

Genesis 40 Days of Prayer, Week #1:
We remove hinderances to prayer.

Day 1: Saturday, April 1:

We remind ourselves that God loves us and wants to answer our prayers.

**Luke 11:5-13: Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"*

This week, pray that as we come to Annual Conference, we would come humbly, without hinderances in our lives.

Day 2: Sunday, April 2:

Prayer are hindered by a lack of humility

2 Chron 7:14 - ... 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.

Day 3: Monday, April 3:

Prayers are hindered by selfishness and a lack of love

Luke 6:38 - Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. *The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.

**Proverbs 21:13 - Those who shut their ears to the cries of the poor will be ignored in their own time of need.*

**James 4:2-3 - You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because *you ask with wrong motives*, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.*

Day 4: Tuesday, April 4:

Prayers are hindered by a lack of faith & anxiety.

**James 1:5-8 - If any of you needs wisdom to know what you should do, you should ask God, and he will give it to you. God is generous to everyone and doesn't find fault with them. When you ask for something, don't have any doubts. A person who has doubts is like a wave that is blown by the wind and tossed by the sea. A person who has doubts shouldn't expect to receive anything from the Lord. A person who has doubts is thinking about two different things at the same time and can't make up his mind about anything.*

**John 15:16 - You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name.*

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

Day 5: Wednesday, April 5:

Prayers are hindered by disobedience, unforgiveness and unconfessed sin.

*1 John 3:21-24 Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, *because we keep his commands and do what pleases him*. And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

*Psalm 66: 18 - If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;

*Mark 11:24-25 - Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And when you stand praying, *if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.*"

Day 6: Thursday, April 6:

Prayers are hindered by unresolved conflict (inside and outside our families)

* Matthew 5:23-24 - "So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God."

*1 Peter 3:7 - Honor your wives as those who share God's life-giving kindness so that nothing will interfere with your prayers.

Day 7: Friday, April 7:

Prayers are hindered by idolatry (putting something else before God)

* Ezekiel 14 - Some of the elders of Israel came to me and sat down in front of me. Then the word of the Lord came to me: "Son of man, these men have set up idols in their hearts and put wicked stumbling blocks before their faces. Should I let them inquire of me at all? Therefore speak to them and tell them, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: When any of the Israelites set up idols in their hearts and put a wicked stumbling block before their faces and then go to a prophet, I the Lord will answer them myself in keeping with their great idolatry. I will do this to recapture the hearts of the people of Israel, who have all deserted me for their idols.' "Therefore say to the people of Israel, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Repent! Turn from your idols and renounce all your detestable practices!"

Day 8: Saturday, April 8:

Prayers are hindered when not in God's will

* 1 John 5:14 - And this is the confidence that we have before Him: If we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

Personal Reflections on this week's prayer:

Genesis 40 Days of Prayer, Week #2
Prayer flows out of WORSHIP

Day 9, Easter Sunday, April 9: **We come worshipfully.**

If we are to pray powerfully, we start with worship, which focuses our attention not on ourselves but on our God:

*Acts 16:25 -26 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose.

This week, pray that the presence of the Lord would be evident at Annual Conference.

Day 10: Monday, April 10:

Worship in prayer helps us see the greatness of God (and His ability to answer prayer):

*Psalm 139: 1-7 O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?

*Psalm 29 Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

Day 11: Tuesday, April 11:

In prayer, we worship a God who is worthy of everything we have:

*Revelation 4:11 - Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

Day 12: Wednesday, April 12:

In prayer, we worship a Lord who has sacrificed for us, in order to make a way for us and for all who come to Him:

*Revelation 5:9 - And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,..."

Day 13: Thursday, April 13:

Worship leads to humility in prayer:

* Isaiah 6:1-5 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty."

*Psalm 40: 16 - 17 - But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!" As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!

Day 14: Friday, April 14:

Worship in prayer is joyful and celebratory:

*Psalm 95 (whole Psalm)

Day 15: Saturday, April 15:

Prayer that worships, leads to God's power:

*Acts 4:23 On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: "'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one.' Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Personal Reflections on this week's prayer:

Genesis 40 Days of Prayer, Week #3: We pray for new BEGINNINGS

Day 16, Sunday April 16: We come boldly & expectantly

* Mark 11:22-24 - "Have faith in God," Jesus answered. "Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

* 1 John 5:14-15 - This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

Matthew 28:19-20 - "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

This week, pray that as a Conference, we would see a harvest and a multiplication of the harvest.

Day 17: Monday, April 17:

Pray for open doors for the good news:

*Colossians 4:2-3 - Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And *pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message*, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.

*Isaiah 59:1 - Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear.

Day 18: Tuesday, April 18:

Pray that you would be clear as you tell others the good news:

*Colossians 2: 4 Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

*1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...

Day 19: Wednesday, April 19:

Pray that you would recognize opportunities to tell others the good news of Jesus and that you would take those opportunities:

*Colossians 2:5 Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. 6 Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Day 20: Thursday, April 20:

Pray for boldness:

*Acts 4:24-31 - "And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, '.... And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness...' "And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness"

Day 21: Friday, April 21:

Pray that the good news would spread, through you and through our churches:

* 2 Thessalonians 3:1 - As for other matters, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you.

Day 22: Saturday, April 22:

Pray for a harvest and harvesters:

*Matthew 9:37-38 "Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'"

Personal Reflections on this week's prayer:

Genesis 40 Days of Prayer, Week #4: We pray for CONNECTION

Day 23: Sunday April 23: **We come together...**

John 13:35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

This week, pray that our relationships with others would be healthy and strong.

Day 24: Monday, April 24:

Pray that our churches would welcome & care for those who come:

*Matthew 25: 34-36 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'

Day 25: Tuesday, April 25:

Pray for right relationships -

*Matthew 6:12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Day 26: Wednesday, April 26:

Pray for others who are struggling:

*Luke 22:31-32 - "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

Day 27: Thursday, April 27:

Pray for love & devotion to one another in our churches:

*Acts 2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

*Philippians 1:8-11 God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Day 28: Friday, April 28:

Pray for needs to be met (yours and others)

*Matthew 6:11 Give us today our daily bread.

Day 29: Saturday, April 29:

Pray for God's Spirit to open our eyes to the wisdom, hope, riches, and power He has for us:

* Ephesians 1:15-19 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

Personal Reflections on this week's prayer:

Genesis 40 Days of Prayer, Week #5:
We pray for TRANSFORMATION

Day 30, Sunday April 30: **We come surrendered**

Luke 9:23-24 And (Jesus) said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."

This week, pray that we would all come fully surrendered to Annual Conference.

Day 31: Monday, May 1:

Pray that you would be transformed agents of change, on the Lord's mission:

*Matthew 6:10...your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Day 32: Tuesday, May 2:

Pray that your thinking would be transformed by the Scriptures:

*Romans 12:2 - 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.

* 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Day 33: Wednesday, May 3:

Pray that you and we would be empowered by Christ's love:

* Ephesians 3:14-21 - For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Day 34: Thursday, May 4:

Pray that we would be listening to & be obedient to the Lord & His Word:

*John 14:23 - Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

*John 10:27 - My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

Day 35: Friday, May 5:

Pray that you and we would immediately and radically obey:

*Luke 5:11, 27-28 - Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him... After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed him.

Day 36: Saturday, May 6:

Pray that we would live out Scriptures...

*Psalm 23: The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

*2 Peter 1:5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

*2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Personal Reflections on this week's prayer:

Genesis 40 Days of Prayer, Week #7: We pray for MULTIPLICATION

Day 37: Sunday, May 7: **We come with hope**

Matthew 17:20 - 20 He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

This week, pray that our people and our churches would multiply. Pray for new people to find and follow Jesus, for new churches to be planted

Day 38: Monday, May 8:

Pray that you and your church would be spiritually fruitful and multiplying

* John 15:5, 7-8 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing...

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Day 39: Tuesday, May 9:

Pray for Genesis, that we would "be fruitful and multiply"

* Philippians 1:3-6 I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Day 40: Wednesday, May 10:

Pray for the FMC, the Bishops (specifically our bishop, Linda Adams), and our worldwide church

*Matthew 28:18-20 - Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Thursday, May 11:

We open Annual Conference today with a prayer of thanks, praise, and asking that He would be powerfully at work in and among us

Ephesians 3: 20-21 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Personal Reflections on the 40 days of prayer: