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40 Days of Community Prayer

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 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.

As churches and as a community we 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 to pray for the specific needs identified by many of the area ministers.

DAY 1: Sunday, September 27

Scripture: *"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him" - James 1:5*

Observation: We praise God for the gift of prayer; for being able to talk to our Father at any time and be confident that He hears, He cares, and He is willing and able to answer our petitions. We give thanks for the mediation of Jesus, our High Priest, who speaks to the Father on our behalf when we approach God's throne; and for the Holy Spirit, who intercedes for us when we do not even know what we ought to pray for.

Prayer: Father, we boldly ask in the name of Jesus that you bless us in the next 40 days with the wisdom we need to face life's challenges and bring about unity in our community; through our High Priest we claim your promise to draw near to us as we draw near to You; we ask that through your Spirit you will grant us a deeper sense of Your presence in our community in the days ahead.

DAY 2: Monday, September 28

Scripture: *"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" -Psalm 139:23-24*

Observation: We must be willing to humbly address the sin in our own lives before an all-knowing God in order for Him to fully use us to accomplish His will in our lives and in our churches and community.

Prayer: Search our hearts, O God, and know our anxious thoughts; deliver us from worry and give us more faith.

DAY 3: Tuesday, September 29

Scripture: *"Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering" Hebrews 13:3*

Observation: We remember today those who are in our jails and prisons and the families who must adapt to life without a loved one in the home.

Prayer: Father we pray for our families in the community that have been affected by the violent actions of others. Give them peace and comfort during their season of struggle.

DAY 4: Wednesday, September 30

Scripture: *"Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God." Romans 13: 1*

Observation: We are grateful for our elected officials and our first responders as they give of themselves for the betterment of our community. Be mindful and in prayer for their families as well.

Prayer: Father, we pray today for the men and women of our community who protect and preserve the security and peace of our community. We ask for their safety and success.

DAY 5: Thursday, October 1

Scripture: *"He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide for strong nations far away; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." Micah 4:3*

Observation: Bring PEACE to our City

Prayer: Father, disarm our hearts and do away with racial and social groups. Walk with us and train us in YOUR ways of PEACE. Only you can do this. And we trust YOUR plan. Amen.

DAY 6: Friday, October 2

Scripture: - *“All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.” Psalm 22:27*

Observation: Seek God on behalf of the Ethnicities in El Dorado

Prayer: Father, we beg you to overcome tensions between ethnicities in El Dorado. Thank you in advance for what only YOU can do. Amen.

DAY 7: Saturday, October 3

Scripture: *“But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.” Luke 6:27-28*

Observation: A Challenge for Christ followers to seek and make peace.

Prayer: Father, there may be those who dislike or oppose us because of YOU. Nevertheless, change our hearts, shape our thoughts, and direct our deeds so that we become the blessing You desire us to be. Amen.

DAY 8: Sunday, October 4

Scripture: – *“But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” Luke 18:13-14*

Observation: We long for God’s mercy.

Prayer: Father, there is a mountain of love beneath every act of Your mercy, so we refuse to despair. Instead, we are desperate in hope of Your love. Move in great mercy upon us. Amen.

DAY 9: Monday, October 5

Scripture: *“For the angel of the LORD is a guard; he surrounds and defends all who fear him.” Psalm 34.7 (NLT)*

Observation: Too many officers in Law Enforcement have been targeted for senseless violence.

Prayer: Our Father God, today we pray for all Law Enforcement Officers in Union County. We pray for their safety. We ask, Lord, that you position angels to guard them from every angle. We hold up a shield of faith on their behalf. We ask that you give them a supernatural ability to maintain calm and a supernatural level of wisdom and discernment in every situation.

DAY 10: Tuesday, October 6

Scripture: *“Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD.” Psalm 33:12 (NASB)*

Observation: We need revival on a local and on a national level. More and more of our laws do not agree with God’s Word. It may be a while before we can change the laws, but we can change the hearts of people.

Prayer: Our Father God, today we repent on behalf of our nation. We ask Lord for your mercy and your grace. We ask you Lord to send revival across our nation. Holy Spirit, draw us all, back to the God of our nation’s founding fathers, and the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob the fathers of our faith. Transform us Lord until we are one nation under the one true God. We declare that Jesus is Lord over Union County, and that Jesus is Lord over the United States of America.

DAY 11: Wednesday, October 7

Scripture: *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8-*

Observation: I think we have forgotten what kind of power Jesus left us. He said it is for our benefit that He leaves, but it did not stop there. Jesus said that another would come just like Him, the Holy Spirit. If we call ourselves believers, we have the Holy Spirit inside us! We cannot change this city, only the Holy Spirit can through us!

Prayer: Every believer would tap into the awesome resource Jesus left us, the Holy Spirit. We pray that the Holy Spirit prepares the hearts and minds of the citizens of El Dorado. Only then can change occur.

DAY 12: Thursday, October 8

Scripture: Jesus instructed his disciples with the following words: *“Let the children come to me, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as they. Don’t send them away.”* (Mark 10:14 LB) *“Children are a gift from God; they are his reward.”* (Psalm 127:3 LB)

Observation: The precious children of our community are a gift from God. Jesus loves them, so we must show them Christ love and so doing, love them to Jesus.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you love the children of our community, would you love them through me?” Help me to be your eyes looking out for them. Help me to be your arms reaching out to them. Help me to be your heart loving them.

DAY 13: Friday, October 9

Scripture: According to John 13:35 Jesus taught, *“By this will all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

Observation: God has chosen to use love for one another as the tool or instrument for the world to measure the sincerity and authenticity of our faith! God help us to demonstrate our faith by loving others; both believers and unbelievers.

Prayer: Father, help me to reflect your love to our community, because our community needs you and your great love desperately.

DAY 14: Saturday, October 10

Scripture: According to John 14:27 Jesus promised, *“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give unto you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.”*

Observation: People are longing for and looking for peace which only the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ can give. Peace is a gift which our Lord wills to bestow upon all.

Prayer: Father, in our land that is filled with violence, help me to be an instrument of your peace, showing it and sharing it with those who are in search for peace.

DAY 15: Sunday, October 11

Scripture: According to Matthew 6:12 Jesus taught us to pray in this manner, *“And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.”* The apostle Paul penned these words, *“Be kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.”* (Ephesians 4:32)

Observation: The great reality about forgiveness is this; Jesus measures us by the yardstick we use on others. Jesus didn't say, “Forgive us because we have forgiven others.” But “Forgive us as we have forgiven others.”

Prayer: Father, thank you for extending your forgiveness to me, help me to share and show forgiveness to those who need it.

DAY 16: Monday, October 12

Scripture: *“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom Heaven.”* Matthew 5:3 (KJV)

Observation: We may think we are smart, clever, and can do anything we put our minds to. But until we recognize that it is only by God's grace that lasting good can be accomplished, we will fall short every time.

Prayer: God grant that each person will grow to depend more and more on your love, that all may know the joy of your love and grace. Amen

DAY 17: Tuesday, October 13

Scripture: *“And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.” Genesis 2:15 (KJV)*

Observation: From the beginning God gave us jobs to do, not just to provide for ourselves and our family, but to give us the gift of dignity which work brings. Lack of opportunity to get a job leads to frustration, and this can lead to violence - the violence of stealing and domestic violence.

Prayer: Bless, O God, the efforts of all who are looking for work; and bless our community with an abundance of good paying jobs. Help our community end the frustration of unemployment and the violence it can bring. Amen

DAY 18: Wednesday, October 14

Scripture: - *“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.” Galatians 3:28*

Observation: Human beings come in all different shapes, colors, and sizes. In the end we are all God’s beloved creation. None of us has the right to exalt ourselves or debase our neighbors, for God has made us all one in Christ.

Prayer: Strengthen our efforts, O God, to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name. Amen. (The Book of Common Prayer)

DAY 19: Thursday, October 15

Scripture: *“Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.” Romans 13:10 (KJV)*

Observation: Do you care what happens to you and your loved ones? Then have that same care about what happens to others. This is the love which does no harm, and fulfills the royal law of God.

Prayer: Help us, O God, to care about others as much as we care about ourselves, hurting no one, but instead pleasing you in the way we treat one another. Amen.

DAY 20: Friday, October 16

Scripture: *“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.” 1 Corinthians 10:13*

Observation: Sooner or later everyone is tempted to do what is hurtful or harmful to others. God gives us wisdom, and God gives us wise neighbors to help us find a better way, the way of God’s love. It’s a choice. Pray that we may choose wisely.

Prayer: O God, whenever we are tempted to do something hurtful or harmful to our neighbor, give us the gift of your wisdom; surround us with wise and caring companions; and show us the better way of your love. Amen.

DAY 21: Saturday, October 17

Scripture: *“if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” -2 Chronicles 7:14*

Observation: God gives us choices, but with choices come consequences. We have a choice to be humble, we have a choice to pray to Him. We even have a choice while breath is in our body to turn from our wicked ways. The consequences of doing all the above is Christ will forgive our sins and heal our land, but the consequences of not doing these things will be death and destruction

Prayer: Dear Lord Please forgive us of our many sins and continue to love us right where we are in life. Help us to turn from our wicked ways and and seek you. We pray for the just as well as the unjust, and we also pray the blood of Jesus over our city.

DAY 22: Sunday, October 18

Scripture: *“For God so loved the world that he gave his begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16*

Observation: Awesome! That’s the only word that came to mind to describe someone who loved us enough even in our sins to give His best to cover our mess

Prayer: Dear Lord we come to you as humble as we know how. We thank you for giving your best. We thank you for you precious Son, Jesus. We thank you for His death, burial and resurrection. Thank you so much for making it possible for anyone to come and be a part of a great family. In Jesus name, Amen.

DAY 23: Monday, October 19

Scripture: - *“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:*

² *a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,*

³ *a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,*

⁴ *a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,*

⁵ *a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,*

⁶ *a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away,*

⁷ *a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,*

⁸ *a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.” -Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

Observation: There is a time for all these things we do in life

Prayer: We pray dear Father, that you will guide us and tell us the time to do your will, the time to be still, the time to speak and the time to be quiet. In Jesus name, Amen

DAY 24: Tuesday, October 20

Scripture: - *“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.” - Proverbs 3:5*

Observation: We should trust in the Lord in all we think and do. Don't trust your own judgement, but ask God to lead us and direct our path.

Prayer: Dear Lord, we come to you humble and thankful. Thanks in advance for leading us and directing us. Thank you for being a lamp unto our feet. Thank you for new Grace and Mercy everyday. Thank you for telling us in your word to trust you with all our hearts. This is a prayer of thanks! We are not asking for anything just want to let you know we thank you for all you have blessed us with in our lives. In Jesus name, Amen

DAY 25: Wednesday, October 21

Scripture: *“Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.” -1 Timothy 4.12 (NLT)*

Observation: Fields of Faith will be held on Wednesday, October 21 at 7pm at Memorial Stadium. This is a student-led event sponsored by the FCA huddles at Barton Jr High, El Dorado High, Smackover, and Parkers Chapel. Come hear local student athletes testify about their faith. For info, contact Danny Rivers 870.814.4064.

Prayer: Our Father God, today we pray for all students in Union County. We pray for their safety. We ask, Lord, that you position angels to guard them from any attack. We ask that you increase their abilities in every area - mentally, physically, socially, and spiritually. May their minds be open to learning and their hearts be open to you. We pray for a great harvest tonight at Fields of Faith.

DAY 26: Thursday, October 22

Scripture: - *“¹ Listen to my words, Lord, consider my lament. ² Hear my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. ³ In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly. ⁴ For you are not a God who is pleased with wickedness; with you, evil people are not welcome.” Psalm 5:1-4*

Observation: God is a prayer-hearing God. Such he has always been, and he is still as ready to hear prayer as ever. The most encouraging principle of prayer, and the most powerful plea in prayer is to look upon him as our King and our God. David also prays to a sin-hating God. Sin is folly, and sinners are the greatest of all fools; fools of their own making. Wicked people hate God; justly are they hated of him, and this will be their endless misery and ruin. Let us learn the importance of truth and sincerity in all the affairs of life. Liars and murderers resemble the devil and are his children, therefore it may well be expected that God should abhor them. These were the characters of David's enemies; and such as these are still the enemies of Christ and his people.

Prayer: Our Father we pray as David prayed, early in the morning, David declaring his loyalty to You just as we must declare that same loyalty to You as we pray for our city. We, like David, express our concern about the sinfulness that grips our community and pray that You would not only deliver our city but we all would be conformed to the image of Your dear Son, Amen

DAY 27: Friday, October 23

Scripture - *“And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;” Luke 18:1*

Observation: Prayer is not one quick session of listing needs and expecting immediate results. Prayer is continuing to talk to God with persistence. Prayer is based on absolute faith in God so it never gives up, knowing God will answer when and where He chooses. Prayer also knows that God expects us to keep on praying until the answer comes.

Prayer: Our Father all God's people are praying people. As we see here earnest steadiness in prayer for spiritual mercies is taught. The widow's earnestness prevailed even with the unjust judge: even though she feared she might set him more against her; but our earnest prayer is pleasing to our God. Even to the end there will still be ground for the same complaint of weakness of faith. Father we thank you, Amen

DAY 28: Saturday, October 24

Scripture: - *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” -Philippians 4:6-7*

Observation: Let believers be of one mind, and ready to help each other. As the apostle had found the benefit of their assistance, he knew how comfortable it would be to his fellow-laborers

to have the help of others. Let us seek to give assurance that our names are written in the book of life. Joy in God is of great consequence in the Christian life and Christians need to be again and again called to it. It more than outweighs all causes for sorrow. Let their enemies perceive how moderate they were as to outward things and how composedly they suffered loss and hardships. The Day of Judgment will soon arrive, with full redemption to believers, and destruction to ungodly men. There is a care of diligence which is our duty, and agrees with a wise forecast and due concern; but there is a care of fear and distrust, which is sin and folly, and only perplexes and distracts the mind. As a remedy against perplexing care, constant prayer is recommended. Not only stated times for prayer, but in everything by prayer

Prayer: Our Father we know Joy replaces anxiety in life, so Paul advised the Philippians and us not to be anxious about anything. Father, worry and anxiety from focusing on your circumstances will lead us nowhere. Anxiety or worry doesn't accomplish anything, but prayer does. We know the peace of God comes from prayer involving both asking God for earthly needs and thanking God for His presence and provision. God's peace reflects the divine character, which lives in serenity, totally separate from all anxiety and worry and Father we ask for Peace. Such peace is not a dream of the human mind. The human mind cannot even comprehend this kind of peace, wholeness, and quiet confidence we all need. My Father, such peace protects the two organs of worry; heart and mind, that produce feeling and thoughts. Such protection is real and available in Christ Jesus. Those who do not trust and commit their life to Christ have no hope for peace. Father we trust and love you, Amen

DAY 29: Sunday, October 25

Scripture: - *“Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, ² to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.” Titus 3:1-2*

Observation: We must be people who show respect and honor where it's due

Prayer: Father, we pray for all of our leaders who have been elected positions in the city. We pray for their safety and for the safety of their families. We pray for our first responders, for their safety, and for the safety of their families. We pray that they will faithfully fulfill their duties according to the title they carry.

DAY 30: Monday, October 26

Scripture: - *“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³ “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” Ephesians 6:1-3*

Observation: This is the first great duty which God has enjoined on children. It is to do what their parents command them to do. The God of nature indicates that this is duty, for he has impressed it on the minds of all in every age, and the Author of revelation confirms it. It is particularly important. Because the good order of a family, home and of the community, depends upon it, no community or family will be prosperous where there is not due subordination in the household. Because the welfare of the child depends on it, it being of the highest importance

that a child should be early taught obedience to “law”, as no one can be prosperous or happy who is not thus obedient. Because the child is not competent as yet to “reason” on what is right, or qualified to direct himself, and, while that is the case, he must be subject to the will of some other person.

Prayer: Father we pray that you watch over our young children. Father we ask that you help us guide them to your word and that you will give them understanding. Father help us to care for one another, taking time today to reach out and help someone in need.

DAY 31: Tuesday, October 27

Scripture: - *“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” John 15:12-13*

Observation: Where the heart is right the conduct will be right. Love will soften the tones, will instinctively teach what we ought to be and do, will take the bitterness out of opposition and diversity, will make even rebuke, when needful, only a form of expressing itself. If the heart be right all else will be right, and if there be a deficiency of love nothing will be right. You cannot help anybody except on condition of having an honest, beneficent, and benevolent regard towards him. You cannot do any man in the world any good unless there is a shoot of love in your heart towards him. You may pitch him benefits, and you will neither get nor deserve thanks for them. You may try to teach him and your words will be hopeless and profitless. The one thing that is required to bind Christian men together is this common affection. That being there, everything will come. It is the germ out of which all is developed. As we read in that great chapter to the Corinthians-the lyric praise of Charity,-all kinds of blessing and sweetness and gladness come out of this, It is the central force which, being present, secures that all shall be right, which, being absent, ensures that all shall be wrong

Prayer: Our Father who art in Heaven we want to thank you for letting us see one more day. Our Father without you we would be nothing and we thank you for everything you have done for us and for all of the things you will do for us. You said we have to love each other as we would love ourselves and we ask in your name for us to love each other as you loved your Son, Amen

DAY 32: Wednesday, October 28

Scripture: - *“Turn from Evil and Do Good, Seek Peace and Pursuit it.” Psalm 34:14*

Observation: It states that not only acts of beneficence to all in necessitous circumstances, but every good work; whatever the word of God directs, or suggests should be done; and which should be done from right principles of faith and love, and to right ends, the glory of God, and the good of his interest; and Christ should be looked and applied unto for grace and strength to perform; all which are evidences of the true fear of God; in the world, and with all men, as much as possibly can be; in neighborhoods, cities, and states, and in the churches of Christ, and with the saints, as well as with God through Christ; and which in every sense is to be pursued after with eagerness, and to be endeavored for with diligence.

Prayer: Our father we know that evil is near to men and it is also approaching fast. Evil keeps close to us, and should be declined and shunned at any and all times. All sorts of evil must be shunned; evil men, and their evil company, evil things, evil words and works, and all appearance of evil. The fear of the Lord shows itself in a hatred of evil, and a departure from it. We ask all of this in Jesus' name, Amen.

DAY 33: Thursday, October 29

Scripture: - *“For by grace ye are saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: It is the gift of God.” -Ephesians 2:8*

Observation: Faith is not a natural response, it is not tangible. Faith is a spiritual feeling and according to Hebrew 11:1 it is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. God fills our body with his Spirit and assures us he will not leave us nor will he forsake us. The bible clearly shows us in John 3:16 we are to have faith in God to be saved. Our faith in God ensures his believers will have everlasting life.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, I praise you for giving me the Christian eyes to see you and a Christian Heart to love you. I pray that my faith and trust in you continue to shine through me in all that I do so that the non-believer can see how your love, grace and mercy can be life changing.

DAY 34: Friday, October 30

Scripture: - *“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” Matthew 18:20*

Observation: We are more powerful when we stand together in the name of Christ.

Prayer: Father, help us to dwell on things of importance and keep our eyes on the prize. Forgive us when we find ourselves consumed with the trivial in our lives and in the world. May we be about Your business.

DAY 35: Saturday, October 31

Scripture: - *“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.”² “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise),³ “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” Ephesians 6:1-3*

Observation: We need the restoration of respect and honor from children

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we pray that children will come in compliance with the rules and will learn to respect parents, grown folks, and elders. We pray that children will respect their home, neighborhood, school, school teachers, church and elders, and show respect wherever they may be.

DAY 36: Sunday November 1

Scripture: - *“⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.” Romans 12:9-10*

Observation: The marks of a Christian should be obvious to those living in darkness.

Prayer: Father, help us to live out our faith in tangible ways and may our walk be consistent with our talk. Forgive us when our walk and talk do not match and give us the wisdom to see the difference.

DAY 37: Monday, November 2

Scripture: - *“¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.” Leviticus 19:18*

Observation: We are called to be people of love and leave revenge to God.

Prayer: Father defeat the spirit of revenge that is so prevalent in our world today. Comfort those who are living out this dilemma in their lives. Give them peace and comfort in their season of distress. Give us the strength to love those who are hardest to love. Give us a heavenly perspective when it comes to dealing with difficult folks in our lives.

DAY 38: Tuesday, November 3

Scripture: - *“³ For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. ⁵ We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, ⁶ being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.” II Corinthians 10:3-6*

Observation: We must have the courage to dispel evil doings

Prayer: Father, we pray against the evil that plagues our neighborhoods, our community, and our nation. We pray for the ones who commit the evil and against the sources that cause evil to persist. We pray against weapons that destroy lives and families in our community and for the people who use these weapons.

DAY 39: Wednesday, November 4

Scripture: - *“Pray without ceasing” 1 Thessalonians 5:17*

Observation: This is not a command about speaking non-stop prayers but it means to never stop praying. It refers however, to the attitude of prayer, or reverence before God. The Christian's life of righteousness and his approach to relations and responsibilities should be such that he maintains a constant attitude of being in God's presence. Such a person will pray often and about many things, including requests, praise, and thanksgiving. This command also means that we should never quit praying.

Prayer: Our Father who art in Heaven we pray that we are regular and constant in the observance of the stated seasons of prayer. We are to observe the duty of prayer in the closet, in the family, and in the assembly convened to call on the name of the Lord. We are not to allow this duty to be interrupted or intermitted by any trifling cause. We are so to act that it may be said we pray regularly in the closet, in the family, and at the usual seasons when the church prays to which we belong. Most Holy Father help us to maintain an uninterrupted and constant spirit of prayer. We are to be in such a frame of mind as to be ready to pray publicly if requested; and when alone, to improve any moment of leisure which we may have when we feel ourselves strongly inclined to pray. Amen

DAY 40: Thursday, November 5

Scripture: - *“¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.” Ephesians 6:10-13*

Observation: Pray for the restoration of good people

Prayer: Father, as we close our 40 days of prayer, 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.