of our pastor, elders, and ministry partners. Pray for every family of our congregation—spiritually, physically, emotionally, financially, and maritally.



DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS

God hasn't called us to be busy, to maintain, or even to manage. . . but to join His cause. He has a purpose for our lives beyond mere existence. His plan is that our lives would matter forever. We all want to leave a legacy and be part of something greater than ourselves.



Jesus said,
"In the same way that You gave me a
mission in the world,
I give them a mission in the world."
John 7:18, The Message

3rd Weekly Devotional

Advancing God's Kingdom

April 5 - April 11

VERSE TO REMEMBER

"Therefore, go and make
disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to obey
everything I have commanded you.
And surely I am with you always,
to the very end of the age."
Matthew 28:19-20, NIV





DAILY
PRAYER
FOCUS
(WEEK 3)



Sunday, April 5

Pray for those we support on the **foreign** mission field. Pray for their ministries, staff, marriages, and families. Pray for protection, boldness, vision, wisdom, and God's provision. (A list of these ministries is found on the back of the booklet.)

Monday, April 6

Pray for outreach and evangelism to occur in these foreign lands. Pray for souls to be saved, lives to be changed, and captives to be set free.

Tuesday, April 7

Pray for those we support on the **local** mission field. Pray for their ministries, staff, marriages, and families. Pray for protection, boldness, vision, wisdom, and God's provision. (See back page.)

Wednesday, April 8

Pray for outreach and evangelism to occur through these local ministries. Pray for souls to be saved, lives to be changed, and captives to be set free. Pray for a net increase for the Kingdom of God in 2020.

Thursday, April 9

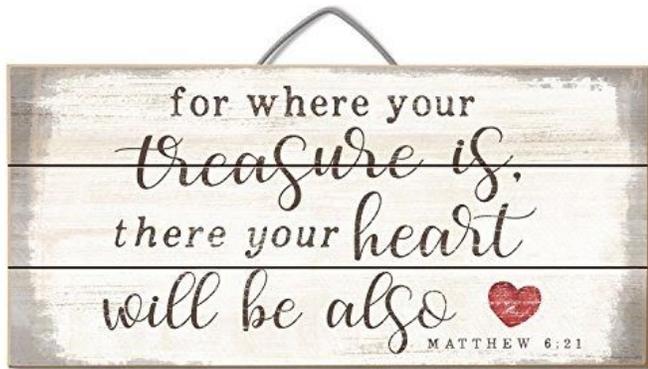
Pray for those who serve our country through our military. Pray for our local police, fire, and medical personnel.

Friday, April 10

Pray for our nation. Pray for our president and other national, state, and local leaders. Pray for upcoming elections and for God's people to use spiritual wisdom as they vote in 2020.

Saturday, April 11

As we conclude our 21 days of prayer and fasting, pray our people were encouraged as they participated. Pray our congregation will continue to grow spiritually throughout 2020.



Congratulations!

We pray this special time for our church has been a blessing to you personally and that, in turn, you will be renewed with a greater zeal and desire to bless others! May you continue to discover God's goodness in and through your life.

Seek Him as a hidden treasure!

Keep on – keeping on!

Please pray for the following
MISSIONS OUTREACHES we support:

- 1st Way Pregnancy Support
- American Family Radio
- Immanuel Paul - India
- International Mission Support - Europe
- Calvary Christian Academy
- Covenant Counseling Ministries
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Gospel Crusade - Israel
- James Jacob Ministry - India
- Joshua House Life Center - Ukraine
- Living Faith Assembly - Philippines
- Revival Chinese Ministries - China
- Maryland Salem Children's Trust
- Pioneer Apostolic Ministries - Africa
- Southeast New Life for Girls
- Union Rescue Mission
- Word Alive Mission Support - West Africa
- Wycliffe Bible Translators - Worldwide

