



Eastern Star Church Corporate Fast

40 Days of Purpose: 40 Days with God

Ash Wednesday, March 9, 2011 thru Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011

Daily Prayers & Scripture Meditations

Week 1 - Prayer Focus: *Spirit of expectancy, personal commitment and obedience to our purpose.*

Day 1 Wednesday, March 9

Father, today, I join with my church family to begin this 40-day journey of fasting and prayer. We seek you individually and corporately for strength and power from the Holy Spirit to sustain us during this season. Father, we ask that you will help us keep our commitment, and please give us a joyful heart as we push things aside to draw closer to you. We trust you Lord, and the plans that you have for our lives. We walk by faith and not by sight. We stand in anticipation of all that you will manifest in us, through us, and in the life of this ministry. We thank you in advance, In Jesus' name we pray, Amen. **God's Prayer Promises:** *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, 'Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" (Jeremiah 29:11) "But as it is written: 'Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him. " (1 Corinthians 2:9)*

Day 2 Thursday, March 10

Father God, we humble ourselves and come before you today with prayers of confession. Father, we confess by name those things that we did, said and thought that were not pleasing to you. Father, we ask forgiveness for the sins of commission – the things we *did* that you told us *not* to do, and for the sins of omission – the things we *did not* do, that you told us *to* do. Please touch our hearts. We ask Lord, that you would cleanse us, purge us and purify us from the inside out. Please touch our will, our motives, our attitude and our emotions. May we be transformed and may our lives be pleasing unto you. We thank you in advance for having your way. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen. **God's Prayer Promises:** *"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." (1 John 1:8) "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son, purifies us from all sin." (1 John 1:7) "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9) "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." (Hebrews 12:1)*

Day 3 Friday, March 11

We fast and pray today with a heart of thanksgiving and praise. Dear Lord, we thank you for bringing us through another year, another month, another day, another hour. In spite of the circumstances that may face us at home, on our jobs, at school, in our finances, or in our relationships, we choose to give you praise. For there is no other like you and you are worthy of all of the glory and praise. You are all seeing, all knowing, merciful, gracious and so kind. Your name is matchless and your love is boundless. You are a keeper, a protector, a provider, a healer, a counselor and a way maker; Father *truly* there is none like you. *"I will praise you with my whole heart; before the 'gods' I will sing your praise. I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your love and faithfulness."* (Psalm 138:1-2) Thank you for every blessing and for your everlasting love. We love you Lord and we thank you in advance for all you are doing in our hearts. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen. **God's Prayer Promises:** *"Heal me, O Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise." (Jeremiah 17:14) "It is good to give thanks to the LORD and to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your lovingkindness in the morning and Your faithfulness by night," (Psalm 92:1-2)*

Day 4 Saturday, March 12

Father, we ask that you will help us be the church that you have called for - A House of Prayer. We desire today to seek your face concerning all areas of our lives; realizing that there is nothing too hard or nothing too small for You. We ask in faith, in the name of Jesus, that you will convict our hearts to pray in the spirit on all occasions, with all kinds of prayers and requests. We desire to always be alert, praying earnestly for our Pastor and First Lady, their children, their families, our church family, and for all of the saints. (Ephesians 6:18) Help us to hear your voice and to be obedient to your leading. We ask that you will help us stay committed to the plan that you have for our church. Help us to call upon your name in prayer and to wait patiently for your reply. (Psalm 37:7) Thank you in advance for

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hearing our prayers, In Jesus' name, Amen. **God's Prayer Promises:** "Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always." (1 Chronicles 16:11) "The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth." (Psalm 145:18) "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)

Day 5 Sunday, March 13

Father, we fast and pray today for our senior pastor, Pastor Jeffrey A. Johnson, Sr., that you who began a great work in him, will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ. (Philippians 1:6) We thank you for blessing Eastern Star Church with a pastor who is highly favored by you. May his gifts continue to make room for him and make room for your gospel to be heard locally, regionally and around the world. (Proverbs 18:16) We thank you that Pastor Johnson is committed to the vision that you've given him and to us as a church family. We come alongside him in prayer, in love and in service desiring to see this God-given vision fulfilled. We ask Lord, that you will please protect, cover and bless Pastor Jeffrey A. Johnson, Sr. in a mighty way. We pray for his health, his vision, his mind and his spirit. Renew him when he is weary and refill him to overflowing. Whatever he stands in the need of, Lord, we thank you in advance for providing. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen. **God's Prayer Promise:** "Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance. In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted. For thou art the glory of their strength: and in thy favour our horn shall be exalted." (Psalm 89:15-17)

Day 6 Monday, March 14

Father God, we thank you for our cherished first lady, Lady Sharon Johnson. We praise you that she is fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. (Psalm 139:14) We thank you for every gift, talent and ability that she possesses and for using her to impact your Kingdom. We fast and pray today asking that you would bless her, strengthen her, uphold her, and keep her. Please grant her unfailing joy, love, peace, protection, wisdom, and direction as she serves as a wife, mother and a dynamic woman of God. For every sacrifice that she has made, may it be returned to her in abundance one-hundred fold. Whatever she stands in the need of, and when, Father we thank you in advance for meeting her needs. May you get all the glory, In Jesus' Name, Amen. **God's Prayer Promise:** "The man who finds a wife, finds a treasure and receives favor from the Lord." (Proverbs 18:22) "Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the Lord will be greatly praised. Reward her for all she has done. Let her deeds publicly declare her praise." (Proverbs 31:30-31).

Day 7 Tuesday, March 15

Our prayer as we fast today is for our Pastoral and Administrative Staff. We hold them in highest regard. Please bless and keep them as they endeavor to do kingdom work. Father, may they be mindful of the privilege to serve in your House and to serve your people. May your love saturate their thoughts and conversations. May they seek your face in decision making, knowing that their power comes from you. We pray for unity and like-mindedness. May they walk in love, with a spirit of encouragement and helps. We come against every contrary plan and tactic of the enemy, in Jesus' Name, thanking you in advance for the praise report. Thank you for strengthening and renewing each staff member to carry out the work of this ministry. **God's Prayer Promise:** "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 2:5) "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name." (John 15:16)

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Week 2 — *Prayer Focus: Transformation; the power of worship and praise.*

Day 8 Wednesday, March 16

Father God, we pray for Spiritual Cleansing. Let us throw off everything that hinders us, and sin that so easily entangles (Hebrews 12:1). Please cleanse us and renew our hearts, minds, our will and emotions. Please make us an instrument of your peace. Help us to walk in love according to your word. *“Be ye imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”* (Ephesians 5:1-2) We thank you in advance for hearing our prayer. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen. **God's Prayer Promise:** *“You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”* (John 14:14)

Day 9 Thursday, March 17

We fast today with prayers of Praise. We center our hearts and minds on you Lord, Jesus. Not on the things that you do, but on who you are. You are mighty, you are awesome, you are loving and kind. You are holy, you are worthy, you are gracious and wise. You're our keeper, our counselor, our master and our Savior. You're our redeemer, our provider, our strength and our shield. You're all-seeing and all-knowing; you're our protector and our creator. *“You are my God, and I will praise you! You are my God, and I will exalt you!”* (Psalm 118:28) We thank you Lord for being a mighty God, an everlasting Father and the Prince of Peace. (Isa 9:6) We exalt you and praise you; we give you glory and honor for you are worthy to be praised! **God's Prayer Promise:** *“The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.”* (Psalm 28:7)

Day 10 Friday, March 18

We fast today with prayers of Worship. We ascribe worth to your name! You are Yahweh, the covenant keeping God. You are Jehovah Rohi, the Lord our shepherd. You are El Shaddai, the all-sufficient God. You are Adonai, our Master. You are Jehovah Rophe, the Lord our healer. You are Jehovah Shalom, the Lord our peace. You are Jehovah Jireh, the Lord our provider. You are Jehovah M'Kaddesh, the Lord who sanctifies and makes us whole. You are Jehovah Tsidkenu, the Lord our righteousness. You are Jehovah Nissi, our banner on the battlefield. You are Jehovah Sabaoth, the Lord of Hosts. You are Jehovah Shammah, you are there. Your name is great and you are greatly to be praised. We stand in awe of your greatness and power. In spite of all that we may face today, we choose to worship you. **God's Prayer Promise:** *“You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.”* (Revelation 4:11)

Day 11 Saturday, March 19

Today we fast and pray with an attitude of Gratitude. Lord Jesus, thank you for forgiving our sins and for adopting us as your children (Ephesians 1:5). Thank you for giving us wisdom, for revealing your will and for giving us an inheritance (Colossians 1:12). Thank you for giving our lives purpose and for each spiritual gift. (I Corinthians 14:1). Thank you for hearing our prayers and thank you for giving us unspeakable joy. *“My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name forever and ever.”* (Psalm 145:21) **God's Prayer Promise:** *“Everything is possible for him who believes.”* (Mark 9:23b)

Day 12 Sunday, March 20

Father, we rest in you today and give you praise, honor and glory. Restore and renew us for this journey of Lent. May we be a church that honors you and holds one another in highest regard. (Phil 2:3) *There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in us all.* (Eph 4:4-6) Please have your way in our lives. In Jesus' name, Amen. **God's Prayer Promise:** *“Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts.”* (Psalm 145:3-4)

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Day 13 Monday, March 21

Father God, we fast and pray today for the protection and restoration of marriages and families. We ask that you will fortify husbands and wives so they will be able to stand against the schemes of the enemy. May each husband love his wife as Christ loves the church. May each wife respect and esteem her husband as unto the Lord. We cancel the plans of the enemy seeking to destroy the union of marriage. Please touch every area that needs your hand of love, consolation, mending and understanding. Please replace hearts of stone with hearts of flesh (Eze 11:19). We thank you in advance for mighty acts, for your faithfulness and for hearing our prayer. **God's Prayer Promise:** "Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power. Your right hand, O Lord, dashes the enemy to pieces." (Exodus 15:6) "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).

Day 14 Tuesday, March 22

Father, today we fast and persevere in prayer for Eastern Star Church, church plants New Beginnings Fellowship Church and New Horizons Church, for our expanding territory and for this great body of believers. We pray, believing, that you will provide for us just as you did Abraham. We are looking forward, northward, southward, eastward and westward, believing that what you have for us, we will possess. Please continue to grow, protect and strengthen our ministries as we seek to spread the Gospel, your good news. Please touch each of our church families that they may grow, develop and walk in the purpose that you desire for their lives. We thank you in advance, In Jesus' name, Amen. **God's Prayer Promise:** "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father." (James 1:17)

Week 3 - Prayer Focus: Guidance and standing on God's promises. (2 Chronicles 1:20)

Day 15 Wednesday, March 23

Father, today we fast and pray, seeking your guidance and blessing for our personal needs. Lord God, we know that your Word is true; that you will supply all of our needs according to your riches in glory. (Philippians 4:19) Please help us to stand in faith, seeking your kingdom and your righteousness, so that all we need can be added to us. (Matthew 6:33) Thank you in advance for all of your provisions and for hearing our prayer. **God's Prayer Promise:** "Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." (Hebrews 4:16)

Day 16 Thursday, March 24

Father God, today we fast and pray for the adult ministries of Eastern Star Church. Please strengthen every leader and ministry member to fulfill our church mission: to evangelize, to equip, and to encourage our church family and community. Please send more workers for the harvest, we pray. Father, we also ask that you will reveal our spiritual gifts to us, that we may be used in the areas of our gifting. Please prick our hearts to serve you and your people like never before. We ask this in Jesus' Name, Amen. **God's Prayer Promise:** "Open wide your mouth and I will fill it." (Psalm 81:10a)

Day 17 Friday, March 25

Father God, today we fast and pray for the youth and children's ministries of our church. We thank you for the awesome opportunity to share your word with our young people and to nurture them. We desire to provide a safe, enriching learning environment during their worship, Sunday school and weekly ministry activities. We thank you for the commitment of the Youth Ministry staff and volunteer workers. We ask that you will also send others with a nurturing heart for children, creativity and with gifts of encouragement and helps, to minister to our children. We thank you in advance for the harvest. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen. **God's Prayer Promise:** "I will tell you the

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truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask for in my name. Until now, you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.” (John 16: 23b-24)

Day 18 Saturday, March 26

We fast and pray for our Lifestyle Stewardship Capital Campaign, “*Building for the Kingdom*”. Father, help us to complete the work our ministry has begun and may we give our resources freely, as unto you. Thank you for the vision of this ministry. Help us to get involved in this campaign and/or continue in obedience to our commitment to you. We pray the prayer you gave to King David – “*O Lord our God, as for all the abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name, it comes from your hand, and all belongs to you.*” (1 Chronicles 29:16). **God’s Prayer Promise:** “*...We have confidence before God and receive from Him anything we ask, because we obey His commands and do what pleases Him.*” (1 John 3:21b-22)

Day 19 Sunday, March 27

Father, we fast and pray today in humility. We submit our will to yours and dedicate every area our lives to you. We come before you with a grateful and contrite heart, asking for your guidance, wisdom and power to be the church family that you’ve called us to be. May we embody love and persevere in faith, obedience and in service. We know it is your desire for others to know us as Christians by the love we show to one another. Help us bear spiritual fruit and to grow in the knowledge of you. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen. **God’s Prayer Promise:** “*Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.*” (1 Peter 5:6) “*Fear not for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.*” (Isaiah 43:1b)

Day 20 Monday, March 28

Father, we fast and intercede today for children and teens within our church, our families and communities. Whether we are biological or spiritual parents, grandparents, aunts, or uncles to a child in our lives, we thank you for the awesome task that you have given us. May we raise them up with the kind of values that honor you. (Proverbs 22:6) May we seek to walk with integrity and character before them. Please show us how to nurture them, love them, guide them, and to communicate with them. May we teach them spiritual truths, that they may come to saving knowledge of, and personal relationship with, Jesus Christ. Please protect and cover them as they travel to and from school, extracurricular and social activities. Please empower them to make good decisions and to stand against all negative peer pressures. May they realize their true value and worth in you. Please reveal their talents and abilities that we as adults may help them further cultivate them, for your glory. May your purpose be revealed in their lives. We cancel every tactic and assignment of the enemy that would seek to persuade them to settle for anything less than your best! It is in the mighty name of Jesus that we pray, Amen. **God’s Prayer Promise:** “*Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.*” (Proverbs 22:6) “*There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.*” (Proverbs 23:18)

Day 21 Tuesday, March 29

Lord God, today we earnestly pray for unsaved souls. May we be empowered by the Holy Spirit to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to those who do not know Him for the forgiveness of their sins. Show us opportunities to share your the truths of your Word in love with our friends, family, co-workers, neighbors and even those we come in contact with, but do not know personally. Father, please impress upon our hearts the urgency to come alongside this ministry that the name of Jesus may be lifted up and all the world will hear and be saved. **God’s Prayer Promise:** “*But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men to myself.*” (John 12:32b)

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Week 4 — **Prayer Focus:** *Submission, salvation and Spreading the Gospel.*

Day 22 **Wednesday, March 30**

We fast and pray for JEWEL Ministry, our media ministry. Father, we pray that you will bless all who serve faithfully in the Audio, Video, Tape/CD and Prayer Line areas. We thank you that through their service, your Gospel is able to be shared with those locally, regionally and around the world. Please send more workers with similar gifts and talents to be a blessing to this ministry and for your glory. May we continue to reach the unsaved and hurting in your name. We thank you in advance, In Jesus' name, Amen. **God's Prayer Promise:** *"He said to them, 'Go to all the world and preach the good news to all creation' (Mark 16:15). 'Have faith in God. Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.'" (Mark 11:22, 24)*

Day 23 **Thursday, March 31**

We fast and intercede today for JEWEL Human Services (JHS), our outreach and foreign missions ministry. Father God, we pray for the JHS staff and community partners as they minister to oppressed and hurting families in our city and around the world. Please provide for, protect, and strengthen them with supernatural power as they share the gospel and extend the love and mercy of Jesus Christ. We also pray for those who have been called to foreign mission fields. Please protect them as they serve and use them mightily. We thank you in advance for using JHS to make a great impact for your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen. **God's Prayer Promise:** *"Ask the Lord, the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest field." (Matthew 9:38) "But as it is written: 'Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.' (1 Corinthians 2:9)*

Day 24 **Friday, April 1**

We fast and intercede for the Ministry Leaders of Eastern Star Church. With thanksgiving we pray that they will receive strength, power and insight as they persevere and minister to the people of this church and community. We pray for their families, finances, transportation and time management. We thank you for their faithful commitment and their willingness to be used by you. **God's Prayer Promise:** *"Remember your leaders, who spoke the Word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith." (Hebrews 13:7). "Then you will call upon me and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord . . ." (Jeremiah 29:12-13)*

Day 25 **Saturday, April 2**

We fast and intercede for the Sick and Shut-in. Father, we pray for healing, consolation and restoration. Lord, please meet every need and provide your peace. Help us as members of this ministry to remember them in prayer, in thought and in deed. May we extend your hand of love and be used for your glory. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen. **God's Prayer Promise:** *"But he said to me, my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:9a) "The Lord will sustain him on his sickbed and restore him from his bed of illness." (Psalm 41:3).*

Day 26 **Sunday, April 3**

Father, once again we pray for the unsaved and the unchurched in our families and in our communities. As we lift up the name of Jesus this day, may those who do not know Him, hear and be saved. Help us to bring the news of hope and eternal life to a dying world. For we know that their faith will come by hearing the message of Christ we bring. *"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news." (Romans 8:15a) God's Prayer Promise: "He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him." (Psalm 91:15)*

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Day 27 Monday, April 4

Father, we fast and intercede today for bereaved families. May your love surround them right now, in the name of Jesus. Please touch, comfort and console. May the power of your Word minister healing to hurting hearts and peace to troubled minds. May mourning be turned into gladness and weeping into joy. Whatever they stand in the need of in this day and the days ahead, we thank you for being God who is always there. Please have your way in their lives right now, in Jesus' name, Amen. **God's Prayer Promise:** *"We do not have a priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin. 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."* (Hebrews 4:15-16)

Day 28 Tuesday, April 5

Father God, we fast and pray today for single parents and unmarried members of Eastern Star Church. May they know that whatever they stand in need of, you will never leave them, or never forsake them. May they be strengthened to seek your face and to stand boldly for you. *"An unmarried man can spend his time doing the Lord's work and thinking how to please him... In the same way, a woman who is no longer married or has never been married can be more devoted to the Lord in body and in spirit"* (1 Corinthians 7:32, 34) *"No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it."* (1 Corinthians 10:13) **God's Prayer Promise:** *"Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands."* (Deuteronomy 7:9)

Week 5 — **Prayer Focus:** *Extending mercy, the breaking of strongholds and the power of God's Word.*

Day 29 Wednesday, April 6

Father, we fast and pray today for the homeless and orphans. "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle. They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away. Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them from their desires. He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle. Let them give thanks to the Lord for His unending love and His wonderful deeds for men. For He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." (Psalm 107:4-9) **God's Prayer Promise:** *"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)

Day 30 Thursday, April 7

Hear our prayer, O God, for the healing of illnesses and diseases among us. Jesus, we thank you today; you were pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon you and by your wounds we are healed. "Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits; who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's." (Psalm 103:2-5) **God's Prayer Promise:** *"The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will."* (Romans 8:26-27) *"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 heal their land".* (2 Chronicles 7:14)

Day 31 Friday, April 8

Hear our prayer today as we fast for those battling with drugs, alcohol, food, gambling or other addictions. Father, we pray that as they cry out to you, you will hear them and save them from their distress and pain. *"Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He brought them out of darkness and the deepest*

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gloom and broke away their chains. (Psalm 107:13-14) We not only pray for the restoration of these persons, but we also pray for their families. Please heal souls, bodies, minds and relationships in the Name of Jesus. "Whoever is wise, let him heed these things and consider the great love of the Lord." (Psalm 107:21, 43)

God's Prayer Promise: *"Then you will call upon me and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord . . ." (Jeremiah 29:12-13)*

Day 32 Saturday, April 9

Father God, we fast requesting that your presence will abide with us in a special way today. We desire to have intimate fellowship with you. Touch our hearts in such a way that we will desire an even deeper fellowship with you and offer you our sacrifices of praise and worship. "I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 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." (John 17:20-21) **God's Prayer Promise:** *"How gracious He will be when you cry for help." (Isaiah 30:19)*

Day 33 Sunday, April 10

Father, we pray for a closer walk with you today. We thank you that we can draw near to you and you will draw near to us. (add scripture) We pause in this moment; quieting ourselves, and seek you alone. We hold fast to the promises that you've provided to us in Your Word. "Blessed are they who keep His statutes and seek him with all their hearts." (Psalm 119:34). We bow in reverence to your awesome power, love, and authority. There is no other like you. Help us to walk in obedience to your will and to your way. In Jesus' Name, Amen. **God's Prayer Promise:** *You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. (Jeremiah 29:13) "You will pray to Him, and He will hear you . . ." (Job 22:27)*

Day 34 Monday, April 11

Today we fast and focus on your invincible Truth. "But now, this is what the Lord says—'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned . . . For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; you are my witnesses', declares the Lord, 'that I am God. Yes, from ancient days, I am He.'" (Isaiah 43:1-3, 13) We thank you Lord for your promises and stand firmly on your Holy Word. **God's Prayer Promise:** *"I urge, then, first of all that requests, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for everyone - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." (1 Tim 2:1-4)*

Day 35 Tuesday, April 12

Father, God, as we fast and pray today, our desire is to be your Disciples. May we be committed to sharing the gospel, equipping believers, enriching the lives of others, participating in missions, and exalting Jesus in accordance with the mission of this ministry. As we recommit to the mission of this ministry and come alongside the god-given vision of our Pastor, Father we ask that you would help us to stay focused on your will for our lives. Thank you in advance for having your way. In Jesus' name, Amen. **God's Prayer Promise:** *"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it." (Matthew 16:24-25).*

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Day 36 Wednesday, April 13

Father, we ask your blessing upon our Music, Sacred Dance and Mime Ministries. Lord, please continue to bless the men and women who serve faithfully, seeking to encourage our hearts and to be thankful to You. Renew their strength and please use them to be mighty instruments of worship and praise. Let us worship You with gladness and joyful songs. May we all worship you in Spirit and in Truth. "All these were men who were under the supervision of their fathers for the music of the temple of the Lord, with cymbals, lyres and harps, for the ministry at the house of God. (1 Chronicles 26:6). **God's Prayer Promise:** "Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: 'Here I am.'" (Isaiah 58:9)

Day 37 Thursday, April 14

Father God, we pray prayers of Thanksgiving for the favor you have shown to Eastern Star Church, New Beginnings Fellowship Church and New Horizons Church. We humbly submit ourselves to your will, your plans, and your purpose. Thank you, Father, for being so good to us! **God's Prayer Promise:** "The Lord is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous." (Proverbs 15:29)

Day 38 Friday, April 15

We fast and pray today for our current and future building projects and for the future church plants of Eastern Star Church. Father, we pray, believing, that the vision that has been set forth will be fulfilled. We thank you in advance for all you are doing in the life of this ministry. "For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God." (Hebrews 11:10) **God's Prayer Promise:** "Now in Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we can 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!" (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Day 39 Saturday, April 16

Lord, hear our petitions today for the Prayer Life of our church. Convict our hearts, O God, that we will be more of a House of Prayer. Fill us with prayers of worship, praise, intercession and petition that are in accordance with your will for our lives, our church, our community and the world. **God's Prayer Promise:** "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." (Acts 4:31)

Last Day!

Day 40 Sunday, April 17

Thank You, Lord, for hearing and answering our prayers during this season. As we have followed in the footsteps of Jesus, we have experienced great and marvelous things. We are not the same as we were when we started and for this we thank and praise Your Name! Thank You for transforming our lives individually and corporately as a body of believers! "Thanks be to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever! To the One who remembered us in our low estate and freed us from our enemies; His love endures forever! Give thanks to the God of Heaven; His love endures forever!" (Psalm 136:1, 23-24, 26). **God's Prayer Promise:** "For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ. And so through Him the 'Amen' is spoken to the glory of God." (2 Corinthians 1:20)
AMEN AND AMEN!

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