



CITY OF ZION, THE MOUNT ZION CHURCH

40 DAYS OF PRAYER TO PALM SUNDAY

February 18-March 29, 2026

This 40-Day Prayer Devotional is a sacred journey of seeking God's presence, power, and purpose as we prepare our hearts for Palm Sunday. Each day invites believers to pause, pray, and reflect on Scripture while interceding for personal renewal, the Church, our communities, and the nations.

February 18-28: Seeking His Life to Revive the Church

Day 1 – Praying for God's Forgiveness and Joy to Bring Revival

Scripture: Psalm 85:2, 4, 6 (ESV)

Psalm 85:2-You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. Selah

Psalm 85:4-Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us!

Psalm 85:6-Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

Reflection: Revival begins with repentance and restoration. God's forgiveness reawakens joy, and joy fuels spiritual renewal.

Day 2 – Praying for God's Love to Be Revealed Afresh

Scripture: Psalm 85:7-8; John 14:21 (ESV)

Psalm 85:7-Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

Psalm 85:8-Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

John 14:21-Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.

Reflection: God reveals His love to those who walk in obedience and attentiveness to His voice.

Day 3 – Praying for Revival Bringing Salvation and Glory

Scripture: Psalm 85:9 (ESV) - Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

Reflection: Where salvation is honored, God's glory rests.



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Day 4 – Praying for Righteousness and Peace

Scripture: Psalm 85:10–13; Luke 1:76–77, 79 (ESV)

Psalm 85:10-13 - Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

Luke 1:76–77 - And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins,

Luke 1:7 - to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Reflection: True peace flows from righteousness and forgiveness.

Day 5 – Seeking God to Restore His People

Scripture: John 15:1–2, 5 (ESV) - “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, so that it may bear more fruit.” “I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”

Reflection: Restoration comes through abiding and pruning.

Day 6 – Praying for Christ’s Resurrection Power to Be Revealed

Scripture: John 5:25 (ESV) - “Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.”

Reflection: Christ’s voice brings life to what is dead.

Day 7 – Praying for Believers to Be Stretched in Spiritual Disciplines

Scripture: Psalm 80:17–18 (ESV) - But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself! Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name!

Reflection: Spiritual strength flows from God’s hand upon His people.



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Day 8: Praying for Believers to Be Lifted into the Light of God's Presence

Scripture: Psalm 80:14-15 (ESV) - "Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted and for the son whom you made strong for yourself."

Reflection: As we pray for fellow believers, let us ask God to lift them into His glorious presence, renewing their strength and purpose as His chosen people.

Day 9: Seeking God to Purify His People

Scripture: Psalm 51:7 (ESV) - "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

Psalm 51:10 - "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

Matthew 5:8 - "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

Reflection: Pray for the purification of God's people, that we may be cleansed and made holy, allowing us to see Him more clearly and reflect His character in the world.

Day 10: Praying for God's People to Love and Obey Him

Scripture: Deuteronomy 30:19-20 (ESV) - "I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice, and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days..."

Reflection: Let us intercede for God's people to choose love and obedience, prioritizing their relationship with Him above all else. Pray for a heart that is fully devoted to serving God.

Day 11: Seeking God for the Unification of His People

Scripture: John 13:1,3 (ESV) - "Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end." "Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God..."

Reflection: Pray for unity among believers, that we may be bound together in love as Jesus demonstrated. May we reflect His love and purpose, working together for the advancement of His kingdom.



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March 1-7: Seeking His Light to Awaken the Lost

Day 12: Seeking for the Light of the Gospel to Shine

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2 (ESV) - "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone."

Reflection: As we pray for the lost, let us embrace the hope that the light of the Gospel brings, illuminating the hearts of those in spiritual darkness.

Day 13: For Christ's Light to Shine into Darkened Hearts

Scripture: Luke 1:78-79 (ESV) - "Because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high; to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Reflection: Pray for those around you who may be struggling in darkness, that the light of Christ would break through their despair and guide them toward peace.

Day 14: Praying for the Eyes of the Spiritually Blind

Scripture: Matthew 20:32-34 (ESV) - "And stopping, Jesus called them and said, 'What do you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Lord, let our eyes be opened.' And Jesus in pity touched their eyes, and immediately they recovered their sight and followed him."

Reflection: Intercede for those who are spiritually blind, asking God to open their eyes to His love and truth, enabling them to follow Him.

Day 15 – Praying for God's Love to Be Received and Understood

Scripture: Isaiah 30:18; Luke 24:45 (ESV)

Isaiah 30:18 – Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you...

Luke 24:45 – Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

Reflection: May hearts be receptive to God's profound love, and may He grant understanding of His Word to all.



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Day 16 – Praying That the Word Would Be Proclaimed with Power

Scripture: Psalm 119:130 (ESV) – The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.

Reflection: As we share the Gospel, let us pray for clarity and simplicity, so that the light of God's Word can pierce through confusion and darkness.

Day 17 – Seeking for Revelation Leading to Repentance

Scripture: Job 42:5–6; John 9:36–38 (ESV)

Job 42:5–6 – I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

John 9:36–38 – He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.

Reflection: Pray for revelation that leads to genuine repentance, transforming lives as individuals encounter the living God.

Day 18 – Praying for People to Experience Christ as Living Light

Scripture: Psalm 37:7–9; John 8:12 (ESV)

Psalm 37:7–9 – Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way... For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

John 8:12 – Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Reflection: May individuals experience Christ as the true light, leading them from darkness into His marvelous light, imparting wisdom for living a life that reflects Him.



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Day 19 – Praying for Families

Scripture: Genesis 28:14 (ESV) – Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

Reflection: Pray for solid, God-centered relationships among family members. Ask that Christ's forgiveness would dissolve long-held anger and bitterness, allowing love and unity to flourish.

Day 20 – Praying for Children and Youth

Scripture: Psalm 144:12, 15; Mark 10:14 (ESV)

Psalm 144:12 – May our sons in their youth be like plants full grown, our daughters like corner pillars cut for the structure of a palace.

Psalm 144:15 – Blessed are the people to whom such blessings fall! Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord!

Mark 10:14 – But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.”

Reflection: Pray that children will hear the Gospel and have early encounters with Christ. Intercede for teens to completely commit their lives to Him, growing into strong pillars of faith.

Day 21 – Pastors and Church Leaders

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:2–3; 1 Peter 5:7 (ESV)

1 Peter 5:2–3 — Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.

1 Peter 5:7 — Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

Reflection: Pray that pastors and leaders will be filled with wisdom and honored by those they serve. Ask God to pour His Spirit upon them in power and humility, giving new ways for intimacy with Jesus.

Day 22 – Marriages

Scripture: Hebrews 13:4 (ESV) — Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

Reflection: Thank God for sturdy marriages that reflect His faithfulness and beauty. Pray for those in strained marriages, asking God to bring hope, healing, and restored intimacy.



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Day 23 – Ministries

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 3:1 (ESV) — Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you.

Reflection: Pray that Christian ministries will be founded on God's truth, anointed by His power, and funded by His people. Seek refreshed vision and encouragement for those dedicated to serving local churches.

Day 24 – Educators

Scripture: Luke 6:40 (ESV) - A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.

Reflection: Pray for teachers and mentors to impart godly wisdom, helping to form the character of their students. Ask for needed tools and proper facilities, and for believers to use discernment in praying for their students.

Day 25 – Health Care Workers

Scripture: Psalm 41:1-2 (ESV) — Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him; The Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.

Reflection: Pray that God equips health care workers to serve with loving hearts, granting them perseverance and joy. Ask that the pressures of their professions do not crush their families and friendships.

Day 26 – Judges and Law Enforcement

Scripture: Psalm 106:3 (ESV) — Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!

Reflection: Pray for righteous wisdom and principled patience for judges and law enforcement. Ask for physical and emotional protection for them and their families, that they may become change agents for good.

Day 27 – Government Leaders

Scripture: 1 Timothy 2:1-2 (ESV) — First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, For kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

Reflection: Pray for holy boldness among government leaders. Ask God to grant wisdom, integrity, and humility, that they may govern with justice and create environments where God's people can live in peace.



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Day 28 – College Students

Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:15 (ESV) — Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

Reflection: Pray for the evangelization of college campuses, that many students will follow Christ and radiate His truth in environments that can be hostile to faith. Ask for wisdom in their decisions and for them to shape their lives according to God's purpose.

Day 29 – Sick and Elderly

Scripture: Genesis 24:1; Matthew 14:14 (ESV)

Genesis 24:1 — Now Abraham was old, well advanced in years. And the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things.

Matthew 14:14 — When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

Reflection: Intercede for the sick in your community, asking for God's healing and comfort. Pray for His strength to be poured out on the elderly, and that they are honored, surrounded by friendships and family bonds.

Day 30 – Poor and Unemployed

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:13; Psalm 140:12 (ESV)

Ecclesiastes 3:13 — Also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.

Psalm 140:12 — I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and will execute justice for the needy.

Reflection: Pray for the poor, that their needs are met with dignity and stability. Ask God to release them from cycles of despair and provide meaningful employment for the unemployed, reversing curses and multiplying blessings.

Day 31 – Unhoused

Scripture: Psalm 104:21 (ESV) — The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.

Reflection: Pray for immediate relief for the unhoused, including shelter, food, and health care. Seek God to restore hope through wise counsel and friendships, breaking every form of bondage and providing intervention.



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Day 32 – News Media

Scripture: Zechariah 8:16 (ESV) — These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another; render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace.

Reflection: Pray for those in the media to come to know Jesus personally. Ask God to protect them as they convey virtuous and Kingdom values through their work.

March 22-28: Seeking His Peace Among All People

Day 33 – For Christ to Bless the Nations with Peace

Scripture: Genesis 22:18; John 8:56 (ESV)

Genesis 22:18 – “And in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

John 8:56 – “Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.”

Reflection: God's promise through Abraham reminds us that Christ is God's blessing to every nation. True peace flows from Jesus alone. As we pray today, we intercede for the nations to experience Christ's saving power, unity, and lasting peace.

Day 34 – Seeking God on Behalf of the Military

Scripture: Matthew 8:5, 10 (ESV) – “When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him.” “When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, ‘Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith.’”

Reflection: Jesus honored the faith of a military leader. Today we lift those who serve in armed forces around the world. We pray for protection, wisdom, strong families, and hearts anchored in faith, trusting God to cover them with His peace.

Day 35 – Praying for Christ to Restore Relationships

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:5–6, 9; Luke 19:42 (ESV)

Jeremiah 33:5–6 – “...Behold, I will bring it health and healing, and I will heal them and reveal to them an abundance of prosperity and security.”

Jeremiah 33:9 – “And this city shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and a glory before all the nations of the earth...”

Luke 19:42 – “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.”

Reflection: God desires to heal broken places and restore peace where division exists. Today we pray for families, churches, communities, and nations to experience reconciliation through Christ, who alone brings true healing.



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Day 36 – Praying for Our Enemies to Be Blessed

Scripture: Matthew 5:44–46 (ESV) – “But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven...”

Reflection: Jesus calls us higher — to love, forgive, and pray for those who oppose us. Revival deepens when our hearts reflect God's mercy. Today we release bitterness and choose blessing, trusting God to transform hearts on every side.

Day 37 – Praying for Safe Legal Immigration and Improved Conditions

Scripture: Deuteronomy 10:18–19 (ESV) – “He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.”

Reflection: God's heart is for the vulnerable and displaced. Today we pray for compassionate systems, safe pathways, and improved living conditions for immigrants. May justice, dignity, and mercy prevail.

Day 38 – Seeking God to End All Conflicts in Our City and Country

Scripture: Isaiah 2:4; Matthew 12:21 (ESV)

Isaiah 2:4 – “He shall judge between the nations... they shall beat their swords into plowshares... neither shall they learn war anymore.”

Matthew 12:21 – “And in his name the Gentiles will hope.”

Reflection: God is the ultimate peacemaker. We cry out for violence to cease and hope to rise. Today we intercede for our cities and nation, asking God to replace conflict with compassion and despair with hope.

Day 39 – Praying for God to Unite All Peoples Together in Worship

Scripture: Psalm 102:18, 22; Mark 11:17 (ESV)

Psalm 102:18 – “Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD.”

Psalm 102:22 – “When peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.”

Mark 11:17 – “My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations.”

Reflection: God's vision is global worship — every tribe, tongue, and nation praising Him together. Today we pray for unity across cultures and generations, believing revival will culminate in worldwide worship of our risen King.



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March 29, 2026: Palm Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 23:37 - "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!" —**Elder Dabner**

Psalm 118:22: Prayer for our community that every eye would look to Jesus; even those who have opposed or overlooked Him previously. —**Elder Hollingsworth**

Psalm 118: 23-24: prayer for us to open our eyes to recognize what God is doing to glorify his Son. That he would give His people joy in welcoming the long-expected surprise of Christ's visitation. —**Elder May**

Psalm 118:25-26: Pray that our hope is aroused that God will save us when we say YES to Him. That he will come to yet reveal the name and glory of God. —**Minister Lawal**

Psalm 118:27: Prayer that the Lord will give us light to welcome Jesus and make him marvelous in our sight. That he would steady us in hope and eager in expectancy that would give light to many throughout our city; that Jesus will be welcomed, followed and loved.

—**Elder Davis**

Luke 19:37-40:Praying that the rocks keep silent before the escalating sound of welcoming worship. May our children be the first to know and honor Him. That millions would submit their lives and be saved. May his peace be as great as his glory. —**Elder Jones**