

40 DAY PRAYER GUIDE

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Thank you for joining LifePointe Church in our 40 days of prayer and fasting as we approach Good Friday and Easter.

This Prayer Guide provides 40 verses and prayer prompts that help prayer become a conversation with God. He speaks through his revealed Word, and we respond in prayer.

This guide was designed for anyone to use as a standalone resource or in addition to any other Bible Reading Plans and Devotions you may already use. The daily guide can be used in as little as 5 minutes, or could prompt a prayer that lasts hours. It can also be used in conjunction with fasting in a variety of ways. Some may also choose to abstain from other distractions for this season, such as social media or news. Fasting can help intensify our hunger for God and removing distractions can focus our attention in these 40 days of prayer.

Our prayer for you is that this resource would stir up your love for our Heavenly Father, as you engage with Him in prayer (Matthew 6:9-13).

# Season of Prayer & Fasting

Join together in a church-wide season of prayer and fasting for 40 days (excluding Sundays) leading up to a special Good Friday worship service on April 7th.

Our purpose through this time is to humble ourselves before our Heavenly Father to seek His glory and leading both for LifePointe together, and for each of us individually. As you pray, please incorporate the included "Next Steps Prayer Focus" church-wide prayer requests into your prayers.

Recently during the final 2 weeks of the "Our Father" sermon series on prayer, we focused on Jesus' instructions on fasting in Matthew 6:16-18 that are connected to his teachings on prayer.

If you missed either of these two sermons, we highly encourage you to listen to them [sharethelife.org/sermonarchives] and then consider if and how you would like top join with the church in a corporate season of prayer & fasting.

If you choose to fast or abstain from something during this time, please let us know! Anonymously complete the 3 questions found at sharethelife.org/FAST, or scan the QR code below.

Joining the fast? Let us know!



Next Steps Prayer Focus

During 40 days of prayer & fasting, pray together for the:

### Nations

- Guidance and provision for those at LifePointe considering a call to the global mission field
- Davita Freeman is aiming to finish the final 8% of her fundraising by May, in order to depart for the mission field in Japan this June of 2023

## Neighborhood

- Guidance for this planning phase of LifePointe's backyard renovation project our goal is to transform the back area of the property into a space that is valuable both to our neighborhood and for the church
- Wisdom as we consider opportunities to use our building for gospel ministry that serves our neighbors with financial needs

Neighbors

• Pray by name for your own neighbors at home, work, or school; pray for boldness to share the gospel with them; pray for eyes to see opportunities that God provides to speak or show the gospel

## Financial Next-Steps

- LifePointe's financial debt from the 2008 building project (Foyer, Fireside Room, Early Childhood Wing expansion, office renovation) has served its purpose well, and God is leading us forward with fresh vision for new steps of ministry!
- Pray for provision from God to move generously through His people to finish our last steps by retiring our debt, and prepare us to take these next steps together with debt-free generosity.

#### TO ENRICH THE PRAYER GUIDE

#### SCRIPTURE

- Invite God to open your eyes to His Word before you read the scripture.
- Read the day's scripture slowly, then read it again.
- Try emphasizing different words as you read.

#### OBSERVATIONS

- What words or phrases stick out to you?
- What is the original author trying to say?
- In 1-3 words, what is the main idea of the text?

#### APPLICATION

- What does this text teach me about God, the world, or myself?
- What circumstances in my life are relevant to this text?
- How does the principle of this text apply in my life?

#### PRAYER

- Talk with God about what you have seen in this text
- Consider categories of Adoration, Confession, Supplication, and Thanksgiving
- Or use the general flow of the The Lord's Prayer (Mt. 6:9-13) as a guide to your prayer



#### PSALM 51:1-2

 1 Have Mercy on Me, 0 God, According to your steadfast love: According to your Abundant Mercy Blot out my transgressions.
2 Wash Me Thoroughly From My Iniquity, and Cleanse Me From My Sin!

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JOHN 15:5

5 I am the vine: You are the branches. Whoever Abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much Fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

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#### 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

16 Rejoice Always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 Give Thanks in All Circumstances: For this is the Will of God in Christ Jesus For You.

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#### 2 CHRONICLES 7:14

14 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.

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#### EPHESIANS 4:31-32

31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as god in christ forgave you.

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#### ISAIAH 41:10

10 FEAR NOT, FOR I AM WITH YOU: BE NOT DISMAYED, FOR I AM YOUR GOD: I WILL STRENGTHEN YOU, I WILL HELP YOU, I WILL UPHOLD YOU WITH MY RIGHTEOUS RIGHT HAND.

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HOSEA 6:6

6 For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, The knowledge of God Rather than burnt offerings.

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#### JOSHUA 1:9

9 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.

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#### PHILIPPIANS 4:19

#### 19 and My God Will supply every need of Yours According to his Riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

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#### ROMANS 1:16-17

16 FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL, FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD FOR SALVATION TO EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES, TO THE JEW FIRST AND ALSO TO THE GREEK. 17 FOR IN IT THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IS REVEALED FROM FAITH FOR FAITH, AS IT IS WRITTEN, "THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.

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#### PROVERBS 3:5-6

5 Trust in the lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

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#### PSALM 100:1-3

1 Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord, all the Earth! 2 Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His Presence with Singing! 3 know that the Lord, He is god! It is he who made us, and we are his: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

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#### ISAIAH 54:10

10 FOR THE MOUNTAINS MAY DEPART

AND THE HILLS BE REMOVED,

BUT MY STEADFAST LOVE SHALL NOT DEPART FROM YOU,

AND MY COVENANT OF PEACE SHALL NOT BE REMOVED,"

SAYS THE LORD, WHO HAS COMPASSION ON YOU.

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#### MATTHEW 6:33

33 "But seek first the kingdom of god and his Righteousness, and all these things will be Added to you."

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ROMANS 5:8

8 But god shows his love for US in that while we were still sinners, christ died for US.

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#### JOHN 16:33

33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart: I have overcome the world.

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## 2 CORINTHIANS 12:9-10

9 BUT HE SAID TO ME, "MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU, FOR MY POWER IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS." THEREFORE I WILL BOAST ALL THE MORE GLADLY OF MY WEAKNESSES, SO THAT THE POWER OF CHRIST MAY REST UPON ME. 10 FOR THE SAKE OF CHRIST, THEN, I AM CONTENT WITH WEAKNESSES, INSULTS, HARDSHIPS, PERSECUTIONS, AND CALAMITIES. FOR WHEN I AM WEAK, THEN I AM STRONG.

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### PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

6 do not be anxious about anything, but in Everything by prayer and supplication with Thanksgiving let your requests be made known to god. 7 and the peace of god, which surpasses All understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in christ Jesus.

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### **JAMES** 1:2-3

2 Count It all Joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

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## ROMANS 8:28

28 and we know that for those who love god all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

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1 JOHN 1:9

9 IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST TO FORGIVE US OUR SINS AND TO CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

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19 and My God Will supply every need of Yours According to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

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## **PROVERBS 4:18-19**

18 but the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,

WHICH SHINES BRIGHTER AND BRIGHTER UNTIL FULL DAY.

19 THE WAY OF THE WICKED IS LIKE DEEP DARKNESS: THEY DO NOT KNOW OVER WHAT THEY STUMBLE.

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## JAMES 1:19-20

19 know this, my beloved brothers: Let every Person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger: 20 for the anger of man does not Produce the righteousness of god.

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## HEBREWS 4:12-13

12 For the word of god is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 and no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

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## 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

13 NO TEMPTATION HAS OVERTAKEN YOU THAT IS NOT COMMON TO MAN. GOD IS FAITHFUL, AND HE WILL NOT LET YOU BE TEMPTED BEYOND YOUR ABILITY, BUT WITH THE TEMPTATION HE WILL ALSO PROVIDE THE WAY OF ESCAPE, THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO ENDURE IT.

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#### PHILIPPIANS 3:13-14

13 BROTHERS, I DO NOT CONSIDER THAT I HAVE MADE IT MY OWN. BUT ONE THING I DO: FORGETTING WHAT LIES BEHIND AND STRAINING FORWARD TO WHAT LIES AHEAD, 14 I PRESS ON TOWARD THE GOAL FOR THE PRIZE OF THE UPWARD CALL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS.

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## PSALM 56:3-4

- 3 WHEN I AM AFRAID, I PUT MY TRUST IN YOU.
- 4 IN GOD, WHOSE WORD I PRAISE, IN GOD I TRUST: I SHALL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT CAN FLESH DO TO ME?

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# ISAIAH 26:3

# 3 You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

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# JOHN 10:10

10 The Thief Comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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# ROMANS 12:12

12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

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# PHILIPPIANS 3:8

8 INDEED, I COUNT EVERYTHING AS LOSS BECAUSE OF THE SURPASSING WORTH OF KNOWING CHRIST JESUS MY LORD. FOR HIS SAKE I HAVE SUFFERED THE LOSS OF ALL THINGS AND COUNT THEM AS RUBBISH, IN ORDER THAT I MAY GAIN CHRIST

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JAMES 4:8

8 Draw Near to God, and he will draw Near to You. Cleanse Your Hands, You Sinners, and Purify Your Hearts, You Double-Minded.

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# 1 PETER 5:6-7

6 Humble Yourselves, Therefore, Under The Mighty Hand of God So That at the proper time He may exalt you, 7 Casting All Your Anxieties on Him, because he Cares For You.

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#### COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

1 IF THEN YOU HAVE BEEN RAISED WITH CHRIST, SEEK THE THINGS THAT ARE ABOVE, WHERE CHRIST IS, SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD. 2 SET YOUR MINDS ON THINGS THAT ARE ABOVE, NOT ON THINGS THAT ARE ON EARTH. 3 FOR YOU HAVE DIED, AND YOUR LIFE IS HIDDEN WITH CHRIST IN GOD. 4 WHEN CHRIST WHO IS YOUR LIFE APPEARS, THEN YOU ALSO WILL APPEAR WITH HIM IN GLORY.

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### 2 TIMOTHY 1:7

7 FOR GOD GAVE US A SPIRIT NOT OF FEAR BUT OF POWER AND LOVE AND SELF-CONTROL.

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### DEUTERONOMY 8:3

3 and he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the lord.

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#### PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

4 REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS: AGAIN I WILL SAY, REJOICE. 5 LET YOUR REASONABLENESS BE KNOWN TO EVERYONE. THE LORD IS AT HAND: 6 DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING, BUT IN EVERYTHING BY PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING LET YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN TO GOD. 7 AND THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING, WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND YOUR MINDS IN CHRIST JESUS.

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# **REVELATION 21:4**

4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

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# PSALM 51:7-12

 PURGE ME WITH HYSSOP, AND I SHALL BE CLEAN: WASH ME, AND I SHALL BE WHITER THAN SNOW.
LET ME HEAR JOY AND GLADNESS: LET THE BONES THAT YOU HAVE BROKEN REJOICE.
HIDE YOUR FACE FROM MY SINS, AND BLOT OUT ALL MY INIQUITIES.
CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD, AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME.
CAST ME NOT AWAY FROM YOUR PRESENCE, AND TAKE NOT YOUR HOLY SPIRIT FROM ME.
RESTORE TO ME THE JOY OF YOUR SALVATION, AND UPHOLD ME WITH A WILLING SPIRIT.

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