

A PURPOSE-DRIVEN LIFE CAMPAIGN

40 DAYS OF PURPOSE

A GUIDE TO PRAYING FOR YOUR COMMUNITY



Soon our church will embark on one of the most exciting chapters in our history, the *40 Days of Purpose Campaign*. Together we will look at God's five purposes for our lives and answer the all-important question, "What on earth am I here for?" This spiritual growth Campaign is an opportunity that we don't want anyone to miss.

In preparation for the *40 Days of Purpose Campaign*, it is important to remember that God's power is unleashed through the activity of our prayers. Although Campaign plans are necessary, it is prayer that ultimately brings the power of God into this process, transforming lives and bringing lasting change to our church and community. When prayer touches the fuse of God's power, amazing things can happen!

"Whenever God determines to do a great work, he first sets his people to pray."
C. H. Spurgeon

Prayer is the simplest form of communication that we have with God. It is during times of reflection and quietness that we hear God speaking to our hearts and renewing us in His presence. Although prayer is a special time of praising Him, confessing our sins, and expressing our own needs to God, it is also a time to ask Him to be working in the world around us.

There is no more important time in the history of our church than now! We are praying that God will send a wave of spiritual growth across America and the world (millions have participated so far). Your prayers matter during this incredible time.

HOW CAN I BEST PRAY FOR THE *40 Days of Purpose Campaign* TO POSITIVELY IMPACT MY COMMUNITY?

Consider prayerwalking or prayerdriving!

Perhaps the activities of prayerwalking and prayerdriving are new to you. Both activities can be defined as "praying on-site with insight." On-site praying is simply praying in the very places where you expect your prayers to be answered. It is a deliberate and planned time of focused prayer. Be prepared to join God in the phenomenal way He is working around you before, during, and after the *40 Days of Purpose Campaign*! Ask God to "open your eyes spiritually" to let you see His plans through His eyes.

Prayerdriving will allow you to prayerfully cover a larger area of your community. So, if you prefer to drive rather than walk, prayerdriving is the answer for you!

Whichever activity you select, walking or driving, your call to pray for your community will likely result in a new awareness and sensitivity to the people around you.

Prayerwalking and prayerdriving are simple activities that do not require you to approach your neighbors or co-workers or to even know their specific needs. In fact, prayerwalkers and prayerdrivers are those who are "on the scene without making one." Through God's inspiration, you will discern certain areas that need your concentrated prayer. You will see new potential in your friends, family members, neighbors, fellow church members, and co-workers. Your on-site prayers will prepare resistant hearts to be open to spiritual growth and participation in the *40 Days of Purpose Campaign*.

Through the intentional activity of your prayerwalk or prayerdrive, God's work will be revealed around you like never before.

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

To prepare for your prayerwalk or prayerdrive, take these two easy steps:

- Choose one, two, or three friends to share this adventure with you. If that is not possible, don't let it stop you from enjoying your own time of praying for your community while walking or driving.
- Decide on a block of time that you will "hit the streets" during the week before the start of the Campaign.

Please stop by the Grand Central 40 Days of Purpose Campaign tables to "flag" the location you are praying for on the Prayerwalk/Prayerdrive Map.

WHERE SHOULD I PRAY?

Invite God to show you where He wants you to pray, and be willing to visit those places He reveals. Although you will want to allow for some flexibility in your walking or driving route, plan to stop in specific, predetermined areas to target your prayers. You may want to consider pausing at the following locations for a focused time of prayer:

- Individual homes
- Streets
- Schools
- Churches
- Hospitals
- Businesses

- Shopping centers
- Beaches
- Parks
- Any populated areas or strategic viewpoints!

HOW CAN I PRAY AND DRIVE AT THE SAME TIME?

Good question! You can designate a passenger to read from the "Suggested Prayers" and "Suggested Scriptures" as you drive. Or you can do your reading when you pull to the side of the road at different locations.

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

- **Be alert as you walk or drive. Remember: Safety first!**
- Feel free to pray either silently or aloud. And, don't let moments of silence make you or your prayer partner(s) feel uncomfortable.
- Be aware of how the Holy Spirit may be leading. He may, for example, prompt you to speak to someone along the way in order to invite him or her to church. If He does, enjoy the opportunity to be His gentle voice of encouragement. You might be the only smile that person gets all day!
- Make this a family event! Talk about it in advance and plan a short easy route for small children. Encourage your older children to pray while they ride their bike or skateboard around the neighborhood.
- You may choose to listen to instrumental music while walking or driving, but be careful that it does not overpower or interrupt the prayer insight that God wants to give you.
- Don't forget to bring a pen, just in case you want to make a personal notation in the back of this booklet.
- Be ready to share your experience with others. Not only will your own faith be strengthened, but you will also be a source of encouragement to others. Please e-mail us at ***church@pacifichristian.net!*** (Make sure you mention which community you prayed for.)
- Don't stop after just one walk or drive! Watch God continue His work around you as you make praying for your community a regular and consistent part of your life. The blessings will be yours!

- If you are homebound and are, therefore, unable to walk or drive the streets of your community, please, please accept the challenge to pray diligently for those for whom prayerwalking/prayerdriving is a new and difficult concept. Your intercession on their behalf will change their lives forever! May God bless you abundantly for your generosity of prayer.

If you're interested in praying specifically for the Campaign Host Home leaders and participants, visit the Grand Central tables on the church patio to receive a list of streets in your neighborhood where the Host Homes are located.

SUGGESTED PRAYERS

(Feel free to use the following ideas as prayer starters.)

- **GOD'S PURPOSES** of worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and mission - to be joyously lived out in each person's life to the glory of God
- **GOD'S PREPARATION** of each man, woman, teen, and child's heart for what He desires to do in each life during the *40 Days of Purpose Campaign*, especially for those who don't even know yet that they will be participating!
- **GOD'S PROTECTION** from distractions, worries, problems, and concerns for each individual who will be participating in the Campaign or working tirelessly behind the scenes as a volunteer
- **GOD'S PRESENCE** in each person's life as He personally challenges him or her to take the next baby step or giant leap in living a purpose-driven life
- **GOD'S PROVISIONS** of energy, time, and resources for each individual who has stepped out in faith to serve unselfishly as a Host Home leader or co-leader
- **GOD'S GRACE** to be released in the life of each person involved in the Campaign, sending a wave of spiritual growth through our communities - including our churches, schools, and businesses
- **GOD'S SALVATION** for each person who has not yet taken the step of committing his or her life to Jesus Christ; pray for the Good News to be communicated clearly and powerfully to each person
- **GOD'S BLESSINGS** poured out on individuals and families who are a godly influence in their community

- **GOD'S WISDOM** to be given to each parent and educator, as well as each church, business, and community leader who is in a position to boldly impact lives for Christ during this Campaign
- **GOD'S CONVICTION OF SIN** in each person's life, along with a willingness to repent, receive forgiveness, and be reconciled to God and others
- **GOD'S HEALING TOUCH** to all who suffer from physical, emotional, or psychological concerns that could prevent them from fully participating in the Campaign
- **GOD'S POWER** to touch each person's heart to respond to Him with honor, thanksgiving, and praise

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURES

Don't forget to use Scripture to guide your prayers. You can be confident of praying the will of God when you pray the Word of God. Here are some verses that will help you pray, beginning with a Psalm of personal commitment and confession. If you want to use other passages, just bring a small Bible along.

Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O LORD. Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of his covenant. For the sake of your name, O LORD, forgive my iniquity, though it is great. Psalm 25:4-11 (NIV)

"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. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to 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 29:11-14 (NIV)

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may 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 joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share

in the inheritance of the saints 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.

Colossians 1:9-14 (NIV)

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 and 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 knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men - the testimony given in its proper time.

1 Timothy 2:1-6 (NIV)

I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. Ephesians 1:16-21 (NIV)

Pray with trust and eager anticipation, expecting God to answer your prayers!

