



40 DAYS IN  
**PRAYER PRIOR TO  
THE PENTECOST DAY**

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**APRIL 22 TO MAY 31, 2020**

FROM APRIL 22 TO 29 – **WORSHIPING GOD**

FROM APRIL 30 TO MAY 7 – **LIVING IN FELLOWSHIP**

FROM MAY 8 TO 15 – **BEING LIKE JESUS**

FROM MAY 16 TO 23 – **SERVING TO THE LORD**

FROM MAY 24 TO 31 – **SHARING MY FAITH**

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*“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe  
in me through their message.” John 17:20 (NIV)*





## 40 DAYS BUILDING LIVES IN PRAYER

### **MISSION:**

Encourage prayer in the Mesoamerica Region to build lives according to God's purposes.

“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.” 1 John 5:14-15

“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 will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land..” 2 Chronicles 7:14

### **PURPOSE:**

- Challenge people, families and congregations to pray to build their lives and be guided to God's purposes.
- Establish places of prayer in homes and churches.
- Provide facilities for total involvement in prayer.
- Bring people to repentance on Pentecost Sunday.

### **PURPOSE OF THE 40 DAYS IN PRAYER**

To establish constant prayer for our care and that of the brothers in the faith, encouraging them also to take his Word to those who do not know him and for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on his people during the 40 days prior to the Day of Pentecost.



## HOPE AND PRAYER

*Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Board of General Superintendents called for prayer and they present some ways in which you can focus your intercession. Please include them every day in your times of prayer.*

1. Pray for wisdom for the leaders of your countries, states or provinces, and cities. Ask God to give them good counsel and wise discernment to know what is needed to protect their citizens. Pray for other countries besides your own that may be faced with difficult and complex situations unlike what you are experiencing. Every region of the world is seeking to weather the pandemic.
2. Pray for the protection of medical professionals and health care workers laboring to care for the sickest and those most needy. Pray for divine understanding and supernatural strength from God for their daily tasks. Many are facing a shortage of the most basic medical supplies. Pray for researchers, scientists, and manufacturers who are working to find cures and produce treatment equipment.
3. Pray for healing and comfort for those who are sick, lonely, and afraid, particularly the most vulnerable and endangered. This includes the elderly, those with chronic pre-existing health conditions, those without adequate health care, and those who are isolated due to quarantines.
4. Pray for those most at risk economically. The entire world is confronted with enormous financial implications, but for those who are single-income families, those caring for children and older parents at home, those who are self-employed, those who are in the service industry, and many others, this is an especially devastating time.



5. Pray for your pastors and church board leaders to know how to navigate the ministries and mission of the local church with a balance of caution, courage, and compassion. Pastors are front-line caregivers and “shepherds” of the people of God. If you are able, remember to support your church financially during a time when public meetings are not possible.
6. Pray for the Church around the world, including those of other traditions and denominations. While we ask God to bring an end to the pandemic, we also pray that the Church will find ways to serve, comfort, and love our neighbors for the sake of Christ and the healing of the world.

Phineas Bresee dreamed of a worldwide church when he said, “The sun never sets on the Church of the Nazarene.” Today that dream is a reality. We can literally cover the earth in our prayers, 24 hours a day. Let’s be faithful to that calling.

“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, forever and ever! Amen” (Ephesians 3:20-21).

*Board of General Superintendents  
Church of the Nazarene*



*Also as a Region, our Regional Director called upon us to join in a time of PRAYER AND FASTING for special needs and requests from the Region in the face of the Covid-19 outbreak. I share some of them again so that we can continue placing them before the altar of the Lord in prayer and supplication.*

1. Pray for the health situation in the Mexico Area. There are reports of infected brothers and the death of a brother in the north of that country due to Covid-19. We request prayer for those other people in that country who are infected and for the families of those who have died.
2. Pray for the wife of one of our pastors in the region who tested positive for the virus. Pray also for her family.
3. We are already seeing the effects of the pandemic affecting the household economy. Pray for God's provision in all homes and especially in pastoral families today. May God also use each one as an instrument to help meet their and others' needs.
4. We also pray that the governments in our countries in the region can find the economic resources to solve the emergencies caused by the pandemic and reactivate the economy later.
5. Pray that God may give creativity and strategies to his people, pastors, ministry leaders, missionaries, regional and global leaders, to continue communicating the message of salvation and fulfill our mission to make Christ like disciples, especially at this time that there is so much need to hear the Word of God.
6. Pray for those who have lost a loved one, for those who are at home to help stop the pandemic, for those who have lost their jobs due to not being



able to present themselves to the contracting companies. May God give peace to all families and that they may be sure that his presence is always with them. May His peace flood every home!

7. Pray that Christians will continue to stay in the ways of the Lord and that those who have turned away from their faith in God will return to Him.
8. The MAX 20 Regional Conference of our Region is scheduled for October 7-11, 2020. Pray for wisdom in the logistics process that must be taken.
9. Pray that each ministry coordinator in our region will find the appropriate mechanisms to continue communicating the message of salvation and that they maintain communication and direction with the leaders they minister to.

God's mission continues and will continue, but the support, in prayer specially, of all God's people is needed.

**ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WITH GOD, JOIN IN PRAYER!**



## WOORSHIPPING GOD

### ENJOYING LIFE

#### Week 1 – From April 22 to 29

**Day 1 – Pray to respond to the grace of God.**

You are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God arranged beforehand so that you could put them into practice. Read Ephesians 2:10

**Day 2 - Pray to be trained in the service of God..**

You are a work of art made by the hand of God not manufactured in a production line, nor assembled, nor produced in industrial quantities. You are an original design. GOD made you unique. Read 1 Corinthians 12

**Day 3 - Pray to understand the way you should serve.**

Serve with your resources, your spiritual gifts and your talents. Some people have been given natural gifts in using words, in teaching, in preaching, in praying and in serving. They have to understand that all those gifts come from God and must be used for His glory. Read 1 Peter 4:10 – 11.

**Day 4 - Pray to live a devotional life in the midst of your community.**

God has called you to be light in every place- your family, your community- because He IS THE LIGHT. Therefore, your devotional life should reflect that light so that you can have fellowship with one another. Read 1 John 1: 7

**Day 5 - Pray to perform or practice physical and spiritual acts of kindness towards others.**

God wants you to be kind to your neighbor, to distribute to the needs of the saints and to be at one with yourself and those around you. Read Romans 12:10 – 16



**Day 6 - Pray to develop practices that transform your life.**

Life challenges us every day, and sometimes it's hard to stay alive. How good to know we can find words of encouragement in the Bible! God knows us, and in His divine mercy he gives us words that encourage us to move on. Read 1 Timothy 6:12

**Day 7 - Pray to grow and enrich your walk with God.**

For a plant to grow and be enriched with fruit, it needs loving care: good soil, which is watered every day. This is the life of the Christian. It needs to be grounded in the love of God so that it can bear fruit. Read Ephesians 3:17 – 19

**Day 8 - Pray to live in the Spirit every day.**

The Apostle Paul wrote these words to the Colossians, so that they would understand the importance of being filled with the Word of God. Their minds must be filled and controlled by the Word of the Lord, by his sayings and by his commandments. For this, to happen, he must dwell in abundance in you. Read Colossians 3:16





## **LIVING IN FELLOWSHIP**

**Be a Member of the Family of GOD**

**Week 2 - From April 30 to May 7**

**Day 9 - Pray that God will allow you to have a true friendship with Jesus Christ.**

His first friend and companion is Christ. "You are my friends if you do the will of my Father." From his relationship with Him depends the way he can look and love the people around him. Any effort you make to have fellowship with anyone here on earth will be futile if it is not grounded in your fellowship with Jesus Christ. Read John 15:12 – 17

**Day 10 - Pray that God will give you love and compassion for the people around you.**

Your priority: your neighbor. "And the second is similar to this: you will love your neighbor as yourself" When you have the love of Christ in your heart, loving your neighbor is a natural result. Read Matthew 22:39

**Day 11 - Pray for the brothers in the faith.**

God placed him in the midst of a group of believers to strengthen their faith and be a blessing to them. Pray for God to give unity to his people and end the misunderstandings and jealousies of each other. He must intercede for the spiritual life of his brothers in the faith. The Lord wants a holy church, without spot or wrinkle. Read James 5:16

**Day 12 - Praying for the physical health of his brothers.**

Is any of you sick? Pray. Pray for the health of the members in the church, asking God to work in their bodies and restore them. The elders' prayer can make God perform miracles, so they must be persistent in prayer. Read James 5:14



**Day 13 - Pray for your family.**

Am I the father of a family, am I the mother or one of the children? Your priority should be to pray for each member of your family. Intercede for their salvation, for their health, for their study and work. Pray that God will provide the guidance to teach your children the way and the right attitude before Him. Read Ephesians 3:14 - 19 - Ephesians 6: 1-4

**Day 14 - Pray for the servants of the Lord.**

Remember that the pastors and leaders of our churches have been appointed by God to guide their congregations, but that they themselves are going through difficult times and sickness with their families. Pray that God will provide everything necessary so that they can be calm and this would be transmitted in their daily lives and in their messages. Read Acts 13: 1 - 3

**Day 15 - Pray for your life companion.**

Pray for God to help you understand the role you play in marriage. If I am the husband, God chose me to care for and protect my wife and if I am the wife, God desires me to obey my husband in the Lord. They know this because they have read and studied it in the bible. It is time to ask the Lord to help you put it into practice every day. Read Ecclesiastes 9: 9 and 1 Peter 3: 7

**Day 16 - Pray for unsaved family and friends.**

The Lord places in each one a burden for those relatives who have not received it. He must be in constant prayer and prayer for his salvation, aware that he has his times and it is up to all of us not to faint while we ask. He must also be concerned about all those who live without God or hope and live inclined to evil, so that God will touch their hearts and straighten their steps. Read John 3:16 – 21



## **BEING LIKE JESUS**

**Be a Member of the Family of GOD**

**Week 3 - From May 8 to 15**

**Day 17 - Pray that the new birth in Christ will be present every day in his life, renewing him and preparing him to be more like Jesus.**

To be like Jesus he has to forget the old man and be reborn in the family of God and accept Jesus his son, just as Nicodemus was not only born again but he wrapped and perfumed the body of Jesus so his life can be the aroma that pleases God. Read John 3: 3

**Day 18 - Pray that each step be in the light as a child of God.**

As the Samaritan woman received the water of life, speaking to others about Jesus is to walk in light, be obedient and share with others what God has done in your life. Read Ephesians 5: 8

**Day 19 - Pray to follow the example of Jesus when the test comes and resist every one.**

Praying and obeying his word will empower us to resist and emerge victorious in the midst of trials. Read Philippians 4:13

**Day 20 - Pray that as he becomes more like Jesus he can see God's plans for his life.**

The blind Bartimaeus received the miracle of sight after having a life of darkness. As Bartimaeus can have a miracle in your life, decide to receive the light of God by deciding to be more like Jesus. Read John 8:12

**Day 21 - Pray for physical and spiritual healing.**

Jairus and his sick daughter, is an example of what happens when there is faith. Jesus forgave those who mocked and doubted, restored the



girl's body but also gave health to a whole family that needed that miracle in their lives. Read Hebrews 13: 8

**Day 22 - Pray that being more like Jesus, their interest in children be always guided by good biblical teaching.**

Jesus took the children in his arms and blessed them, let's do the same by instructing them in the way of God. Read Mark 10:14

**Day 23 - Pray for a healthy spiritual growth, sanctified before the eyes of God.**

Just as Jesus, as a child, went to the temple and participated in heavenly things, he studied the word and did not cease to assemble in the temple. Read Luke 2:52

**Day 24 - Pray with thanks for the love of God and for knowing Him.**

Jesus Christ himself interceded for his disciples and He is at the right hand of the father interceding for you. Be like Jesus speaking to others about that love that you already have and share. Read John 17:26



## **SERVING THE LORD**

### **Bringing the Gospel to Practice**

#### **Week 4 - From May 16 to 23**

**Day 25 - Pray that there will be more young people committed to God's call to serve him**

Most of the world's population are young people and some have forgotten that they are part of God's mission. They have great potential and their gifts and talents are not being taken advantage of. In addition, they are prepared to serve in areas where adults are not able to.

Encourage your young people to commit themselves to the Lord in His service. Read John 15:16

**Day 26 - Pray to serve God with excellence (commitment, prayer and fasting, responsibility).**

You were put to serve God and others. Serving God implies that everything done is excellent, not mediocre. Practice prayer with fasting, be responsible for what you do and do everything with passion and commitment. Read 2 Timothy 1: 9 and Matthew 20:27 - 28

**Day 27 - Pray that their gifts and talents will be well used in service to God.**

God gave each one different gifts and talents and many, out of fear, negligence or other circumstances, do not use them in service to Him, but use them in other ways. The gifts are from God and we do not deserve them. Read 1 Corinthians 12: 6

**Day 28 - Pray for unity in the ministries of the church (local boards and shepherds).**

Unity comes from within your heart, which is born as a feeling of love, but it is also a behavior. Unity is also based on the maturity and spiritual



growth of the believers. Jesus, before going to the cross, prayed for his disciples to be ONE, and each of his children is a disciple whom he asks to be perfect in UNITY. Read John 17

**Day 29 - Pray for leaders to give children who are part of the new generation, the opportunity to serve.**

There is no better way for children to learn about God's mission than to get involved. It is important to help congregations to involve the younger generation in the lives of people in need and help them meet their needs. The Church of the Nazarene offers many opportunities to get involved. Not everyone can go, but everyone can give, pray and support God's mission. Let them seek God and where they can serve Him. Read 1 Samuel Chap. 3

**Day 30 - Pray that people feel committed to serving God through their tithes and offerings to meet the needs local and global.**

The service to God begins with giving yourself to Him. God bought us at the price of Jesus' blood on the cross of Calvary and now we belong to Him. God commands us to present ourselves as a living sacrifice, not only by giving money. However, for the work to move forward, the economic resource is necessary. God will always bless the offering, but it is necessary that the financial offerings be accompanied with an available mind and heart and a committed life of service to God so that He will bless you. Read 2 Corinthians 9

**Day 31 - Pray that each leader commits to take the gospel to the urban areas.**

In the first part of the Old Testament, the redeeming importance of the city was in Jerusalem as a model of urban society. We see in the book of Acts, that before Jesus ascended to heaven he told those who had gathered that they had to be witnesses in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria and to the ends of the earth. In each nation, there are many



urban cities that are waiting to receive that message of Salvation from each one that has received Him in their hearts. Read Acts 1: 6 - 11

**Day 32 - Pray for Christians to have good attitudes towards the needy.**

The fulfillment of the great commission is not only to carry the message of salvation to the souls, but to improve their living conditions. Nazarene Compassionate Ministries is the social arm of the denomination and it gives you the opportunity to supply the needs of those who are in need. Read 1 John 3:17 - 18



## **SHARING MY FAITH**

### **Making Christlike Disciples**

### **Week 5 - From May 24 to 31**

**Day 33 - Pray for the Holy Spirit to empower all believers to tell others about Jesus and his love.**

The Holy Spirit has been given to live within those who believe in Jesus, with the function of reflecting the character of God in the life of a believer. The Holy Spirit will impart love, joy, peace, patience, kindness in your life so that you can witness to others. God has given you the authority to share with them. Read Matthew 28:19 – 20

**Day 34 - Pray that those who live in non-Christian communities to be living witnesses for Christ.**

Each person who has received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior must be a witness of Jesus Christ, especially in an indifferent society. Remember to pray for all the Christian communities that even today, are experiencing difficult moments for the faith. "evangelizing constitutes the bliss and vocation proper to the Church." There are many areas where the need to know the Lord is great. Read Luke 10: 1 – 3

**Day 35 - Pray that Christians will have the desire to share their faith with others.**

The Bible is clear in saying that every Christian must be prepared to share his faith. What is stopping him? It can be the lack of knowledge, the fear of what they will say, the lack of knowing how to correctly transmit what they believe, among other things. Whatever it is, it is your call to prepare diligently and be a witness in this world that desperately needs the Word of God. Read Acts 1: 8





**Day 36 - Pray for love to be the central focus in sharing with those who are yet to believe.**

Love is the fundamental force in good relationships. The Scripture tells us, clearly, that we need to be people who love. We need to love God with all our heart, love our neighbor, as ourselves, and love our enemies. Read 1 John 4: 7 – 8

**Day 37 - Pray for the persecuted church to point to the hope they have in Jesus by their faithfulness.**

Pray for Christians who today live their belief in Christ in a heroic way. Dedicate time to pray for the persecuted church in the world. Many Christians face difficulties, and with effort and hope remain firm in their beliefs. Read Hebrews 13: 3

**Day 38 - Pray for children and young adults to communicate their faith in the schools and universities.**

Encourage your children and youth to be creative in communicating the message of salvation in the learning institutions. Pray that they will get people's attention by showing their creativity and that their sole purpose is to present the Gospel message clearly so that others will know Christ as their Lord and Savior. Read Colossians 3:22 – 23

**Day 39 - Pray for Christians to empower others who are called to share their faith in other cultures, by their prayer and giving.**

Along with the lack of training, and frictions in interpersonal relationships, among the strongest causes of missionary return is the discontinuity of financial support. If we want to see more missionaries in the field and less to return to their places of origin, it is necessary to find more believers and churches willing to support them, and / or additional ways to do so. In order to mobilize missionary work, prayer and financial support is important. Read Acts 2:44 – 45



**Day 40 - Pray for Christians to realize that the best way to share their faith is to demonstrate their love for God by genuinely loving everyone including those who are different.**

As a witness of Christ, your own life is a key factor in your testimony. Since you are a new creation, you must give evidence of your new faith through your behavior. This means that your habits and your lifestyle should exalt Jesus and be an inspiration for others to seek Him. This does not mean that you must be perfect before you can testify. I can safely say that you will stumble many times while learning to walk. But, God is willing to forgive your sins and to redirect you. Read Matthew 5:16

## **REJOICE!**

We are experiencing times of great difficulty where there is suffering in some homes due to the contagion or death of a loved one due to the Covid-19, impatience in families having to stay home due to the quarantine dictated by their leaders, for whom they are at risk for chronic diseases or for being older adults, for children, pregnant women, etc. Let us remember that God has been, is and will be there, so let us **REJOICE FOR HIS FAITHFULNESS IN KEEPING AND HEALING OUR EARTH AND OUR WORLD.**



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God bless you richly,

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