



## 50-DAY PRAYER AND FASTING SEASON: 19<sup>th</sup> August – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### PRAYING FOR THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

#### MATTHEW 16:18

*And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

#### CALENDAR FOR THE 50 DAYS OF PRAYER 2021

WEEK	DATES	THEME
	Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> August – Saturday, 21 <sup>st</sup> August	PERSONAL PREPARATION
1	Sunday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> August – Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup> August	CHURCH AS THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD
2	Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup> August – Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September	CHURCH AS THE FLOCK OF GOD
3	Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> September – Saturday, 11 <sup>th</sup> September	CHURCH AS THE TEMPLE OF GOD
4	Sunday, 12 <sup>th</sup> September – Saturday, 18 <sup>th</sup> September	CHURCH AS THE VINEYARD OF GOD
5	Sunday, 19 <sup>th</sup> September – Saturday, 25 <sup>th</sup> September	CHURCH AS SALT AND LIGHT
6	Sunday, 26 <sup>th</sup> September – Saturday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	CHURCH AS THE BODY OF CHRIST
7	Sunday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> October – Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> October	CHURCH AS THE BRIDE OF CHRIST
	Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> October – Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> October	CONCLUDING VIRTUAL CONFERENCE
	Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> October	NIGHT VIGIL & DEDICATION OF 2021/2022
	Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> October	INDEPENDENCE DAY & THANKSGIVING

**Sundays (6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.): Virtual Launch of the Week's theme**

**Wednesday (5.30 a.m. to 7.000 a.m.) – Prayer and Teachings Series: "The Church – Past Present Future"**

**(Meeting links to be shared)**

#### DAILY PRAYER FOCUS ON THE WEEK'S THEME

DAY	FOCUS
SUNDAY	Thanksgiving
MONDAY	Personal/Family Life
TUESDAY	Local Church
WEDNESDAY	Church in the Community
THURSDAY	Church in the Workplace
FRIDAY	Church in Uganda
SATURDAY	Church Worldwide



**THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2021 – SATURDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2021**

**PERSONAL AND CORPORATE PREPARATION**

**1 Corinthians 11:31**

<sup>31</sup>For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup>But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

**Psalm 19:12-14**

Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from **hidden faults**.

Keep back your servant also from **presumptuous sins**; Let them not have dominion over me!

Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

**1 John 1:5-10**

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. **If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.**

As we begin the season of prayer for the Church of Jesus Christ, it is vital that we spend time examining our lives and heart attitudes. As we do this and repent of our sins in this regard, the legal ground for the voice of the "accuser of the brethren" (Revelation 12:10) before the throne of God will be removed. Without doing so, our prayers will be made of little or no effect. Therefore the first three days of this year's national fasting and prayer season will be spent on examining ourselves and confessing our sins.

In Psalm 19:12, the psalmist refers to "hidden faults" and "presumptuous sins." Hidden faults are known to us but may not be known to others. Presumptuous sins are translated in other versions of the Bible as "willful sins" or "deliberate sins". These are committed well knowing what we are doing. They are done with forethought, in defiance, intentionally, and with our eyes wide open. They are a manifestation of a rebellious heart: one knows that it is wrong and does it anyway. The heart that commits presumptuous sins is hardened, proud, and does not care what God thinks. This attitude towards God's laws and commandments arises from carelessness with God and His Word, and carelessness with the needs of others. God views these sins so seriously that in the old covenant no provision was made for their atonement (Numbers 15:30,31).



## **SELF EXAMINATION**

### **1 John 2:1-6**

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

### **Psalm 139:23,24**

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!

And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

Over the next three days take time to examine yourself against the sins listed in alphabetical order below. Allow the Holy Spirit to search your heart and confess anything that He brings to light.

1. Adultery: infidelity to a marriage partner
2. Anger, wrath and (same as murder)
3. Backbiting: speaking evil of those who are absent
4. Bitterness against other: unforgiving heart
5. Blasphemy: speaking disrespectfully of God
6. Brawling: fight or quarrel in a rough or noisy way
7. Bribery: giving or taking of them
8. Burying your talents: not making wise use of what God gave you
9. Calling a brother a fool: ridiculing another
10. Cheating God in tithes and offerings
11. Clamor: loud, continued noises
12. Cohabiting: unmarried people living and sleeping together
13. Competition: ambition to excel
14. Contentiousness: quarrelsomeness, causing strife, seeking superiority
15. Corrupt communications: unprofitable or impure language
16. Covenant breaking: lightly breaking a solemn or legal pact, divorce
17. Craftiness: cunningness
18. Defiling the body: abusing of self, having unnatural lusts
19. Denying Christ
20. Desiring the praise of men: doing things to gain praise.
21. Despiteness: expressing malice or hate
22. Devising evil plans: contriving evil ways to satisfy carnal lusts.
23. Dishonesty
24. Disobedience to parents
25. Divisions: forming splits or factions in groups



26. Double tongued: making insincere statements
27. Drunkenness
28. Eating the bread, or drinking the Lord's cup unworthily: taking communion while living in sin
29. Envy (wishing that you had something that another person has)
30. Evil thoughts: worthless, injurious, or depraved thoughts
31. Extortion: obtaining something through force or threats
32. Fathers provoking children to wrath: frustrating children through harsh treatment and/or failure to communicate.
33. Fearfulness: being anxious, faithless
34. Filthiness: being vulgar, dirty, obscene
35. Filthy lucre: receiving personal gain through unrighteousness
36. Finding faults with others while having a greater fault yourself
37. Foolishness: foolish talking: silliness
38. Fornication (sexual intercourse between people not married to each other)
39. Giving false witness
40. Greed and Covetousness: intense and selfish desire for something, especially wealth, power, or food
41. Guile: being treacherous, cunning; skillfully deceiving others
42. Harboring evil treasures in the heart
43. Hardheartedness: refusing to be appeased; entertaining very strong feelings of hostility or disapproval that nobody can change
44. Hatred: extreme dislike or disgust of another person or people
45. Having pleasure in the company of evildoers.
46. Hearing the sayings of Christ, but not following them
47. Heresies: holding religious opinions different from established scripture.
48. Hypocrisy: pretending to be what you are not; claiming to have higher standards or more noble beliefs than is the case
49. Idle words: babbling, speaking words of no value
50. Idolatry: loving someone or something more than God
51. Inordinate affection: passion, lust.
52. Jealousy: a feeling of unhappiness and anger because someone has something or someone that you want – wishing that they did not have it
53. Judging others
54. Knowing to do good, but doing it not
55. Lasciviousness: lustful, wanton, exciting lust – behaving in a way that expresses a strong desire for sexual activity, being morally unrestrained
56. Laziness: sloth
57. Living in pleasure: fond of luxury and sensual pleasure/gratification.
58. Longing or desire for forbidden things.
59. Lying
60. Maliciousness
61. Mockery: unkind, critical remarks or actions against God or fellow man
62. Murmuring: grumbling, secretly complaining
63. Offending others: causing another to fall spiritually by our example; becoming a stumbling block to a weak brother through our liberty; taking liberty to do things without thinking of



the effect on a weaker brother's conscience

64. Presumptuousness
65. Pride: boasting, high-mindedness, arrogance, being puffed up: overestimating of one's ability or knowledge, strong self will
66. Pride: self esteem
67. Pursuing material success at the expense of spiritual things.
68. Reveling: overindulgence at feasts, merrymaking.
69. Rioting
70. Seditiousness: inciting or stirring up opposition against authority
71. Seeking salvation through means other than Jesus Christ
72. Selfishness
73. Slander: making statements about others that damage their reputation, or the making of such a statement; secretly spreading false or slanderous information
74. Sorcery: practicing magic with aid from evil spirits
75. Speaking against the Holy spirit
76. Speaking evil of dignities: speaking ill of those to be honored
77. Stealing: defrauding others; taking what does not belong to you; withholding wages of employees; "borrowing" Government, organization or employer's property, evading taxes
78. Stiff-neckness and stubbornness
79. Teaching the traditions and commandments of men as doctrine: neglecting God's commandments by manmade interpretation or commandments.
80. Timewasting
81. Treachery: behaviour that deceives or is not loyal to someone who trusts you
82. Trusting in riches
83. Un-thankfulness
84. Unbelief: lack of faith.
85. Unkindness in thought or action toward others; lack of mercy
86. Unrighteousness: moral wrongfulness.
87. Witchcraft: manipulation, domination, control of others

**TO DO:**

1. Use this time to take stock of your heart, your thoughts and your and actions
2. Repent and make restitution where you where you need to
3. Make personal, family and corporate commitments to do things God's way