



COR CHURCH

We are One: Building a Covenant Community

WINTER FASTING VIGIL

A Week of Prayer & Fasting

Ask and it shall be given...

Matthew 7:7

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TO THE CHRIST OUR REDEEMER FAMILY

We are living in very challenging times. Many in our nation and world are overwhelmed with the impact of 2020. People everywhere are both morally and spiritually challenged. We need a revival and spiritual renewal. Our Spirit needs to be revived with fire from above and restored with the joy of our salvation.

The Bible tells us in 2 Chronicles 7: 14: *If my people who are called by name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and forgive their sin and heal their land.*

Epiphany is a season, also known as Epiphanytide. In some churches, it is recognized as a liturgical period following the Christmas season. A Week of Prayer for Christian Unity also falls within the season, allowing another seasonal theme to be that of unity.

Winter Fasting Vigil

During this Epiphany season, the entire COR Church family is invited to join in a daily 12-hour winter fasting and prayer vigil.

Times and days for fasting

6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.,

Sunday, January 17 - Saturday, January 23.

Evening Zoom Worship Service

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

When: Monday, January 18 - Friday, January 22.

Epiphany focus

Someone praying at all times during our 24-hour prayer and fasting vigil.

Scriptures and Prayers

Daily scriptures and prayers will be posted online at the church website (www.corchurch.org).

Medical Concerns

Those who have medical issues, modify your fast. Allow time for you to eat accordingly to the times needed to take your medication. Please do not do anything that may challenge your health. If you have any concerns, you should seek medical advice.

No matter what medical challenges you may have, everyone can pray. We encourage every member and officers of our various organizations and auxiliaries to join us during our week of prayer and fasting.

Worship Themes

Monday, January 18, 2021

Topic: Building Relationships

Scriptures: Philippians 2:3-8

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Topic: Praying for Church and Ministries

Scriptures: Colossians 1:9-14

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Topic: Pray for Our Nation

Scriptures: Isaiah 57:14-19

Thursday, January 21, 2021

Topic: Praying for the World

Scriptures: Ezekiel 34:5-11

Friday, January 22, 2021

Topic: Praying for Spiritual Success

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 1:2-9

Saturday prayer, fasting and meditation only!

How Should We Pray?

Pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue (Psalm 66:17).

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise (Psalm 95:2)!

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. (Matthew 6:9-13)

Who Should We Pray For?

I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf. (Romans 15:30)

You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many. (2 Corinthians 1:11)

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. (1Timothy 2:1-2)

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. (James 5:13-14)

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. (James 5:16)

What Should We Pray For?

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Highest, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.” (Psalm 50:14-15)

Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success! (Psalm 118:25)

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May they be secure who love you! (Psalm 122:6)

Brothers, my prayer and heart’s desire to God for them is that they may be saved. (Romans 10:1)

For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” (Romans 10:13)

I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. (1 Corinthians 14:15)

But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. (James 1:6)

Prayer Changes Things:

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, (1 Corinthians 1:4)

Praying always in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, (Ephesians 6:18)

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy. (Philippians 1:3-4)

We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, (Colossians 1:3)

24-hour Prayer Schedule

The 24-hour Prayer Schedule is designed to cover every hour with members who will pray with us during this week of prayer and fasting.

Each individual member of the family including children should identify the first letter of their name on the 24-hours prayer schedule below and pray during that hour.

First Name Beginning with:	Time	First Name Beginning with:	Time
A	6:00 AM	M	6:00 PM
B	7:00 AM	N	7:00 PM
C	8:00 AM	O	8:00 PM
D	9:00 AM	P	9:00 PM
E	10:00 AM	Q	10:00 PM
F	11:00 AM	R	11:00 PM
G	12:00 PM	S	12:00 AM
H	1:00 PM	T	1:00 AM
I	2:00 PM	U	2:00 AM
J	3:00 PM	V	3:00 AM
K	4:00 PM	W & X	4:00 AM
L	5:00 PM	Y & Z	5:00 AM

Monday

Building Relationships

Morning Reading:

Romans 15:5-7

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

Evening Reading:

Philippians 2:3-8

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself

nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Prayer:

Father, we who seek to become one with you and with Christ Jesus, our Lord, help us become one with another. We are depending on you to help us build healthy relationships. Bind our hearts, mind, and spirit together in Christian love. Help us to tear down walls and stumbling blocks of envy, jealousy, and strife. Encourage us to build relationships on trust and respect for one another. Lord, this is your church, we are your people, and we stand together on one accord. We are believing and trusting as we grow together in the body of Christ. Bless our church, families, and community allowing nothing to hinder, stop, or prevent a spirit of unity. Bind us together, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Tuesday

Praying for Church and Ministries

Morning Reading:

Colossians 1:9-14

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Evening Reading:

2 Timothy 2:11-13

Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

Prayer:

We open our hearts to receive your assignment for our church in reaching every individual need. Our ministry focus is to serve you and the people. Raise up among us ministry leaders, who have vision and commitment to enhance the effectiveness of our church. Empower, equip and transform the lives of your people with the word of God. May your word, wisdom, and guidance empower each leader with the resources and people necessary to fulfill your vision for our church. Speak Lord to those who are listening and ready to serve. In the name of Jesus, we pray!

Wednesday

Praying for Our Nation

Morning Reading:

1 Timothy 2:1-6

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.

Evening Reading:

Isaiah 57:14-19

And it will be said: “Build up, build up, prepare the road! Remove the obstacles out of the way of my people.”
For this is what the high and exalted One says—he who

lives forever, whose name is holy: “I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite. I will not accuse them forever, nor will I always be angry, for then they would faint away because of me— the very people I have created. I was enraged by their sinful greed; I punished them, and hid my face in anger, yet they kept on in their willful ways. I have seen their ways, but I will heal them; I will guide them and restore comfort to Israel’s mourners, creating praise on their lips. Peace, peace, to those far and near,” says the Lord. “And I will heal them.”

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, as I look at our nation today, it is evident that we need divine intervention. The aggressive acts of violence, the painful effects of oppression, racism, and discrimination and the blatant disregard for justice and equality are real. While others are reaping the benefits of our nation, there are those who are treated less than second class citizens. I pray for doors of hope to be opened, and the barriers that prevent your people who

are neglected be torn down. It is my prayer that every individual in our nation is given the same dignity and respect. Help us to find peace and unity where there is divisiveness, hatred, bigotry, and anger. This is my prayer, in the name of Jesus. Amen!

Thursday

Praying for the World

Morning Reading:

Matthew 9:35-38

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Evening Reading:

Ezekiel 34:5-11

So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered they became food for all the wild animals. My sheep wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were

scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them. “Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, because my flock lacks a shepherd and so has been plundered and has become food for all the wild animals, and because my shepherds did not search for my flock but cared for themselves rather than for my flock, therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against the shepherds and will hold them accountable for my flock. I will remove them from tending the flock so that the shepherds can no longer feed themselves. I will rescue my flock from their mouths, and it will no longer be food for them. “For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them.

Prayer:

Dear Lord, you have seen how great the need is in every city of our nation. People are giving up hope. Suicide and drug overdose are increasing at an alarming rate. Men, women and children are wandering our streets, homeless, tired and weary. Help us to enhance what we already do by increasing our ability to make a difference.

The harvest is ripe, and labors are few. Prepare us to harvest your people and fill their need. Amen!

Friday

Praying for Spiritual Success

Morning Reading:

Genesis 39:2-6

The Lord greatly blessed Joseph there in the home of his master, so that everything he did succeeded. Potiphar noticed this and realized that the Lord was with Joseph in a very special way. So, Joseph naturally became quite a favorite with him. Soon he was put in charge of the administration of Potiphar's household, and all his business affairs. At once the Lord began blessing Potiphar for Joseph's sake. All his household affairs began to run smoothly, his crops flourished, and his flocks multiplied. So, Potiphar gave Joseph the complete administrative responsibility over everything he owned. He hadn't a worry in the world with Joseph there, except to decide what he wanted to eat! Joseph, by the way, was a very handsome young man.

Evening Reading:

Psalm 1:1-3

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.

Prayer:

Almighty God, you have given us everything we need to live and to survive. There is none who can compare to the love you have demonstrated through Christ Jesus our Lord. It is my prayer for you to increase my spiritual life with wisdom and understanding. Give me the ability to look beyond where I am and seek insight where you desire for me to be. Encourage my spirit to move away from doubt and replace it with trust and belief. Give me the boldness and the persistence to begin walking in my anointing. Help me fulfill the purpose you have ordained for my life.

Saturday

Praying for Effective Faith

Morning Reading:

Galatians 3:7-9

Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Evening Reading:

James 2:14-20

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.”

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, you have been with me and are acquainted with every aspect of my life. There is nothing I can withhold from you that you do not already know. I am praying for effective faith to tear down strongholds in my life that are contrary to your will. Empower me to become a mighty prayer warrior in my church. Use me for your glory, so when I pray and ask for miracles, signs, and wonders I will see the manifestation of your spirit and power working through my life. Lord increase my effective faith.

