

FORTY DAYS OF PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

JULY 21 - AUGUST 29, 2021

For the past thirty years, God has greatly blessed Green Acres Baptist Church through the work and ministry of Pastor David. The last three decades have been a time of tremendous growth for both the membership and ministries of our church. As Pastor Michael prepares to assume the role of Senior Pastor, we are asking our church family to join together for daily prayer to lift up our church during this time of transition so that we will remain unified in Christ.

This guide will give you daily topics to pray over for a forty-day period. Allow God's Word and the Holy Spirit to guide you as you pray. Take time each day from July 21 through August 29 to pray for our church and rejoice in all God has done and will do in the future. Remember these two faithful men and their families as they both make major transitions in their lives, and as you pray, seek to find how God will use you and your spiritual gifts in the body of His church.



JULY 21 – THE TRUTH OF JESUS

Ask God to change lives as we faithfully proclaim the Truth of Jesus.

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you continue in my word, you really are my disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32

JULY 22 – CONNECT WITH THE BODY OF CHRIST

Pray that God connects us with Jesus and each other as we fellowship in worship, study, and prayer.

And let us consider one another in order to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25

JULY 23 – GROW IN CHRIST

Ask that God will help you and our church family grow daily in our relationship with Jesus.

But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into him who is the head – Christ. From him the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament, promotes the growth of the body for building itself up in love by the proper working of each individual part. Ephesians 4:15-16

JULY 24 – MULTIPLY FOR CHRIST

Pray that God will give us all hearts and words to share the Good News of Christ.

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

JULY 25 – PRAISE THE LORD

As you pray for our church, praise the Lord for who He is and His sovereignty over all creation.

My soul, bless the Lord, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. My soul, bless the Lord, and do not forget all his benefits. Psalms 103:1-2

JULY 26 – GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Give thanks to God for all He has done for you and our church.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name. For the Lord is good, and his faithful love endures forever; his faithfulness, through all generations. Psalms 100:4-5

JULY 27 – WORSHIP OUR SAVIOR

Take time to worship Jesus, our Great Shepherd, for the way He cares for us individually and as a church.

Come, let's worship and bow down; let's kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, the sheep under his care. Psalms 95:6-7

JULY 28 – GRACE FROM GOD

Thank God for His saving grace and for the sustaining grace He provides each day in your life.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, instructing us to deny godlessness and worldly lusts and to live in a sensible, righteous, and godly way in the present age, while we wait for the blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. Titus 2:11-13

JULY 29 – GOD'S GREAT MERCY

Thank God for His mercy and pray that He will use you to share the mercy you have received from Him.

Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. Luke 6:36

JULY 30 – FORGIVENESS IN CHRIST

Thank God for His great forgiveness in Christ Jesus and ask God to give you a forgiving heart.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he richly poured out on us with all wisdom and understanding. Ephesians 1:7-8

JULY 31 – CLEANSED BY CHRIST

Allow God to cleanse your heart as you come to Him confessing your sins.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

AUGUST 1 – GOD'S GREAT COMPASSION

Ask God to help you and our church family have the same compassion for people that Jesus displayed while he was on the earth.

When he saw the crowds, he felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest." Matthew 9:36-38

AUGUST 2 – WALK IN CHRIST'S HUMILITY

Ask God to help you and our church family walk in the humility of Christ.

Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus, who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be exploited. Instead he emptied himself by assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of humanity. And when he had come as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death – even to death on a cross. Philippians 2:5-8

AUGUST 3 – BE AN ENCOURAGEMENT

Change can be hard, so ask God to help you encourage others during this time of transition.

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

AUGUST 4 – BE OBEDIENT

Ask God to give you and our church family a heart of obedience to God so that His will can be done.

Then Samuel said: Does the Lord take pleasure in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the Lord? Look: to obey is better than sacrifice, to pay attention is better than the fat of rams. 1 Samuel 15:22

AUGUST 5 – LOVE GOD

Pray that God will help you love Him with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, for this is the greatest command according to Jesus. *Jesus answered, "The most important is Listen, Israel! The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is, Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other command greater than these." Mark 12:29-31*

AUGUST 6 – LOVE OTHERS

Ask God to help you love others as you love yourself, for this is the second greatest command.

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AUGUST 7 – LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

The world tells us to hate our enemies, but Jesus tells us to love them. Ask God to give you the strength to love your enemies as Jesus loves them.

"You have heard that it was said, Love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:43-44

AUGUST 8 – SERVE OTHERS

Jesus came as a servant, so pray that God will use you to serve others well.

"On the contrary, whoever wants to become great among you will be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you will be a slave to all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:43-45

AUGUST 9 – FREEDOM IN GOD

Praise God for freedom in Jesus, and pray for the strength and conviction to continue to follow His Word.

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you continue in my word, you really are my disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32

AUGUST 10 – GOD'S DIRECTION

Ask God to reveal His direction for our church to Pastor Michael and our church leadership.

"For I know the plans I have for you" – this is the Lord's declaration – "plans for your well-being, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. You will call to me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:11-13

AUGUST 11 – THIRST FOR GOD

It is easy to be distracted by the things of this world, so pray that Pastor Michael and each member of our church will thirst only for God.

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so I long for you, God. I thirst for God, the living God. When can I come and appear before God? Psalms 42:1-2

AUGUST 12 – WISDOM

God tells us to seek His wisdom; pray that God provides Pastor Michael and our church leadership wisdom in all decisions.

Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God – who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly – and it will be given to him. James 1:5

AUGUST 13 – PROTECTION FOR FAMILY

Pray God's protection over all the families of our church as He promises in His Word.

He will cover you with his feathers; you will take refuge under his wings. His faithfulness will be a protective shield. Psalms 91:4

AUGUST 14 – COURAGE FROM GOD

God provided courage and strength to Joshua; pray that Pastor Michael and this body of believers will have that same courage from God.

"Haven't I commanded you: be strong and courageous? Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

AUGUST 15 – HOPE FOR OUR CHURCH

Pray that the Lord will fill you with an expectant hope and excitement about the future of our church.

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

AUGUST 16 – PREACHING THE WORD

Pray that our church family will grow in faith through Pastor Michael's teaching of God's Word.

All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

AUGUST 17 – FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Pray that Pastor Michael and our church family be filled with the power of God's Holy Spirit at all times.

For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, in the Holy Spirit, and with full assurance. 1 Thessalonians 1:4-5

AUGUST 18 – PEOPLE OF PRAYER

Pray that God will make us a church committed to praying for one another at all times.

Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints. Ephesians 6:18

AUGUST 19 – LIVING IN GOD'S STRENGTH

Pray that Pastor Michael and this church will live in God's strength and not in fear.

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will hold on to you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

AUGUST 20 – UNITY IN THE BODY

Jesus prayed for our unity as a body of believers, so pray that we continue to live in the unity provided by Jesus Christ.

"I pray not only for these, but also for those who believe in me through their word. May they all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us, so that the world may believe you sent me. John 17:20-21

AUGUST 21 – BOLDNESS IN CHRIST

Pray that Pastor Michael and our church family boldly proclaim the Good News of Jesus.

Pray also for me, that the message may be given to me when I open my mouth to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel. Ephesians 6:19

AUGUST 22 – THE WORDS WE SPEAK

Pray that our church will be known for members who speak encouraging words of grace.

No foul language should come from your mouth, but only what is good for building up someone in need, so that it gives grace to those who hear. Ephesians 4:29

AUGUST 23 – HEALTH AND HEALING

Pray for the health and wellness of Pastor Michael and his family and for the health and wellness of our church family.

But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings, and you will go out and playfully jump like calves from the stall. Malachi 4:2

AUGUST 24 – LIVING IN FAITH

Pray for Pastor Michael and our church family that we will live each day in faith in Jesus Christ.

Now without faith it is impossible to please God, since the one who draws near to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. Hebrews 11:6

AUGUST 25 – STANDING FIRM

Pray that Pastor Michael and our church will stand firm in the truth of Jesus Christ despite the shifting sands of our culture.

Be alert, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong. 1 Corinthians 16:13

AUGUST 26 – COMMUNICATING WELL

This world is full of anger. Ask God to help you listen to others and lovingly speak Truth.

My dear brothers and sisters, understand this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger, for human anger does not accomplish God's righteousness. James 1:19-20

AUGUST 27 – SUBMITTING TO GOD

Pray that our entire church family will humbly submit to God and live in His grace.

But he gives greater grace. Therefore he says: God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:6-7

AUGUST 28 – RESISTING THE DEVIL

Pray that our church family resists the provocations of the enemy.

Be sober-minded, be alert. Your adversary the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour. Resist him, firm in the faith, knowing that the same kind of sufferings are being experienced by your fellow believers throughout the world. 1 Peter 5:8-9

AUGUST 29 – ACTING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

The enemy wants to tear our church apart, so ask God to help us live in unity in Christ by putting on His love.

Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and dearly loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a grievance against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you are also to forgive. Above all, put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. And let the peace of Christ, to which you were also called in one body, rule your hearts. And be thankful. Colossians 3:12-15