

40 DAYS OF PRAYER 2025

40 Day Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2nd Annual 40 Days of Community Prayer

If my people who are called by My name humble themselves, and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. -II Chronicles 7:14

Throughout the Bible, the number 40 seems to have a special spiritual significance. When the flood came in Noah's day, it rained 40 days and 40 nights. Israel wandered in the desert and ate heaven sent manna for 40 years. Moses fasted and prayed in Jehovah's presence for 40 days and nights. Israel's spies explored the Promised Land for 40 days. Jonah gave the city of Nineveh 40 days to repent or be destroyed. Most importantly, Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness fasting, praying, and combating Satan.

We as churches and as a community are being called to follow the example of Jesus by spending the next 40 days in concentrated, coordinated prayer. If you are willing to be a part of this spiritual discipline, please use each day's prayer guide to pray for at least five minutes a day for 40 days and pray for the specific needs identified by 40 of our area ministers, ministry leaders, and community leaders.

Some Practical Suggestions

- 1** Choose a specific time when you will pray each day (**Daniel 6:10**) and make sure it is a time you will be alert (**Matthew 26:40-41**) Choose a specific place to be when you pray each day; make sure it is one where you will be undistracted (**Matthew 6:6**).
- 2** Read aloud the specific prayer requests for that day. This will help your mind focus on the petitions you will be offering. Also, take a moment to read each day's scripture aloud before praying, to clear your mind and prepare your heart for your conversation with God (**Psalms 19:14**).
- 3** If you are married or have a family, consider praying together (**1 Peter 3:7**)
- 4** The prayer guide is designed to expand our prayer repertoire by going beyond routine requests (**Ephesians 6:18**). Feel free to use each day's submission as a starting point for your own prayer time on the topic of the day.

1 Thankful For The Avenue of Prayer

Wednesday, October 1

Scripture

"...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

- Philippians 4:6

Observation

In the context of being light in a world of darkness, there are struggles without and within that can easily turn to worries, despair, and hopelessness. The Holy Spirit, speaking through Paul, tells us to not be anxious, but realize that God's peace is just a prayer away.

Prayer

Holy Father, God who created this world by speaking it into existence and sustaining it every moment by your grace and glory, we are amazed that you have told us to seek you and speak to you. For this we are grateful! This fallen world is so much upon us that we get discouraged and anxious for the things that we can't control, and we despair. Forgive us for our lack of faith and fortify us with a vision of your work of healing and hope as modeled by Jesus Christ and affirmed in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. This day we rededicate ourselves, to the task of being ministers of reconciliation and instruments of your peace. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

2 Those Facing Food Insecurity

Thursday, October 2

Scripture

"Whenever you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor wealthy neighbors, otherwise they may also invite you to a meal in return, and that will be your repayment. But whenever you give a banquet, invite people who are poor, who have disabilities, who are limping, and people who are blind; and you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

-Luke 14:12b-14

Observation

Many of us have been blessed with plenty of food to feed ourselves and our families. There are also many in our Searcy community who do not know where their next meal is coming from. It is easy for us who have plenty to distance ourselves from those who don't have enough. But Jesus's love for all of us demands that we have a deeper care for our needy neighbors than just as benefactors. Instead, what if we were to look at those who are hungry as our own brothers, sisters, sons, and daughters? Instead of treating feeding the poor as an optional activity, what if we made it our responsibility to our extended family in Christ?

Prayer

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before You all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of Your Son Jesus Christ, who for our sake became poor. Amen. (From the Book of Common Prayer, pg 826)

3 Peace In Our Community

Friday, October 3

Scripture

“Be anxious for nothing, but by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

-Philippians 4:6-7

Observation

Living in peace begins with prayer. Paul tells us the result of thankful and supplicant prayer with thanksgiving results not only in peace, but it results in the “peace of God.”

That is the kind of peace that our community needs. Some people believe that peace is the opposite of conflict. One reason this kind of peace surpasses our understanding is because it does not promise to prevent conflict, but to guard our hearts and minds in the conflict.

Peace in the community comes through peacemakers in the community. The art of making peace is not produced through ordinances or regulations. Jesus promises that those who make peace will be given the most honorable title anyone could possess – they will be called the children of God.

Prayer

Dear God, the only way to have real peace is to pray, so we pray for peace to guard our hearts and minds so that we may in turn become peacemakers to our community. May the peace of God continue to guard our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

4 Peace In Our Nation

Saturday, October 4

Scripture

“If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands, ... I will give you peace in the land, and you will be able to sleep with no cause for fear.”

-Leviticus 26:3,6 NLT

Observation

Though this scriptural promise was given to the Israelites in the wilderness, it remains true for us. As we seek to know and obediently follow the Lord Jesus, then we experience peace. May God turn our hearts as Americans to the Lord and may we experience His peace and sleep without fear.

Prayer

Loving heavenly Father, we cry out to you. Hear our prayers and move in miraculous ways in the lives of Americans. May we turn our hearts from following our own desires to humbly following Your Son, our blessed Lord Jesus. May we faithfully obey His commands. As we do – as your Word promises – let us experience peace throughout the land through the power and presence of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

5 Praise Of God

Scripture

Sunday, October 5

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!"

-Psalm 150:6

Observation

God is worthy of praise simply because of who He is—Creator, Healer, Miracle Worker, Sustainer, and Redeemer. The psalmist calls everything that has breath to praise Him, meaning praise is not optional but essential. It is the natural response of all creation to the majesty and goodness of God. Our praise lifts our hearts, reminds us of His greatness, and aligns our focus back to Him rather than our circumstances.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, I thank You for the gift of life, the air that we breath and the resources You provide. You alone are worthy of all honor, glory, and praise. Help us to live each day with a heart of gratitude, lifting our voices to worship You in every season. May our lives be a songs of praises that draws others closer to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

6 Peace In Our World

Scripture

Monday, October 6

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

-John 16:33

Observation

The context makes it clear that Jesus wants us to have joy in this world as we await His soon return. He makes a comparison to a mother in labor (John 16:21). It is painful as she goes into labor but she rejoices and even forgets her previous pain due to her baby. As we await our Saviors return, there will be much pain and suffering. We desperately want this world to get better but it's not supposed to (Matthew 24; Revelation 16). Thankfully, this world is not our home (Philippians 3:20) and Jesus is preparing a better place for us (John 14:1-3). Therefore, we can rejoice as we hang on to the hope of Jesus' soon return.

Prayer

Thank you Jesus for living a sinless life in a sin filled world so that we may receive the priceless gift of salvation. You didn't have to but You chose to. As we look all around our world, we see clear evidence of Your soon return. We desperately pray for peace in our world but understand that these things must take place. Soon and very soon we will see You face to face. Help us hang on to this hope. May we be of good cheer knowing that You have already overcame this world and are preparing something better for us. In Jesus' name, Amen!

7 Marriages

Scripture

Tuesday, October 7

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church."

-Ephesians 5:31,32 ESV

Observation

As Paul writes to the church on how walking in the Spirit is applied in marriages, he quotes Genesis 2:24 from the Garden. This tells a few essential things. 1. Marriage is God's design 2. One of marriage's primary purposes is to show the relationship between Christ and the Church. 3. When God created marriage, he already had the saving work of Jesus on his mind. A profound mystery indeed.

Prayer

Father, given the scope of why you created marriage, it is no wonder that Satan concentrates his attacks on this powerful covenant relationship. We pray over the marriages in our churches and ask that You would renew, reconcile, and redeem them for your glory and our benefit. May they truly be a picture to others of Your steadfast, covenant-keeping love.

8 Families

Scripture

Wednesday, October 8

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"

-Psalm 133:1 NIV

Observation

Family is such a beautiful opportunity of deeply understanding the importance of Christ's body. Why, when I desire peace, do I often defend my case more fervently? What does it look like for me to operate in humility in this family/body? How can I better love my own family members? Unity begins in the home. God has provided us with the power to change our homes.

Prayer

God, we are so grateful for the gift of family You have given us! Help us to remember that and to have abounding patience for one another. Remind us the people You have given to us are so valuable and their presence in our lives is purposeful and intentional by you. Give us strength to have humility when our pride is strong. Remind us that our love for the people in our home is eternal and that matters more than our fleeting emotions. Please bless our conversations with one another and give us words full of graciousness to speak to each other. Let us not take one another for granted but to seek You and serve You through loving the people right beside us. Lord, our sight is so narrow, give us fresh eyes. It can be difficult to look at parents, spouses, siblings, or children and to view them as their past actions. Allow us to see the members of our family the way you see them and to take action in relationship with them because they're worth it. We pray for families that are separated in person or in mindset and their way of operating, You turn our darkness into light and we believe You will bring restoration to separation and unification to our abandonment of those closest to us. Preserve in us the bold love for our families we have as children. Remind us daily of the kingdom work You reveal to us through our family. Lord Your name changes hearts, so in Jesus' name we pray You will attune our hearts to what is good, true, and lovely in your creation. Amen.

9 Children Scripture

Thursday, October 9

"Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth."

-Psalm 127:3-4 KJV

Observation

When the LORD wanted to provide a hopeful future for the city of Jerusalem, he used the imagery of children at play. "And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof. (Zechariah 8:5) Jesus later challenged His followers to "become as little children" as He named a humble child the "greatest in the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:3,4) He sternly warned His disciples not to abuse, neglect, or even have disdain for children. (Matthew 18:6,10) Sadly, for many children in our community, a joyful and safe childhood is a dream, not a reality. Let us prayerfully bind together to help make their dreams, and God's vision for them, come true.

Prayer

LORD, we acknowledge that our children are Your gift to us. We are also challenged by the idea that what we do with them is our gift to You. We pray for protection and provision for each child in our community. We plead the blood of Jesus over the children in our schools, our parks, our homes, and our churches. We rebuke every predator and every spirit of harm that would seek to destroy their innocence. Lastly, we humbly ask for guidance and grace as we seek to raise them in ways that honors You and serves mankind. We ask all this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

10 Those In Poverty

Scripture

Friday, October 10

"If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?"

-1 John 3:17

Observation

It is very easy, and often said, to think that those in poverty are lazy. People in poverty have squandered opportunities provided to them, etc. etc. There may be some truths in some of those observations. However, when God calls his people to help those living in poverty, does he first ask us to assess or judge their situation? The truth is that there are a multitude of reasons as to why some live in poverty. There are, of course, those that are impoverished due to their own bad choices, addiction, or criminal history. But, there are countless living in situations caused by generational poverty, lack of opportunities or resources for job training, financial literacy to better manage their household budgets, illness (both physical and mental) with a lack of insurance, and of course, children trapped in poverty through birth, and nothing of their own making.

Prayer

Heavenly Father we thank you for providing for our needs and in many cases blessing us far beyond our needs. Father, we ask that you help us to be good stewards of these blessings, give us a spirit of caring and generosity, and help us to lift the impoverished out of poverty, hunger, and economic oppression through the sharing of our time and treasures. Father, show us the immediate needs we can meet that open hearts to show your love and the hope that you provide through your Son, Jesus Christ to those in greatest need.

11 Hospital-Health Care Professionals

Saturday, October 11

Scripture

"...he saw him and took pity on him, he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine...and took care of him."

-Luke 10:33-34 NIV

Observation

The Good Samaritan assisted a wounded, hurting, broken individual to bring hope, health and comfort in his time of need. Our community is blessed with healthcare facilities and providers available to meet our healthcare needs. Searcy alone has a major medical facility, a rehab hospital, an inpatient / outpatient behavioral health hospital, multiple medical clinics and over 300 physicians and healthcare providers for our wellbeing – both physical and mental. Let us be grateful to God for the institutions and individuals who serve us in this way.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for the healthcare facilities and providers in our community. Thank You, Father they are there for us to assist in healing our bodies when we are sick or injured. Thank You for each one's calling, training and dedication to care for us. Bless them with wisdom and protect them and their families. Use each care giver as an instrument of your mercy and grace to help bandage our wounds physically and emotionally. May each provider realize that ultimately You are the greatest physician of all. As our community continues to grow provide even more specialists that will provide greater care for our well-being. Father, may we never take for granted the medicine and treatment available to us. Thank You for our hospitals and healthcare professionals. In the name of Jesus amen.

12 Praise Of Christ

Sunday, October 12

Scripture

"And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent."

-Colossians 1:18 ESV

Observation

As we come together in each of our places of worship, may we collectively offer up our praise to Christ. He is the Lamb of God who was slain, the head of the Church, the author and finisher of our faith, and the One in whom all things hold together.

In a world marked by division and instability, we find our anchor in Christ. As the perfect example of what humanity was created to be, he sustains us and leads us forward. No matter what season we are in—as individuals, families, or churches—He remains constant, supreme, and faithful.

When we lift our praise as one voice, we declare that Jesus is preeminent in our lives and our community. We acknowledge His Lordship and welcome His presence. We hold to the hope that one day every knee will gladly bow and every tongue will confess that he is Lord.

Until that day, let this moment of community prayer be more than words. Let it be a rising celebration of faith, unity, and surrender to the One who holds us all together.

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the center of everything. You are before all things, and in You all things hold together. You are the head of the Church, the beginning and the end, the author and finisher of our faith. As a united community, we exalt You. We praise You for who You are—Savior, King, and Sustainer. Let our hearts, homes, and churches be filled with Your presence. Align us with Your will, bind us in Your love, and lead us in Your truth. We join you in praying for the coming of Your Father's Kingdom and His will being done in Searcy as it is in heaven. Amen.

13 Those In Nursing Homes

Saturday, October 11

Scripture

“Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the Lord.”

-Leviticus 19:30

Observation

Our nursing homes can be such a lonely place. Many of the residents feel abandoned and neglected and the staff overwhelmed. As Gods people we must stand in the gap with prayer and support.

Prayer

Father we lift up those in the nursing home today. Bless their days with peace and their nights with rest. Fill their hearts with the warmth of Your presence. Surround them with kindness from caregivers and visitors and let them never feel alone. Remind them that they are loved and let Your joy find its way into every room. And we pray for the staff that patience and compassion will guide each step of their day.

14 Military

Tuesday, October 14

Scripture

“Lord, how many are my foes! How many rise up against me! Many are saying of me, “God will not deliver him.” But you, Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high. I call out to the Lord, and he answers me from his holy mountain. I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me. I will not fear though tens of thousands assail me on every side.”

-Psalm 3:1-6

Observation

Today we are thankful for those who have served and are currently serving in our military both stateside and abroad. We are also mindful of their families.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for defending your people with your mighty hand. Please hear our prayer as we lift up our military and veterans before you now. They work tirelessly to defend our country. Bless and protect them Lord and use their work for the good of our nation and your glory. We pray for the protection of our armed forces as they serve our country around the world right now. Give them endurance and remind them that their service is worthwhile. May they know that their service is appreciated by us. We thank You, Lord, for using the bravery of these men and women as part of your protection for us. May they know your presence with them at this time. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with them always. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

15 Local Business Owners

Scripture

Wednesday, October 15

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."

-Proverbs 16:3

Observation

Business ownership brings both opportunity and responsibility. The long hours, financial decisions, and the effects on the community can feel overwhelming. Yet God invites us to place every plan, decision, and transaction into His hands. When we commit our work to Him, not just in moments of crisis, but daily, He brings clarity, peace, and purpose to our efforts. As we trust His guidance, we see that our businesses are not merely about profit, but about service, integrity, and reflecting Christ in the marketplace.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of work and the privilege of having local businesses fill needs in our community. We pray that You guide the decisions of business owners so they honor You and bless those they serve. May their businesses not only thrive in the marketplace but also serve as instruments of Your grace in Searcy. Protect them from discouragement, and remind them that true success is found in faithfulness to You. We ask for your favor, your insight, and your presence in their daily work and future plans of these businesses. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

16 Paramedics

Scripture

Thursday, October 16

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

-Joshua 1:9

Observation

A recent survey of and subsequent article on Paramedics, EMT's and First Responders noted warning signs of multiple concerns facing – basically – every level of EMS professionals. It notes burnout as a top concern, communication and feedback, recruiting of those new to the profession, opportunities, and "developing a culture where people feel seen, supported and valued." Peace will come to those that allow the LORD God to go before them!

Prayer

Father God, place Your arms of support around these servants who strive each day and on each call to care for their communities and each other. Provide for them PEACE – the PEACE of Your Presence and Love – during the times when they are hanging on by a thread. Lead them and guide to "quiet, still waters" that will overcome all anxiety that they may feel in their bones and in their spirit. Provide those that may encourage each of them after a "bad call" when they "cry out" for an ear to allow them to "talk it out." Father we thank You for the hearts of our Paramedics, EMT's and First Responders! In the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior ~ Amen

17 Racial Equality

Scripture

Friday, October 17

“For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.”

-Ephesians 2:14-16

Observation

According to Old Testament Law, Jews were to keep themselves separate from the Gentiles. By the death, burial, and resurrection of His Son Jesus, God removed “the dividing wall” between these two groups of people. Every person now comes to God in the same way—through “repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ” (Acts 20:20). Since every person on the planet receives salvation in the same way, there is no reason for any person to think that he is superior to another.

Prayer

Dear Lord, thank You that You are our Peace. Thank You that You ‘broke down the barrier of the dividing wall’ and that You ‘put to death the enmity’ between Jews and Gentiles. Thank You that salvation is now offered freely and equally to everyone who turns away from his sin and places his trust in You. Since You accept every sinner on the same basis, please help us to realize that no one is better than anyone else. Please help us to recognize racism for the sin that it is, and help us to repent of it.

18 Various Congregation Unity

Scripture

Saturday, October 18

“So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind”

-Philippians 2:1-2 ESV

Observation

We are blessed in Searcy to have numerous congregations full of people who love Jesus deeply and strive to become more like Him. With all the differences that make each congregation unique, we unite in the love we have for God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Prayer

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name. We thank You for the various parts of Your body, the bride of Christ, in Searcy. Help us strive to have a humble unity so that others can know we are Your disciples because of our love for one another.

19 Praise of the Holy Spirit

Saturday, October 19

Scripture

"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you."

-John 14:26 NRSV

Observation

Jesus promised us Holy Spirit as Advocate and Teacher, the very presence of God who dwells with us. Holy Spirit leads us in many ways, often through the quiet whisper, the gentle nudge, the reminder of what Jesus has already spoken. To praise Holy Spirit is to pay attention, to notice the ways God is guiding and comforting us each day. As we grow in awareness, we discover that Spirit has been present all along, leading us into truth and shaping us into Christ's likeness.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, we praise You as our Advocate and Teacher. You remind us of Jesus' words when we are forgetful, and You guide us when we are uncertain. Thank You for Your faithful presence, for speaking grace and truth into our hearts. Teach us to listen more closely, to slow down and notice how You are at work around us and within us. May our lives be marked by attentiveness to Your leading, and may our praise rise from hearts aware of Your nearness. We love You, Spirit of God, and we welcome Your presence. Amen.

20 Nonprofits Making A Difference

Monday, October 20

Scripture

"Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

-Matthew 25:34-36

Observation

Although we know that God loves everyone, he seems to have a certain place in his heart for some groups. These generally would fall into the category of "disadvantaged". We are blessed to have a lot of people and organizations in our community who are attuned to this.

Prayer

Father, we thank you for allowing us to be your hands and feet in service to others, We pray that we can, as individuals, look for ways to help those who are in distress, We are also, so very thankful for the ministries and non-profits in our community whose very existence and purpose is to serve those in need. Please bless those charitable organizations with good leadership, abundant resources, and an encouraging environment in which to serve and exist. We pray for blessings on these charities and non-profits in every way. In the powerful name of Jesus! Amen.

21 Foster Care/Adoption

Tuesday, October 21

Scripture

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

-Galatians 6:2

Observation

One of the best things about being part of the Church is the opportunity we all have to bear each other's burdens. It is a privilege to be entrusted with another's most vulnerable moments. This is "the law of Christ." Those that bear the responsibility of caring for another's child truly take this command to heart. Those involved with foster care and adoption are entrusted with the most vulnerable of children - little ones who have not received the care and love they need. Those that surround and support these resource and adoptive families can bear witness to the hardship and reward of answering this ever-present need in our community. Apart from families that train to become resource families, there are also numerous relatives - grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins - who step in as relative placements for children that are not their own. As the body of Christ, we recognize that we all share responsibility for one another.

Prayer

Creator God, You have made us, so You know our hearts. You know the havoc that is wreaked upon children and families when foster care and adoption are left as the only options. You also have the power to redeem all things through love. We are grateful that you choose to do that through us - those that are called to foster and adopt, those that are called to support these families, and those that are called to facilitate resources on their behalf. Thank you for calling us to bear each other's burdens - a beautiful and frightening call. By Your great love and compassion we are able to step into these roles, and by Your strength we are able to continue in the work. We confess that we sometimes choose selfishness, and we turn away from opportunities to love children and families in distress. Never allow us to become blind or deaf to the needs of those around us and may we joyfully bear the burden of displaced children together as we pray against the causes of displacement. Thank you for putting Your own Spirit inside us to teach us how to love like You. Hear our prayer, not just our words. Amen.

22 Judges/Judicial System

Wednesday, October 22

Scripture

"You shall appoint judges and officers in all your towns that the LORD your God is giving you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment. 19 You shall not pervert justice. You shall not show partiality, and you shall not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and subverts the cause of the righteous. Justice, and only justice, you shall follow, that you may live and inherit the land that the LORD your God is giving you."

-Deuteronomy 16:18-20 ESV

Observation

Justice is a call from God. In Micah 6:8, we are directed to "do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." This is not an option for His children. In like manner, the way of our judges and our judicial system is bound by "righteous judgment" and impartiality. When partiality—or bias—arises in our systems, it "perverts" justice, suggesting that justice should be pure and uncontaminated from favoritism or deference. Partiality also blinds even the wise from seeing clearly and honestly as it "subverts" or undermines the cause of right living. Only justice fulfills the call of God and He directs this to be in our judges, officers, indeed, our judicial system as a whole. Justice is the way to our inheritance in God.

Prayer

Yahweh, in You all authority and power exists. You speak and it is! Hallelujah! We honor You, Great I AM, as The Righteous Judge, extending grace and mercy according to Your perfect will. Thank You for Your plan of justice. For establishing a system that holds us accountable for our actions towards one another. We pray that to think of others higher than ourselves, treating them as Your image-bearer Lord. As we come before You, we especially lift our judges and judicial officers before the throne, asking You to create in them a desire for Your justice; to live with the conviction to judge and act in fairness and without favoritism or bias. Grant them wisdom beyond their own understanding, sight beyond their vision, and hearing beyond the words that they may move with right judgment. And Father, give them courage to stand for justice. Protect them from retaliation as they render their decisions and remove any efforts to deter or hinder them from just decisions, even their own positions. We trust that You are working and moving in all things and know that You, Lord God, are the final and perfect Judge. Our hope and faith are in You, Mighty God! Through Jesus we pray and give thanks, Amen.

23 Firemen And Policemen

Thursday, October 23

Scripture

"And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus giving thanks through him to God the Father."

-Colossians 3:17

Observation

When you see policemen or firemen around the city of Searcy please take a moment to pray for them. All of these men and women are doing what they do because they answered the call to serve and protect. All of them have family of some sort that they think of everyday they serve. Their hope and desire is to return to their families safe at the end of their shift. So when you see these servants of our community, pray for them and respect them. They serve to protect and make you and your family environment safe at the cost of their family at times.

Prayer

Jesus, thank you for the Police and Fire Departments who often sacrifice their family moments to serve and protect our families. Thank you for calling these men and women to their jobs to create such a safe environment for our community. Help us to always remember to hold them up in our daily prayers and to thank them for sacrificially serving us. In your Holy Name, amen.

24 Wisdom In Navigating Social Media

Friday, October 24

Scripture

“Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.”

-Proverbs 4:23

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

-Romans 12:2

Observation

Our screens can be doorways—either letting in God’s truth or flooding our hearts with harmful messages. What we watch, read, and engage with shapes who we are. Guarding our heart means setting boundaries, seeking God’s wisdom, and letting His Word be the filter for all we consume and share. The digital world can amplify both good and evil at lightning speed. Social media and cultural trends can be tools for encouragement or traps for division and distraction. God calls us to live with intentionality, walking wisely and using every moment—even our online interactions—for His glory.

Prayer

Lord, help me to pause before I post and to listen before I speak. Give me discernment to recognize truth, courage to stand for it, and love to share it. May my time and words online honor You and draw others closer to Christ.

25 Safety In Schools

Saturday, October 25

Scripture

“People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”

-Mark 10:13, 14 NIV

Observation

The apostle Mark’s narrative account reminds us that children are valued by Jesus. This story also demonstrates how Jesus welcomed children and made sure that His disciples knew how important little ones are to the kingdom. Sadly, the world is not always welcoming or safe for our children. We send children to school to gain knowledge but also pray that they will get love, acceptance, and safety. School should be a safe haven for every child, but for many children school represents fear, insecurity and harm. Let’s be ever prayerful for the safety of our schools.

Prayer

Father, we know children hold a special place in Your kingdom. Jesus modeled a special love and care for little ones, and we want to follow His example. We want school campuses to be places of safety, love and learning for all students. As a community, help us do all that we can and should to support school administrators, teachers, resource officers and staff as they protect young ones each day. May the reality of each student’s school day be one of safety, love and learning. Amen.

26 Praise For Answered Prayer

Sunday, October 26

Scripture

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

-Philippians 4:6

Observation

The Bible encourages Christians by pray in faith and to make their requests known to God with thankfulness. Prayer is a way to overcome everyday anxieties by talking to God trusting that He cares and listens. Sometimes God’s answers seem obvious to us, but often God answers in ways that we never know. Give Him praise in prayer!

Prayer

Gracious Father, we come to You with grateful hearts, thanking You for the answered prayers. Thank You for being a faithful God, hearing our cries, and responding with divine wisdom and love. We trust Your perfect timing in all things, and may our lives reveal our trust in Your plans for us, even when we do not understand all Your ways. We praise You for Your goodness and loving kindness to us and ask that our lives may reflect Your love to those around us. With humble hearts, we thank You for hearing our petitions. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

27 Government Leaders

Monday, October 27

Scripture

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.”

-1 Timothy 2:1-2

Observation

Paul instructs Timothy that prayer for government leaders isn’t optional—it’s part of the church’s regular intercession. By praying for “kings and all who are in high positions,” believers acknowledge God’s sovereignty over earthly rulers and seek His guidance for them. The goal is that their leadership fosters peace and stability, allowing the gospel to flourish and godly living to be possible.

Prayer

Lord, You are the King of kings and the Ruler of all nations. We lift up to You our president, our governor, mayor, and all who serve in positions of authority. Grant them wisdom to lead with justice, courage to do what is right, and hearts that are humble before You. May their decisions promote peace, protect the vulnerable, and honor righteousness. Use their leadership to make it possible for Your people to live quiet, godly lives, and let Your name be glorified in our land. Amen.

28 Those Incarcerated And Their Families

Tuesday, October 28

Scripture

"About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened."

-Acts 16:25-26

Observation

I don't know if you have ever heard the solid metallic clink of a jail door closing and locking from the inside. I have – it was a dreadful and empty feeling but it was there that God met me years ago. He still meets many people there today. We read in Romans 13:6: "the authorities are the ministers of God..." I believe in today's passage that God sovereignly used the authorities as His servants to bring Paul and Silas in contact with incarcerated people who needed to hear the message of the Gospel. Many who are incarcerated in our community are in the same unique circumstance: God has used the authorities to bring them face-to-face with Himself, so they might believe.

Prayer

Father, thank you for Your ability to reach into the darkest and depressing of places to pull us out. Thank you for the power of Your gospel – that we can know freedom regardless of circumstance. We pray that those incarcerated in our community will trust in Your Son and find freedom and forgiveness. We pray for their families: that they will be provided for and that they too can find freedom in Your Son. We lift up our jail ministers and ask that you would provide for them the materials that they need and that you would anoint them with power and grace to reach these men and women who are imprisoned. Thank you for setting us free. In Jesus name, Amen.

29 School Employees

Wednesday, October 29

Scripture

"For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;"

-Proverbs 2:6

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:"

-1 Peter 4:10

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him."

-James 1:5

Observation

We are all called to different ministries, as teachers, administrators and other school workers; this is a special calling from God to teach our future leaders in this community. Continue the good work!

Prayer

Heavenly Father, We lift before You our teachers, administrators, and every school employee. Grant them wisdom from above to make sound decisions, to teach with clarity, and to guide with understanding. Strengthen them with patience and compassion, and let their service be filled with Your grace so that every act—whether teaching, leading, or supporting—is done as ministry unto You. Let Your peace rest on every classroom and hallway, calming anxieties and strengthening hearts. Direct their steps with Your guidance when choices are difficult, and surround them with Your protection from every scheme of the enemy. Remind them daily that their work is shaping lives not only for today, but also for the future You have prepared. Bless the work of their hands, encourage their spirits when they grow weary, and let their influence inspire hope, character, and faith in the next generation. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

30 Homeless In Our Community

Scripture

Thursday, October 30

"Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the son of man has no where to lay his head"

-Matthew 8:20

Observation

This scripture hits home for many in America today, at some point we all struggle, and it is our duty as Christians to act accordingly to what Christ told us. When asked "Teacher which commandment in the law is the greatest?", He said "To love your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." In our country today many Christians have lost their way when it comes to serving those that are experiencing homelessness. It is easy to say, "Those folks just need to pull themselves up by their bootstraps and help themselves.

Unfortunately, homelessness is more complex than that, some are just down on their luck and need some time to get their bearings and will move on and lead a successful life, but for many that are homeless other factors are to blame. After working with folks experiencing homelessness for a decade and being homeless myself at one time, I can say that a great number of homeless individuals suffer from severe mental illness, many don't have family to help them, many others are limited on how much they can make for themselves or their family because of a lack of education so their career choices are limited. No one wants or plans to be homeless, but life is unpredictable, if we are down, we need a helping hand, and if we are where we need to be it is our duty as Christians to turn around and help your neighbor as Christ would have us do.

Prayer

Father God in Heaven, we come to You today in Your Son Jesus name, to thank You Lord for Your love and grace. We lift up our neighbors to you that are going through a difficult time, those in our community and abroad that are experiencing homelessness. We pray that doors will open for them to have a more stable environment. Whatever the cause for the struggle, whether it be mental illness, loss of a job, medical bills, domestic violence situation, or the many other reasons one may struggle and find themselves with out a place to lay their head. Lord, we pray for our community of leaders and organizations that help others that are struggling, Lord, may You give them the strength and knowledge they need to help others in the community and give them a better quality of life. We pray that those who are experiencing homelessness don't give up on their dreams and ambitions, that they keep the hope in their hearts that this too shall pass. Let us not look at these community problems as burdens, but as opportunities to show Christ in us, Lord, give us the hearts of servants, its in Jesus name we ask these things, Amen!

31 Spiritual Leaders In Our Community

Friday, October 31

Scripture

"Pray also for me, that the message may be given to me when I open my mouth to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel."

-Ephesians 6:19

Observation

Spiritual leaders are entrusted with guiding God's people toward truth, unity, and love. They labor not only to teach but also to model a life that reflects Christ's character. Their work is often unseen, their burdens quietly carried, yet their influence shapes the spiritual health of the community. When we pray for these leaders, we join in their mission, asking God to strengthen their hearts, guard their integrity, and fill them with wisdom. As we lift them up in prayer, we partner with God in sustaining the shepherds who help keep the flock safe and growing in faith.

Prayer

Lord, we thank You for the spiritual leaders You have placed within our community. Strengthen their hearts, renew their vision, and guard their steps. Give them wisdom that comes from above, courage to speak truth in love, and compassion for all they serve. Protect them from discouragement and refresh their souls daily. May their leadership bring unity to Your people and glory to Your name. Amen.

32 Those Battling Incurable Diseases

Saturday, November 1

Scripture

"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous hand."

-Isaiah 41:10

Observation

When we face terms like "cancer" or "terminal illness" we are shaken to the core of our being. Fear and anxiety seem to control our thoughts. God, through Isaiah, reminds us that God is with us every step of the way. He may not bring healing, but He will surely give us strength, comfort, and the assurance of His presence with which we can face our circumstances with courage and faith.

Prayer

Father, we pray for those who face a terminal diagnosis from physical disease. May they be reminded of Your ever-abiding presence with them. May Your comfort and peace give them courage and strength to overcome the fear and anxiety that looms over them. Fill them with Your Spirit of love and hope that they may see Your grace, power, and light through the darkness around them. Thank You for the blessing of hope through Your presence. In the name of Your Son, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

33 Praise To God Who Holds The Future

Sunday, November 2

Scripture

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

-Romans 15:13

Observation

We certainly live during anxious times. If we are not careful, our anxiety escalates into fear. If our distress morphs into despair, we are one step away from apathy.

But piercing through this cultural upheaval, God gives us a different lens to see the world. We are not oblivious to the brokenness of the world or drenched with unrealistic optimism. We get our dignity, identity, meaning and purpose from the One whose words appear in Red, Jesus the Christ. Therefore, our worldview is not tainted and distorted by fear, anxiety, distress and apathy. Our Spirit-led worldview is best illustrated by peace, courage, passion, and perseverance. Ultimately, individuals who seek an inspired purpose are those who live by hope.

The Apostle Paul says there are three anchors for your life. Most Christians frequently discuss the power of faith and love. Few explore the power of hope.

Hope does not see the world as it is, hope sees the world as God intended from the beginning. Hope is not paralyzed by our past failures and tragedies; hope emerges from our dreams of who God is forming us to become. Hope is a well spring of joy & peace—the ultimate sign of human flourishing.

Prayer

O Creator of all things, you are the Alpha & Omega. We cast our fears and concerns on to your throne. For You are faithful and promised that You will never forsake us. So today with a heart full of praise, we give You thanks. In the midst of uncertainty, You give us peace surrounding our future. We are not shackled by our fears. For You give us courage to move forward. By Your great power and love, we pursue our future with great anticipation.

May we not be swayed by the Evil One. His deception leads us to an apathetic life. We want to join You in your redemptive work to bring hope to the hopeless, bring light to the darkness, bring peace to the restless, and extend love and compassion to all in our path. May You be exalted in this city!

34 Local Work Force/Jobs

Monday, November 3

Scripture

“Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.”

-Ephesians 4:28

Observation

God made us as working creatures, strengthens our hands, inspires our minds, and blesses our efforts as creators within His creation. Just as the earth “brings forth” fruits, so we “bring forth” new things that enhance God’s good creation, and the very effort we put in has a way of growing us more and more into the likeness of our Creator. Work is good, and necessary for a society, as our work blesses one another.

Prayer

O Creator of all things, bless our feeble efforts to act as vice-regents in Your creation. Give us the day in which to plow and sow, reap and harvest, invent and produce, create and share. Give us the night to rest and be refreshed. We thank You for all those who labor to support life in our towns and villages, who make us safe, ensure people have necessary things, and offer a wide range of creative outlets so that we might glorify You and Your Son through the blessed avenue of work. May our efforts remind the world of Your creative power and generous love. In Christ we pray, amen.

35 Prayers For Our Community Future

Scripture

Tuesday, November 4

"Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance."

--Jude 2

Observation

God's vision for His people is not only individual transformation but also flourishing communities. When mercy shapes how we forgive, peace governs how we live together, and love overflows in our actions, the future of the community reflects the heart of our Creator. A community rooted in these three—mercy, peace, and love—becomes a witness of light in an often dark world.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, Thank You for the promise of mercy, peace, and love multiplied in our lives and in our communities. We ask that You help us to be vessels of mercy, quick to forgive. Fill us with Your peace that passes understanding, so we may live in unity with one another. Let Your love overflow in us, binding us together in perfect unity. May our community create a flourishing future—a future where mercy, peace, and love abound to Your glory. Amen.

36 Gratitude For Our Freedoms

Scripture

Wednesday, November 5

"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."

-Galatians 5:13

Observation

When we hear the words, freedom or liberty, our minds go to ideas like, I can do whatever I want. I am free to do, be, or act how I want. Yet sometimes we forget there is responsibility or liability associated with our freedom. How we spend the time. What we do. As the text tells us, we are to use our freedom to serve one another in love. As we recognize we are free, we cannot forget we will also be connected to one another, God's creation.

Prayer

Gracious God, we thank you for the freedoms we have, the liberties we enjoy freely. We ask that You would be with those in a position of power to ensure freedom and liberties for all citizens, not just those with voice. While we sometimes focus on the individual, behind Your design for creation is an intent for us to live in community. As much as we belong to You, we belong to one another as well. Help us to remember we are free in Christ, but our freedom is to be used to glorify You. Amen.

37 Victims of Abuse and Their Abusers

Thursday, November 6

Scripture

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."
-Psalm 34:18

Observation

Any form of abuse is a terrible breach of trust and human dignity, that sadly breaks hearts and crushes one's spirit. We live in a severely broken and fallen world, through which very sadly, abuse will continue. Perhaps even more disheartening than this reality, those who are abused may eventually lose sight of, or may have never known that our Lord is in their presence during such dark times. While, perhaps not in our nature, it is also important to realize that abusers, too, are brokenhearted and likely crushed in spirit. It is out of such conditions of the mind and heart, that evil and harm can come to others. So, whether abused or abusive, our Lord can comfort and heal, and our fervent prayers in this can be heard.

Prayer

Dear gracious and loving Father, we come in full praise of your Holy name, and in complete need of Your forgiveness and love. Our hearts ache deeply for those who have experienced and/or are currently experiencing abuse. Our prayer is that You will comfort and heal them in Your close presence, and that You will use us as you choose in mending their hearts. Also, for the abusers, Lord – may your loving presence cause them to seek You, to forgive themselves, to heal through Your mighty power, and to sense our hand of care. Through the name of your Holy son, Jesus, please accept this prayer.

38 Those Unreached With The Gospel

Friday, November 7

Scripture

"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'"
-Romans 10:14-15

Observation

According to the most recent International Mission Board research, there are over 7000 unreached people groups in the world—comprising as many as 4.9 billion people. Many of these people groups are native to regions of the world marked by oppression, poverty, and persecution. We need to pray for God to open doors of opportunity, as well as pray for the missionaries that are serving in these areas.

Prayer

Lord, we are so thankful that we have had the opportunity to become Your followers, and to be welcomed into Your family. But we pray for those who have not yet been given the opportunity to hear Your Gospel, to see your love, and to be set free from the bonds of sin and death. We pray that You would break every barrier that hinders Your Kingdom, and we pray for the Holy Spirit to embolden those spreading Your Gospel in word and deed. May your banqueting table be full!
Amen.

39 Addicts And Their Families

Saturday, November 8

Scripture

*“So do not fear for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am God. I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with My righteous hand.”*

– Luke 4:17-21

Observation

Trusting that God will give our family member the courage and strength to overcome their addiction and, as their family, that God will help us to always be the love and hope that they need.

Prayer

Heavenly Father we humbly ask for Your guidance. Help our addicted family member to submit to You, because in their surrender they gain Your power. Show them a new path to change that is full of hope, and a life free from shadows. Grant us who are standing by their side, patience, understanding, and the wisdom to offer the right kind of support. Let our actions always reflect Your love and foster healing. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

40 Local, Specific Concerns

Sunday, November 9

Scripture

“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!”

–Psalm 133:1

*“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength
and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”*

–Luke 10:27 ESV

Observation

As we end our 40 Days of Prayer, let us continue to pray every day for our community, our state, our nation, and our world. Although we have different opinions, so much more can be accomplished when we are unified, looking to God for guidance.

Prayer

Father, we thank You that we live in a nation where people can openly unite in prayer to You. As we close our 40 days of prayer, we ask You to bless our community with unity and love while we work together to improve the quality of life for everyone here. We pray for the people of our community to stand up for what is right and put their faith in action. Give us a spirit of boldness, working with all of Your energy (Colossians 1:29), to accomplish Your will for our community. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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