



40 Days of Prayer and Fasting With BASICS in Milwaukee

Thank you for your willingness to join us in a 40 day adventure with Almighty God!

We would all probably agree that 2020 has not been like many years, and that the power of prayer, the Word of God, and the love from heaven are needed greater than ever!

We are going to spend time each day, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to us as only He can do, and may it transform each of our hearts and minds to be more like Him!

We are going to begin this journey on **Monday, November 9th** and go through **Friday, December 18th**.

During these 40 days, you are encouraged to pray or fast and pray as you are led by the Holy Spirit.

Also, whether you decide to use this prayer guide or not, the important thing is for you to meet with God each day, asking Him to speak to you as only He can do!

Whenever the Lord speaks to you personally about yourself or the direction for BASICS, PLEASE let us know. We would love to hear from you!

As Jesus' brother James instructs us in James 4:8 – *“Come near to God and he will come near to you.”*

May this 40 day journey with Jesus draw each one of us closer to Him and be a sweet aroma to the Lord as well!

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DAY 1 – PRAISE GOD BECAUSE HE IS WORTHY! – Revelation 4:11

“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”

Praise God because He is so worthy and praise Him for your life and for allowing us to go on this 40 day journey of prayer and fasting with Him and His People!

DAY 2 – PRAISE GOD FOR HIS GIFT OF SALVATION! 1 Chronicles 16:23-25

“Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.”

Praise you, Heavenly Father, for the greatest gift of salvation through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and His promise to return!

DAY 3 – PRAISE GOD BECAUSE HE IS SO LOVING! Psalm 136:1-3

*“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.
Give thanks to the God of gods. His love endures forever.
Give thanks to the Lord of lords. His love endures forever.”*

Thank Almighty God for His unfailing love for you, your family, for everyone who is on this 40 day journey of praise, prayer and connecting to the Vine, Jesus Christ!

DAY 4 – PRAISE GOD FOR HIS MERCY – 1 Peter 1:3-4

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for you.”

Praise God for His great and tender mercy He has shown to all of us who He has allowed to be part of His family!

DAY 5 – PRAISE GOD FOR BEING OUR GREAT HELPER – Psalm 121:1-2

*“I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.”*

Praise God for His help in every area of our lives and may we continue to seek Him and look to Him daily for clear direction individually and as a ministry.

DAY 6 – PRAISE GOD FOR HIS POWER AND STRENGTH! Proverbs 18:10
“The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.”

Thank God for His unlimited power, strength and accessibility, and that we can bring our praises, burdens, requests, and our lives to Him and feel safe and secure!

DAY 7 – PRAISE GOD HE KNOWS THE FUTURE – 1 John 3:19-20
“This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.”

Praise God that You, Lord, are not bound by time, and we can rest in that for our lives and for BASICS now and always!

DAY 8 – PRAISE GOD FOR THE PEACE ONLY HE CAN GIVE! Isaiah 26:3-4
“You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord is the Rock eternal.”

Thank God that the only source for the true peace of heaven is found in Jesus Christ, and may we all continue to trust and stay close to the Rock eternal!

DAY 9 – PRAISE GOD THAT HE IS SO GOOD! Psalm 119:68
“You are good, and what you do is good; teach me your decrees.”

Praise God for He is so good and is willing to teach us how to move forward with our lives and the ministry of BASICS according to His decrees!

DAY 10 – PRAISE GOD THAT HE CARES FOR US! 1 Peter 5:7
“Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”

Praise God that He cares so much for each one of us and that we can give Him our lives and everything in it!!

DAY 11 - TIME OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE - Acts 3:19

“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.”

Let us come to God together, asking Him to forgive us our sins and repent from our evil ways as individuals and as a ministry.

DAY 12 – CONTINUAL TIME OF SPIRITUAL CLEANSING - Psalm 51:3-4

“For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.”

May we come humbly before the Lord, asking Him to remind us and convict us of any ways we have sinned against Him as individuals and as an organization and to repent.

DAY 13 – ASKING GOD TO GIVE US A CONTRITE HEART – ISAIAH 57:15

“I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

Let us come to God with a broken and contrite heart for what we have done and for what we have left undone as The Body of Christ and as BASICS Ministry.

DAY 14 – MORE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, LESS OF ME – John 3:30

“He must become greater, I must become less.”

Please, Lord, be the center of our lives, today, that people would see Jesus Christ and not see our flesh and sinful nature.

DAY 15 – THANK GOD FOR HIS SPIRITUAL CLEANSING! – 1 John 1:9

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

May we all go to the Lord, thanking Him for cleansing all of our sins, making us white as snow, and to prepare us as we will begin to seek His Face for His will.

DAY 16 – SEEKING ALMIGHTY GOD TOGETHER! Matthew 6:33

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

May we all desire to seek and find God with everything we will be praying for, rather than leaning on our own understanding for our lives and for BASICS.

DAY 17 – GO TO THE THRONE OF GRACE WITH CONFIDENCE! Hebrews 4:16

“Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

As we go to God in prayer, may we go forward in faith in His amazing grace and tender mercy for our lives and for the ministry of BASICS.

DAY 18 – TIME OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE! Psalm 100:4-5

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good, and his love endures forever! his faithfulness continues through all generations.”

As we celebrate this Thanksgiving Day, may we give You all the thanks, all the praise and all the glory, Most High God!

DAY 19 - MAY WE LOVE GOD AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER – Matthew 22:37-39

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Father, we know that love comes from heaven. Would you please fill our cups to overflowing with Your love for You and one another, and do the same for BASICS?

DAY 20 – PRAYERS OF COMFORT FOR THE TROUBLED – 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that

we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.”

Heavenly Father, thank You that You are the source of comfort and compassion. Help us to receive and share these beautiful gifts with one another and to be reminded for our own lives as we encounter trouble.

DAY 21 – FOR THE LONELY AND THOSE FEELING ISOLATED – Isaiah 41:10
“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Lord, thank you that You promise that You will never leave us nor forsake us. Please strengthen and help those who are lonely and need a loving touch from Your hand.

DAY 22 - THE GOD OF HOPE FILL US WITH JOY AND PEACE – Romans 15:13
“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Thank You, dear Lord, that You are The God of hope, joy and peace! Please refill each one of us as only You can do by the power of the Holy Spirit!

DAY 23 – GOD’S HAND ON THOSE EXPERIENCING LOSS – 2 Corinthians 4:16
“The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”

Father, You know our hurts, losses and wounds. Thank You that we can come to You for restoration and unconditional love. Thank You for always being available to us!

DAY 24 – HEALING FOR THOSE WHO NEED YOUR TOUCH – Jeremiah 17:14
“Heal me, O LORD, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.”

Thank You, Lord, You are the Great Physician, the Healer and the Great I AM. Please heal those who need a miraculous touch in their lives. In Jesus Name. Amen.

DAY 25 - HELP US IN OUR WEARINESS LORD – Galatians 6:9-10

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

Father, thank you that you are strong when we are weak. Please help us to persevere in serving You and those You bring into our path, especially the Body of Christ.

DAY 26 – THE BATTLE BELONGS TO THE LORD! 2 Chronicles 20:15

“This is what the Lord says to you: Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s.”

Thank You, Lord, the daily battles that we face are not ours, but Yours. Help us to be reminded again and again, to be strong and courageous as You would have us be.

DAY 27 – USING DAILY THE WEAPONS OF HEAVEN - 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

“The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of this 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.”

Lord, you know our tendencies to use our mouths, fists, and even our guns instead of using the Word of God, prayer and fasting, praise and worship, and yielding to the Holy Spirit. Help us, Father, to transform our minds so we can fight the good fight of faith!

DAY 28 – REMAIN IN THE VINE EACH DAY – John 15:5

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit: apart from me you can do nothing.”

Help each one of us today, dear Lord, to prioritize our time with You over everything we do, including our service for You. You are the bread of life the living water, and we need You daily!

DAY 29 - FOR GOD'S WISDOM TO DIRECT OUR STEPS - James 1:5

"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault."

Lord, we need Your wisdom, insights, knowledge and revelation every day. Would You please show each of us and show BASICS what would be pleasing to You?

DAY 30 – ASK, SEEK AND KNOCK – Matthew 7:7-8

"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; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

Lord, please give us what You want us to have, and for us to believe You have everything covered for our lives and for BASICS Ministry.

DAY 31 – GOD'S WAY FOR BASICS AND FOR OUR LIVES! Psalm 86:11

"Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name."

Jesus, You are the way and the truth and the life. Help us to know that in the depths of our hearts and to ask You each day for Your will, Your way for Your Glory!

DAY 32 – HELP US TO HAVE COMPASSION FOR LOST PEOPLE – Matthew 9:36

"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."

Father, help us to see people that are not following you as You see them with love, compassion and grace. Touch our hearts and minds with Your kindness, Lord.

DAY 33 - HELP US PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST! Romans 1:16

"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile."

Help each one of us and the team of BASICS to testify about The Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to proclaim it fearlessly, as we should, and to clothe ourselves with love.

DAY 34 – FOR EACH OF US TO BE SALT AND LIGHT – Matthew 5:16

“In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”

Lord, the days are getting darker, but Your light in us shines brighter in the darkness. Help us, dear Lord, to be bold and courageous and go forward in faith, not fear.

DAY 35 – PRAYER FOR PASTORS AND MINISTRY LEADERS – Hebrews 13:17

“Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.”

We praise God for our pastors, ministry leaders and shepherds. Thank you for the selfless work they do each day for Your Glory and the strengthening of Your people.

DAY 36 – GOD TO DIRECT OUR LIVES AND BASICS – Psalm 127:1

“Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.”

Father, would you please build, direct, and guide each one of our lives and over the ministry of BASICS as only You can do? Great is Your faithfulness!

DAY 37 - ASK GOD TO SEND OUT WORKERS – Matthew 9:37-38

“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

Lord, there are so many people today that do not know You and need to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. Would You please prepare those You want to work for You, and help their hearts and minds to say “Yes” to serving You, including those for BASICS.

DAY 38 – MAY WE BE ONE AS JESUS AND THE FATHER ARE ONE – John 17:22

“that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one.”

Lord, start with my heart, and help each of us to love our neighbor as ourselves; use BASICS to unite Your Church and point it to Jesus Christ as You would desire.

DAY 39 – THE LORD’S PRAYER – MATTHEW 6:9-13

“This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”

For Thine is The Kingdom, and the power and The Glory. Forever. Amen!

DAY 40 – BLESSINGS ON THOSE ON THIS 40 DAY JOURNEY! Numbers 6:24-26

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

Thank you, Lord, that You allow us to be in the Body of Christ. Please lavish Your love on each one who have been on this 40 day journey, and with BASICS Ministry as they serve you in 2021 and beyond!