

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a vibrant red dress, is shown in profile from the waist up. She has her hands clasped in prayer and is looking upwards towards a soft, blue-tinted sky. The background is a blurred field of tall grass and trees, suggesting an outdoor setting at dusk or dawn.

NEW DIRECTION CHRISTIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

40 DAYS OF PRAYER

BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1ST

40 Days of Prayer

Introduction

Prayer is God's idea. Proof that God wants to hear from us in prayer is found in Matthew Chapter 6 as Jesus is teaching about prayer. Jesus said, "When you pray..." Jesus did not say, "If you pray..."

The words of Jesus make it clear that God is expecting to meet us in prayer. We will be praying for the next 40 days. The purpose of these 40 days is for us to take time to listen to God and let Him work in our lives. God is waiting for us. God wants to hear from us because He loves us. After 40 days of prayer, God will become clearer and dearer to us.

Four Primary Purposes of Prayer

Prayer is an act of **Dedication**

- **1 Kings 8:61:** ⁶¹ So let your whole heart be true to the Lord our God. Walk in His Laws and keep His Word, just as you are doing today

Prayer is an act of **Communication**

- **Psalms 17:6:** I am praying to you because I know you will answer, O God. Bend down and listen as I pray

Prayer is an act of **Supplication**

- **Philippians 4:6:** ⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

Prayer is an act of **Cooperation**

- **John 14:12:** ¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

Instructions

- Our prayers will not be merely calling out words, but will require our participation
- Each day you will need paper and something to write with or use your Bible as your journal

- Each day there will be a Bible verse for us to read
- Each day there will be three questions referring to that day's Bible verse(s) that will guide us into communicating with God:
- **Question #1** What word or phrase was most meaningful to you as you read today's Bible verse?
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November 1

Prayer of Surrender

Father, in Jesus' name, we start this 40-day journey of prayer in total surrender to You. Thank You for Your kindness that has brought us to this day and this decision. We are grateful for Your love and faithfulness. Lord, we Thank You that You accept us like we are as You transform us into the likeness of Christ. We present ourselves before You, mind, heart, body, soul, and spirit. We trust You with our strengths, weaknesses, desires, dreams, failures, successes, fears, and doubts. By faith we are releasing

everything and all of us into Your lap of grace as we surrender to Your sovereignty. May Your will be done in our lives. In Jesus' name. Amen.

November 2
Today's Bible Reference
John 15:5-7

⁵“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. ⁷ But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!

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November 3
Today's Bible Reference
John 15:15-16

¹⁵I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. ¹⁶You 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.

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November 4
Today's Bible Reference
Philippians 4:6-7

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

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November 5
Today's Bible Reference
John 16:23-24

²³In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ²⁴Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

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November 6
Today's Bible Reference
Psalms 37:4

⁴Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

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November 8

Today's Bible Reference

John 14:13-14

¹³And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

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November 9
Today's Bible Reference
Romans 8:38-39

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,^[a] neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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November 10
Today's Bible Reference
II Timothy 2:13

¹³ If we are unfaithful, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny who He is.

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November 11
Today's Bible Reference
Hebrews 13:5

⁵ *Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you*

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November 12

Today's Bible Reference

Psalm 139:17-18

¹⁷How precious are your thoughts about me O God. They cannot be numbered!¹⁸I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me

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November 13

Today's Bible Reference

Matthew 7:11

¹¹So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask Him.

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November 14
Today's Bible Reference
I Corinthians 2:9

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him.”

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November 15
Today's Bible Reference
John 1:12

¹² But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.

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November 16
Today's Bible Reference
Matthew 6:9-13

Pray along these lines: 'Our Father in heaven, we honor your holy name. ¹⁰ We ask that your kingdom will come now. May your will be done here on earth, just as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us our food again today, as usual, ¹² and forgive us our sins, just as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us.

¹³Don't bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. Amen.' (THE LIVING BIBLE VERSION)

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November 17
Today's Bible Reference
Ephesians 3:17-19

¹⁷And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts, living within you as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love; ¹⁸⁻¹⁹and may you be able to feel and understand, as all God's children should, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high his love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves, though it is so great that you will never see the end of it or fully know or understand it. And so at last you will be filled up with God himself.

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November 18
Today's Bible Reference
Psalms 107:15

¹⁵Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind

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November 19
Today's Bible Reference
Romans 8:28

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who^[a] have been called according to his purpose.

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November 20
Today's Bible Reference
Romans 12:1

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for Him. **(THE MESSAGE TRANSLATION)**

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November 21
Today's Bible Reference
Mark 14:36

³⁶ "Abba, Father,"⁴¹ He cried out, "everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine"

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November 22
Today's Bible Reference
Matthew 6:24

³⁴ "So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today."

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November 23
Today's Bible Reference
I John 1:9

⁹ But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

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November 24

Today's Bible Reference

Psalm 32:1-5

¹⁻² What happiness for those whose guilt has been forgiven! What joys when sins are covered over! What relief for those who have confessed their sins and God has cleared their record. ³ There was a time when I wouldn't admit what a sinner I was But my dishonesty made me miserable and filled my days with frustration. ⁴ All day and all night your hand was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water on a sunny day ⁵ until I finally admitted all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide them. I said to myself, "I will confess them to the Lord." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone. **(THE LIVING BIBLE TRANSLATION)**

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November 25

Today's Bible Reference

Ephesians 4:30-32

³⁰ And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. ³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you

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November 26
Today's Bible Reference
I Corinthians 13:5

⁴ Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud ⁵ or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.

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November 27
Today's Bible Reference
Colossians 3:23-24

²³ Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

²⁴ Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ

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November 28
Today's Bible Reference
Psalms 115:1

¹ Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name goes all the glory for your unfailing love and faithfulness.

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November 29
Today's Bible Reference
Jeremiah 29:13

¹³ If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.

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November 30
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John 15:7

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December 1
Today's Bible Reference
Daniel 9:4

⁴I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed: "O Lord, you are a great and awesome God! You always fulfill your covenant and keep your promises of unfailing love to those who love you and obey your commands.

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December 2
Today's Bible Reference
Daniel 9:9

⁹But the Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him.

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December 3
Today's Bible Reference
Daniel 9:18

¹⁸Give ear, our God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy.

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December 4

Today's Bible Reference

Daniel 9:20-23

²⁰I went on praying and confessing my sin and the sin of my people, pleading with the LORD my God for Jerusalem, his holy mountain. ²¹As I was praying, Gabriel, whom I had seen in the earlier vision, came swiftly to me at the time of the evening sacrifice. ²²He explained to me, "Daniel, I have come here to give you insight and understanding. ²³The moment you began praying, a command was given. And now I am here to tell you what it was, for you are very precious to God. Listen carefully so that you can understand the meaning of your vision.

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December 5

Today's Bible Reference

II Chronicles 20:7-9

⁷O our God, did you not drive out those who lived in this land when your people Israel arrived? And did you not give this land forever to the descendants of your friend Abraham? ⁸Your people settled here and built this Temple to honor your name. ⁹They said, 'Whenever we are faced with any calamity such as war plague, or famine, we can come to stand in your presence before this Temple where your name is honored. We can cry out to you to save us, and you will hear us and rescue us.'

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December 6
Today's Bible Reference
Ephesians 3:20

²⁰ Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

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December 7
Today's Bible Reference
II Chronicles 20:15-17

Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's
¹⁷ You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

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December 8
Today's Bible Reference
Hebrews 11:6

⁶ And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to Him must believe that God exists and that He rewards those who sincerely seek Him.

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December 9
Today's Bible Reference
I Corinthians 10:13

¹³ The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

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December 10
Today's Bible Reference
Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

⁹Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. ¹⁰If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.

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