



## **LET PRAYER LEAD YOUR PRIORITIES IN 2026: A SEASON MARKED BY GRACE AND EXPECTATION.**

In January 2026, we invite you to take part in a meaningful and dedicated 7-day journey of prayer and fasting, rooted in expectation and a hunger for MORE of God. This intentional time is an opportunity to unite in faith, seek God with confidence, and believe for the powerful expression of His transforming presence. We encourage you to lean in, deepen your walk with Jesus, and fully embrace this sacred season of focused prayer, fasting, and trust in His eternal promises.

*PRAYER IS THE ACCESS AND DELIVERY SERVICE OF HEAVEN!*

*THE MORE YOU PRAY, THE LESS YOU SAY!*

*ABRAHAM PRAYED, ISAAC PRAYED, JACOB PRAYED, ELIJAH PRAYED, DANIEL PRAYED, DAVID PRAYED, JESUS PRAYED... AND THE LIST GOES ON... THEREFORE, WE (AGAPE) OUGHT TO PRAY!*

**2 Chronicles 7:14 (Amplified Bible)** 14 And My people, who are called by My Name, humble themselves, and pray and seek (crave, require as a necessity) My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear [them] from heaven, and forgive their sin and heal their land.

**Matthew 7:7-8 (Amplified Bible)** 7 “Ask and keep on asking and it will be given to you; seek and keep on seeking and you will find; knock and keep on knocking and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who keeps on asking receives, and he who keeps on seeking finds, and to him who keeps on knocking, it will be opened.

According to Bob & Debby Gass, January 1, 2026. The Word for Today: “Make Prayer Your First Priority,” p. 21. “Prayer should be your highest priority. Why? Because when you fail to pray, you set yourself up to fail. You’re saying in essence, “I don’t need God’s help or input.” God comes by invitation. Prayer opens the door and welcomes Him into your situation. Jesus said, “Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.”

### **Priorities**

Priorities shape the direction of our lives. When we order our lives around what matters most, we intentionally place God first, not just in words, but in how we invest our time, energy, and attention. Aligning daily choices with His will and purpose creates clarity, focus, and spiritual alignment, allowing everything else to fall into its proper place.

### **Grace**

Grace is God's unearned/unmerited favor at work in our lives, not only saving us but continually strengthening and sustaining us. It is His empowering presence that meets us where we are and carries us beyond what we could accomplish on our own. Through grace, we are transformed, renewed, and equipped to walk faithfully in every season.

### **Expectation**

Expectation is the posture of faith that looks ahead with confidence, believing God will move and fulfill His promises. It is an active, hope-filled anticipation that opens our hearts to receive more of Him. When we live with expectation, we remain attentive and receptive, ready to recognize His presence and respond to what He desires to reveal and do. (If we expect nothing, we get nothing.)

**William Seymour: Father of the Azusa Street Revival – He was Set Apart**



HE PRAYED IN A BOX

The Azusa Street revival was more than anything else a revival of prayer. For more than three years, Azusa Street prayer services occurred three times each day at 10 am, noon, and 7 pm. Seymour himself prayed five hours a day, often with his head hidden under a shoe box. His gift was to prayerfully usher people into the presence of God. Azusa Street, like most revivals, was also a revival of music.

A major aspect of the Azusa Street revival was healing, with signs and wonders. They had a wall in which no-longer-needed crutches, canes, and other medical aids were featured. Like in New Testament times, many deaf people could hear again, and the blind could see.

Here are a few key characteristics of **how William J. Seymour prayed**, drawn from accounts of the Azusa Street Revival:

- **Humble and repentant prayer:** Seymour often prayed with deep humility, emphasizing repentance and surrender before God rather than eloquence or position.
- **Persistent prayer:** He believed in praying until God moved. Prayer meetings at Azusa were long, unhurried, and marked by perseverance.
- **Spirit-led prayer:** Seymour relied heavily on the leading of the Holy Spirit, allowing prayer to flow spontaneously rather than follow a rigid structure.
- **Unity-centered prayer:** He prayed for racial, social, and spiritual unity, believing prayer could break barriers and reflect God's heart for reconciliation.
- **Faith-filled expectation:** Seymour prayed with the expectation that God would pour out His Spirit, trusting God to work beyond human ability or planning.
- **Prayer rooted in Scripture:** His prayers were grounded in the Bible, especially promises related to the Holy Spirit and revival.

Seymour and his church prayed:

- They were hungry for more of God
- They prayed, and heaven listened
- They continually prayed because they were **desperate** for more of God
- They said the moment we stop praying, the **fire** dies.

A question was asked: Where does the fish go during a storm? It goes at least 26 feet deep.

We have to go deeper in 2026! Deeper in the word! Deeper in prayer!

### **Matthew 6:33 (Amplified Bible)**

But first and most importantly, seek (aim at, strive after) His kingdom and His righteousness [His way of doing and being right, the attitude and character of God], and all these things will be given to you also.

### **WHAT IS FASTING?**

Biblical fasting goes beyond simply abstaining from food; it represents a symbolic act of self-denial and a desire to draw closer to God. Throughout the Bible, people fasted for different purposes, such as repentance, seeking direction, mourning, or demonstrating reliance on God. It is seen as a spiritual practice, a means of humbling oneself, and a heartfelt expression of devotion and sincerity in pursuing God's will. Fasting is a voluntary choice to refrain from eating, usually for a specific duration.

“And whenever you are fasting, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they put on a sad and dismal face [like actors, discoloring their faces with ashes or dirt] so that their fasting may be seen by men. I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, they [already] have their reward in full. <sup>17</sup> But **when you fast**, put oil on your head [as you normally would to groom your hair] and wash your face <sup>18</sup> so that your fasting will not be noticed by people, but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees [what is done] in secret will reward you.” Matthew 6:16-18 (NCV)

## WHY FAST?

There are various valid reasons and health advantages associated with fasting, but three main purposes stand out:

1. **Fasting provides additional time for prayer.** Utilizing the time typically spent on eating for prayer allows for a focus on what God intends to accomplish during the fasting period. Throughout the Bible, fasting is consistently linked with prayer, as exemplified in Acts 13:2-3 (NIV): "While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' So, after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off."
2. **Fasting serves as a demonstration of the intensity of your desire when praying for something.** It signifies a genuine commitment to your prayer request, illustrating your willingness to make a personal sacrifice. Deep desire and praying in faith are honored by God. Joel 1:14 (NIV) states, "Declare a holy fast; call a sacred assembly. Summon the elders and all who live in the land to the house of the Lord your God, and cry out to the Lord." Another verse from Joel, 2:12 (NASB), says, "Even now," declares the Lord, "return to Me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning."
3. **Fasting unleashes God's supernatural power, serving as a tool when facing opposition to God's will.** In times of adversity, united or corporate prayer and fasting have historically been effective in dealing a decisive blow to the enemy. Ezra 8:23 (MSG) notes, "So, we fasted and prayed about these concerns. And He listened." Isaiah 58:6 (NIV) emphasizes the kind of fasting chosen by God: "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loosen the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?"

*Joel 2:12*

“Even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.”

# 7 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING (GUIDE TO FASTING)

JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> TO JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>

## LET'S GATHER TOGETHER IN A COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT TO PRAYER, FASTING, AND EXPECTANT WAITING.

### Day 1: SUNDAY, JAN 18<sup>th</sup> A SEASON DEFINED BY GRACE AND EXPECTATION – *IN CONFESSION*

Confession is the honest acknowledgment of sin, shortcomings, and need before God, marked by humility, repentance, and a turning of the heart back to Him. Confession encompasses turning from sin in repentance and receiving God's forgiveness (1 John 1:9), along with boldly affirming faith in Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:9-10). Each requires a genuine, humble heart aligned with God's will.

1 John 1:9 (**Amplified Bible**) - If we [freely] admit that we have sinned and confess our sins, He is faithful and just [true to His own nature and promises], and will forgive our sins and cleanse us continually from all unrighteousness [our wrongdoing, everything not in conformity with His will and purpose].

Romans 10:9-10 (**Amplified Bible**) – because if you acknowledge and confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord [recognizing His power, authority, and majesty as God], and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart a person believes [in Christ as Savior], resulting in his justification [that is, being made righteous—being freed of the guilt of sin and made acceptable to God]; and with the mouth he acknowledges and confesses [his faith openly], resulting in and confirming [his] salvation.

James 5:16 (**Amplified Bible**) – Therefore, confess your sins to one another [your false steps, your offenses], and pray for one another, that you may be healed and restored. The heartfelt and persistent prayer of a righteous man (believer) can accomplish much [when put into action and made effective by God—it is dynamic and can have tremendous power].

### Day 2: MONDAY, JAN 19<sup>th</sup> – A SEASON DEFINED BY GRACE AND EXPECTATION - *IN REPENTANCE*

Repentance is a heartfelt turning away from sin and a deliberate turning toward God, marked by genuine sorrow, humility, and a commitment to change through obedience and renewed living.

**Psalm 51:1-2 (Amplified Bible)** – <sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Your compassion, blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness *and* guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

**Psalm 51:10-11** <sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right *and* steadfast spirit within me.

<sup>11</sup>Do not cast me away from Your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

**Day 3: TUESDAY, JAN 20<sup>th</sup> – A SEASON DEFINED BY GRACE AND EXPECTATION – *LET THE MAIN THING BE THE MAIN THING***

**Luke 10:38-42 (Amplified Bible)** – 38 Now while they were on their way, Jesus entered a village [called Bethany], and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. 39 She had a sister named Mary, who seated herself at the Lord's feet and was **continually listening to His teaching**. 40 But Martha was very **busy and distracted** with all of her serving responsibilities; and she approached Him and said, "Lord, is it of no concern to You that my sister has left me to do the serving alone? Tell her to help me and do her part." 41 But the Lord replied to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered and anxious about so many things; 42 but only one thing is necessary, for **Mary has chosen the good part [that which is to her advantage], which will not be taken away from her.**"

**SONG: At Your Feet by Clint Brown**

"At your feet, At your feet, I humbly bow before you, with honor I adore you. At your feet, At your feet, There's no place I'd rather be, than at your feet."

**Day 4: WEDNESDAY, JAN 21<sup>st</sup> - A SEASON DEFINED BY GRACE AND EXPECTATION - *FOR SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT***

Spiritual discernment is the ability to recognize and understand God's voice, truth, and direction, distinguishing what is of Him from what is not through prayer, Scripture, and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

**Ask God for Discernment**

- **James 1:5** – *"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach..."*
- **Proverbs 2:6** – *"For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding."*

**Discernment Through the Holy Spirit**

- **1 Corinthians 2:14** – *"The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God... because they are spiritually discerned."*
- **John 16:13** – *"When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth."*

**Testing and Discerning Truth**

- **1 John 4:1** – *"Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God."*
- **Romans 12:2** – *"Be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God."*

**Discernment Through God's Word**

- **Hebrews 4:12** – *"For the word of God is living and active... discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."*

- **Psalm 119:105** – *“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”*

### **Maturity and Discernment**

- **Hebrews 5:14** – *“But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.”*

### **Day 5: THURSDAY, JAN 22<sup>nd</sup> - A SEASON DEFINED BY GRACE AND EXPECTATION - *FOR SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE AND COMMITMENT***

*Spiritual guidance and commitment involve seeking God’s direction through prayer and Scripture while faithfully dedicating one’s heart, actions, and choices to follow His will with consistency and devotion.*

- **Proverbs 3:5-6** – *5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.*
- **Psalms 32:8** – *I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.*
- **Psalm 37:5** – *“Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act.”*
- **Isaiah 30:21** – *“And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, ‘This is the way, walk in it,’ whenever you turn to the right or to the left.”*
- **Joshua 1:8** – *“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”*

### **Day 6: FRIDAY, JAN 23<sup>rd</sup> - A SEASON DEFINED BY GRACE AND EXPECTATION - *BECAUSE WE ARE NOT SATISFIED – WE ARE HUNGRY FOR GOD***

#### **WE ARE NOT SATISFIED — WE ARE HUNGRY FOR GOD**

- **Matthew 5:6** – *“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.”*
- **Psalm 63:1** – *“O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You.”*
- **Psalm 42:1-2** – *“As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for You, O God.”*
- **Isaiah 55:1** – *“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters...”*
- **Philippians 3:13-14** – *“...forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on...”*
- **Joel 2:12** – *“Return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.”*
- **Amos 8:11** – *“I will send a famine in the land... not a famine of bread, but of hearing the words of the Lord.”*

Lord, I refuse to remain where I am, for my heart longs for more of You. I desire to move beyond a shallow faith into a deeper, more intimate walk with You. My pursuit is not rooted in what You can give, but in knowing You more fully, encountering Your presence, and being changed by Your love. In this season, I choose not to settle. I hunger for more of Your wisdom, Your peace, and Your power at work in my life. Draw me nearer, Lord, for only You can truly satisfy the longing of my soul.

**SONG: I'm Hungry For You**

*I'm hungry for you, I'm hungry for you. I need Your touch, I seek Your Face, I need Your presence.*

*I'm hungry for You, I'm hungry for You. I need Your touch, I seek Your Face, I need Your presence.*

*I'm thirsty for You, I'm thirsty for You, I need Your touch, I seek Your Face, I need Your presence.*

*I'm thirsty for You, I'm thirsty for You. I need Your touch, I seek Your Face, I need Your presence.*

*I'm longing for You, I'm longing for You. I need Your touch, I seek Your Face, I need Your presence.*

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**Day 7: SATURDAY, JAN 24<sup>th</sup> - SEASON DEFINED BY GRACE AND EXPECTATION –  
PRAYER FOR LEADERS**

**A Call to Prayer**

*1 Timothy 2:1-2 (Amplified Bible)* 1 First of all, then, I urge that petitions (specific requests), prayers, intercessions (prayers for others) and thanksgivings be offered on behalf of all people, 2 for kings and all who are in [positions of] high authority, so that we may live a peaceful and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

- **Call to Intercession:** Emphasizes offering prayers, supplications, intercessions, and thanksgiving for all leaders.
- **Scope of Leadership:** Includes government, civic, and spiritual leaders, everyone in positions of authority.
- **Request for Wisdom:** Asks God to grant leaders wisdom, discernment, humility, and integrity.
- **Godly Outcomes:** Seeks peace, stability, and righteousness so people may live quiet, godly, and dignified lives.
- **Trust in God's Authority:** Acknowledges God as the ultimate ruler and source of guidance.

Father God, we come before You with supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving on behalf of all leaders You have allowed to serve in positions of authority. We lift up **government leaders, civic officials, spiritual leaders, and all those entrusted with influence and responsibility**. Grant them wisdom that comes from above, discernment to lead with integrity, and hearts that are humble and responsive to Your truth. We ask that You guide their decisions so that peace, order, and righteousness may prevail, allowing us to live quiet, stable, and godly lives marked by dignity and respect. Strengthen those who lead, correct where needed, and draw every heart closer to Your will. We trust You, Lord, as the ultimate authority, and we thank You for Your sovereign hand at work. Amen.



**Have you ever wondered what set apart some of the greatest spiritual leaders in history, those who shook the world with their faith and brought about massive revivals?**

**There are 10 prayer warriors I would like to point out who prayed:**

1. **John Wesley: Two Hours of Morning Prayer** - Wesley's prayer life laid the foundation for a movement that transformed England and spread across the world.
2. **Martin Luther: "I Have So Much to Do That I Shall Spend Three Hours in Prayer."** - Luther recognized that the more he had to accomplish, the more time he needed to spend in communion with God.
3. **David Yonggi Cho: Three to Five Hours Daily** - David Yonggi Cho, the founder of the world's largest church, took prayer seriously.
4. **Rees Howells: Nights in Prayer for Global Impact** - Howells' life is a powerful reminder that prayer isn't just for personal needs; it can literally change the course of history.
5. **Charles Finney: Hours of Prayer Before Revivals** - Charles Finney, one of the leading figures in the Second Great Awakening, believed that revival was birthed in prayer.
6. **Mother Teresa: Two Hours of Daily Prayer** - Mother Teresa was one of the most well-known servants of the poor, but what many don't know is how central prayer was to her life.
7. **Smith Wigglesworth: Praying Every 30 Minutes** - Smith Wigglesworth, known for his healing ministry, took a slightly different approach to prayer. He didn't necessarily pray for long periods at once, but he was known for praying every 30 minutes throughout the day.
8. **John Hyde: Hours of Prayer Before Ministry** - John Hyde, also known as "Praying Hyde," was a missionary to India who made prayer his life's work. He would spend hours in prayer, often into the night, before his meetings.
9. **John Welch: Seven to Eight Hours Daily** - John Welch, a Scottish preacher, had one of the most extraordinary prayer lives on record. He spent seven to eight hours a day in prayer. His wife often found him in the middle of the night, weeping for the souls of his congregation.
10. **Susanna Wesley: Two Hours a Day** - Susanna Wesley raised ten children, two of whom were John and Charles Wesley, who went on to lead the Methodist revival. Despite her incredibly busy life, Susanna made a habit of spending two hours every day in prayer.

What their lives teach us about prayer is that, although they had different backgrounds and callings, they shared one defining trait: each was used **mightily by God** and sustained a **deep, consistent life of prayer. NOTHING HAPPENS WITHOUT PRAYER!**

In 2026, let us come together with a united heart, committing ourselves to prayer, fasting, and hopeful expectation. As we move forward, we choose to place our full trust in God, finding true rest and victory in Jesus alone. By faith, we surrender every burden, fear, doubt, and concern into His caring hands, holding nothing back. In that surrender, we step into a place of peace and rest. History reminds us that those God used to ignite powerful movements and lasting revival were set apart not by their strength, but by their wholehearted dependence on Him.

**A Grace and a Season for More:** Lord, in this season of grace, we seek more of You. We long to grow in trust, faith, and intimacy with You, fully relying on Your presence and provision. May this be a year of **deeper encounters, greater faith, and a closer walk with You** as we step boldly into the fullness of all You have prepared for us in 2026 and beyond.

*Prayer and fasting involve making room for God, essentially preparing a landing strip in our lives for Him. When seeking something fresh and transformative, it's essential to clear space. Just as an expectant*

*mother meticulously arranges a nursery for her new baby, consider the changes you want God to bring into your life.*

**As this season of prayer and fasting concludes, let us step into PATIENT, INTENTIONAL, EXPECTANT WAITING, believing for a powerful move of God in 2026.**