



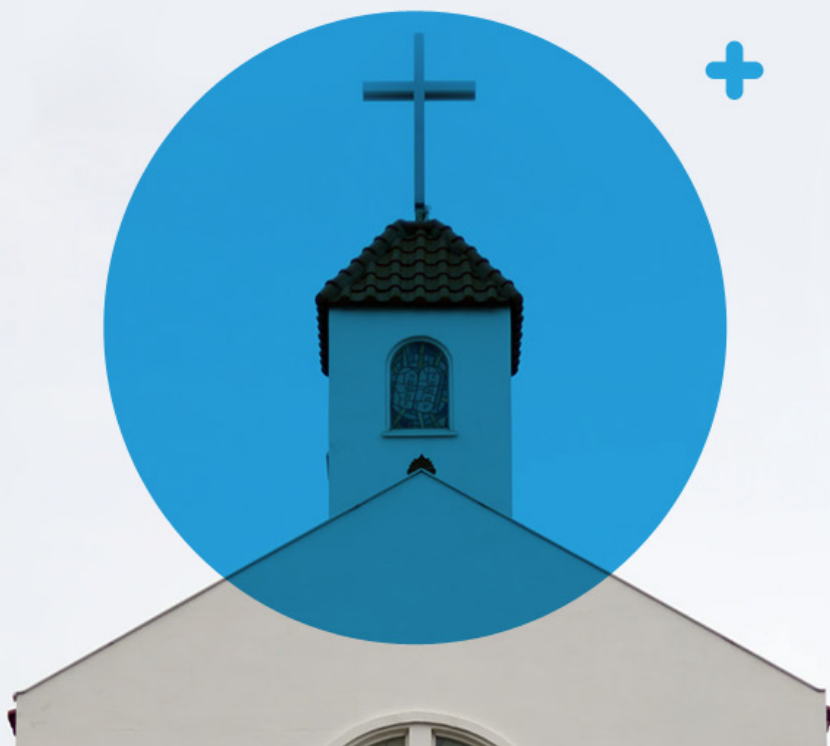
21 DAYS OF

PRAYER

AND

FASTING

FOR OUR CHURCH, NATION, & WORLD



INTRODUCTION:

It seems that everything in us is longing for a “**return**.”

A **return** to normal.

A **return** to life before COVID.

A **return** to gatherings with family and friends.

A **return** to church.

A **return** to God.

In Jeremiah 6:16a (NIV), we read:

This is what the Lord says: “Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.”

As your spiritual leaders at Grace Church, we’d suggest that as the Lord says, we are standing at a “crossroads” in human history. This deep longing for “return” in our world opens a door for ministry to our aching world. In this verse, God calls his people to walk “the ancient paths” and that when we “...walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Prayer and **fasting** are two of “the ancient paths.” For the next 21 days from Monday, June 7th to Sunday, June 27th, we will walk both on these paths. In the pages that follow, we will give you daily prayer scriptures to ponder and reflect on with prayer prompts for our Church, Nation, and World.

In the 1700’s, John Wesley and the early Methodists, developed a discipline called the “Wesley Fast.” Once a week, they would fast for a little less than 24 hours, from after dinner until the evening meal on the next day, which meant skipping breakfast and lunch. We want to invite you to practice the Wesley Fast from after dinner on Wednesday until dinner on Thursday night.



JUNE 7-13:

PRAYER

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FOR GRACE CHURCH



MONDAY, JUNE 7

Scripture:

Where there is no vision, the people perish...
Proverbs 29:18b

Prayer Prompt:

For 25 years, Grace Church has been driven by God's **vision** for our church: *To partner with God in transforming people from unbelievers to fully devoted followers of Jesus to the glory of God.* Pray for all of us to stay faithful and obedient to God's vision for our church.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

Scripture:

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."
Matthew 6:33

Prayer Prompt:

Core values are those non-negotiables that drive our decisions as a congregation. We have three core values at Grace Church. We are *unashamedly* **God-centered**, *passionately* **people-focused** and *strategically* **team-based**. Pray for all our decisions to be in keeping with these values.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

Scripture:

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."

Matthew 4:19

Prayer Prompt:

Our **strategy** at Grace Church to make more and better disciples of Jesus is to **reach** people with love of God through the Body of Christ, to **connect** people to Jesus and the Grace Church community, to **form** people in Christlikeness and to **send** people into the community and world making the realities of heaven, the realities of earth. Pray for Spirit-led inspiration for our teams as they join Jesus in this disciple-making strategy.



THURSDAY, JUNE 10

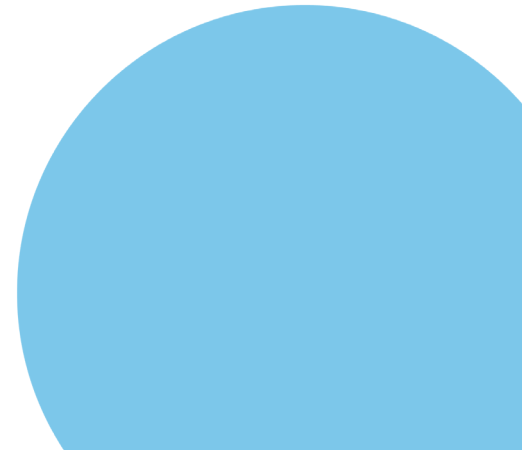
Scripture:

"Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood."

Acts 20:28

Prayer Prompt:

Grace Church has six **pastors** appointed by the Florida Conference. Pray for Jorge Acevedo, Ed Horne, Arlene Jackson, Shari Lacey, Patti Nemazie, and Wes Olds to stay filled with God's Holy Spirit as they lead us.



FRIDAY, JUNE 11

Scripture:

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up...

Ephesians 4:11-12

Prayer Prompt:

Pray for the **staff** of Grace Church as they lead and guide our teams that do ministry with children, youth, and adults to stay close to Jesus.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

Scripture:

If your gift...is to lead, do it diligently...

Romans 12:8b

Prayer Prompt:

A **Guide Team** serves with the Campus Pastor to lead each campus of Grace Church and give accountability and discernment to each campus of Grace Church. Pray as Paul has directed for our leadership teams to lead with humble diligence.



SUNDAY, JUNE 13

Scripture:

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

Prayer Prompt:

Grace Church has been blessed with four **campuses**, many **ministries**, and several **fresh expressions** of church. Pray for God to raise up more men and women to join Jesus in vibrantly living out their unique gifting in the Body of Christ.



JUNE 14-20:

PRAYER

AND

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FOR OUR NATION



MONDAY, JUNE 14

Scripture:

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Colossians 4:2-6

Prayer Prompt:

The word "**Gospel**" means "**Good News**." As followers of Jesus, we know that the Gospel is "good." Pray that many in our nation for whom the Gospel is still "news" to be open to a relationship with Jesus.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

Scripture:

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

John 17:20-23

Prayer Prompt:

Our nation and sadly even the Church of Jesus is filled with racial and political **divisions**. Pray for **unity** beginning in the Church and spreading to America.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

Scripture:

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility...

Ephesians 2:14

Prayer Prompt:

"Shalom" is the Hebrew word for **peace** that carries with it the idea of **completeness, soundness, and welfare**. Pray for America to experience the shalom of God.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

Scripture:

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

Matthew 25:35-36

Prayer Prompt:

The Bible is crystal clear about the responsibility that followers of Jesus have to those on the margins of society, the **poor**, the **vulnerable**, and the **forgotten**. Pray for our nation to be awakened to and engaged in the plight of those on the margins.



FRIDAY, JUNE 18

Scripture:

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.

1 Peter 2:13-14

Prayer Prompt:

Governmental leaders need our prayers. The Bible commands followers of Jesus to submit and pray for (Romans 13:1-6) those in governmental leadership. Pray for our leaders to be just in their law-making and keeping.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

Scripture:

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Luke 10:36-37

Prayer Prompt:

Jesus commends the good Samaritan in his parable because he cared for a beaten man by the side of the road. In the past year, our **first responders**, like the good Samaritan, have had to respond to the sick and others experiencing disaster. Pray for strength for these frontline workers.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

Scripture:

"...I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."

Matthew 16:18b

Prayer Prompt:

We still believe that the local church is the hope of the world because God has entrusted to churches the joyful assignment of declaring and demonstrating the love of Jesus in our communities and world. Pray for **local churches in America** to be vital and vibrant missionary outposts for the movement of Jesus across our land.



JUNE 21-27:

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FOR THE WORLD




MONDAY, JUNE 21

Scripture:

*God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.
Genesis 1:31a*

Prayer Prompt:

Pray for our world to know that **God made the world** and saw it as "good;" made complete and full of potential. Also, pray for our mission partner, Bishop **Lawrence Beka** in northern Ghana and our Cuba Sister Church, **Juan Wesley Methodist Church** in Baguanos.



TUESDAY, JUNE 22

Scripture:

*...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...
Romans 3:23*

Prayer Prompt:

Though made by God and for good, every human being is also sinful. Like our spiritual forefather and mother, we each chose our own way. Pray for the lost and broken people of our planet to awaken to both their **goodness** and their **sinfulness**. Also, pray for our missions partners **Peter and Ester Pereira** and their work in Asia, and **Phil Hudson** with New International as he leads work in Africa.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

Scripture:

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Psalms 19:1

Prayer Prompt:

Pray for the more than 2 billion people of the world who **have no access to the Gospel**. They have no Bible in their language, no church in their village and no Christian in their life. Pray that, as the psalmist wrote, that they will see the handiwork of God in creation. Also, pray for our mission partners **Joyce Hearl** and **CV Elliott**, at New International.



THURSDAY, JUNE 24

Scripture:

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

Psalms 19:7

Prayer Prompt:

Pray for the more than 2 billion people who **do have access** to the Good News of Jesus. They have a Bible in their language, a church in their village, and may even have a follower of Jesus in their life but have yet to say "Yes" to Jesus. Also, pray for our mission partners, **Nolan and Marie Shockey** in Juarez, Mexico; **Ray and Lydia Zirkel** in Costa Rica.



FRIDAY, JUNE 25

Scripture:

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers for by doing that some have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:1-2

Prayer Prompt:

Our world is filled with millions of **refugees, displaced persons, migrants, immigrants, and asylum seekers**. Pray for the hospitality and kindness of God to be given to these children of God. Also, pray for our mission partners, **Chris and Dora Barbee** in Thailand and **Shelly Treadway** in the Middle East.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

Scripture:

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.

Proverbs 19:17

Prayer Prompt:

According to Compassion International, "Billions of people around the world live in extreme **poverty**. Nearly 10 percent of the world's population. That's nearly 700 million people living below the World Bank poverty line of \$1.90 per day. And almost half the world (nearly 4 billion people) lives with a household income below \$2.50 a day." Pray for the dismantling of systems that keep people in poverty and for those who work on behalf of the global poor. Also, pray for **ECHO**, who works with the global poor from North Fort Myers and for **Kyle and Janea Nelson** serving in Zambia.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

Scripture:

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."

Matthew 9:35-38

Prayer Prompt:

More than two-thirds of the planet has yet to respond to the Good News of Jesus. Jesus said that they are ready to hear and respond but that the issue is "**workers.**" Pray for the Holy Spirit to quicken in followers of Jesus all over the globe to join Jesus in his mission. Also, pray for mission partners **Michael Mozley** as he works in Africa through Catalyst for Africa/New International and **Donovan and Sarah Fitzgerald** as they prepare to join Jesus in mission among refugees in Scotland through New International.



Beginning July and running for 8 weeks, we will offer "**The Prayer Course.**" This course is split into eight sessions based on the Lord's Prayer:

1. Why Pray?
2. Adoration
3. Petition
4. Intercession
5. Unanswered Prayer
6. Contemplation
7. Listening
8. Spiritual Warfare

Details about the venue, date and time is forthcoming. Check out "The Prayer Course" at prayercourse.org.



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