

New Life Vineyard

40 Days of Fasting and Prayer
January 1 – February 9, 2016

The *40 Days of Fasting and Prayer* is a time when we consecrate and dedicate ourselves to the purposes of God. Our church takes seriously the teachings of Christ on prayer and fasting. We believe these spiritual disciplines bring greater effectiveness in ministry (Matt. 17: 14-21). In response to Christ's exhortation, we are beginning the New Year with a period of fasting and prayer as a church body. In doing this, we are setting the spiritual tone for our church and families for all of 2016. In the past, this practice has yielded great benefits in our church. We have seen problem areas overcome and spiritual fervor increased. So please join us in this endeavor.

We are inviting everyone who is physically capable to unite and participate as a part of the church. Our goal is to see every family commit to at least one (*or more!*) days of *fasting and prayer*. We do *40 Days of Fasting and Prayer* in obedience to God's word and in recognition of our deep need of Him. It is a time when we demonstrate our desire to honor Him, to intercede for those in need and to ask for His continued blessings. We also invite you to utilize the *Divine Hours* prayers for a few minutes of centering prayer. On our home page (www.midlandvineyard.com) click on the 'prayer' picture icon, then click on the 'divine hours' picture icon to access the current day's prayer.

There are several purposes for participating in the *40 Days of Fasting and Prayer* as a church:

- We unite with one voice as a church over specific areas of need.
- This is something families can do to foster deeper spirituality.
- It is a time where we cry out to God for His mercy and direction.
- It is a time when we emphasize the spiritual discipline of prayer and fasting.
- It is a season of intercession and spiritual fervor.
- It reveals our desire to see God's will in our church.

What we expect when you sign up:

- A time slot is for 24 hours, starting at 7:00 a.m. and going until 7:00 a.m. the next morning.
- Pray specifically for the prayer focuses of the day along with the following requests:
 1. The Passion, Power, Presence and Proclamation of Christ among us.
 2. The Leadership—Miltons, Vercellinos, Applegates, Advisory Board, etc.
 3. Worship Ministry—Team Members
 4. Children's Ministry—Team Members
 5. Youth Ministry—Team Members
 6. Young Adults Ministry—Team Members
 7. Discipleship Ministry—Team Members
 8. Marriages, Family and Friendships in the Church
 9. Evangelism and Outreach Ministry—Leaders & Members Team
 10. Missions Ministry—Team heading to Ahikam Girls Home in Guatemala

Individuals are asked to fast for the 24-hour period and to pray for the assigned needs for that day. Families may choose to break up the fasting by doing it at different meals. The highlight of this 40 day period will be our **Hear from God** meeting on Wed. Feb. 10. May the Lord bless you in this season of dedication and consecration. Thanks so much for your sincere effort and participation.

Expanding the Kingdom Of God In 2016

The goal of the Forty Days of Fasting and Prayer is to enhance our relationship with God and deepen our effectiveness in His work and ministry. At the beginning of this New Year we ask you to focus together as a family on the daily scripture passage and prayer emphasis topic. May the Lord richly bless your faithfulness in this endeavor.

Prayer Focus: *Pray.....*

- Jan.** 1- That we will clearly see God's vision for our church.
- 2- That we will pursue expanding the Kingdom of God.
- 3- For the pastors and leadership along with their families.
- 4- That we will bring glory to God in all areas of our church.
- 5- That our motives will be pure and our attitudes will be right.
- 6- For the growth and stability of new converts.
- 7- For marriages, families and children in our church.
- 8- For the finances of the church
- 9- For our Refreshing Wind and InnerGlow Services.
- 10- That Sunday Teams will fulfill their purpose
- 11- For our community-based outreach ministries.
- 12- For the benevolence outreach of our church.
- 13- That God will empower us to do the work of the ministry.
- 14- That we will become a church that equips the saints.
- 15- For the Children's Ministry leaders and teachers.
- 16- For the Women's Ministry expansion and development.
- 17- For greater effectiveness with our prayer ministry teams.
- 18- That we will become more evangelistic as a church.
- 19- That our people will become personally involved in ministry.
- 20- That God will raise up more leaders among us to do His work.
- 21- That we will fulfill our calling as a church of love, acceptance and forgiveness.
- 22- That the true manifestations of God will be among us.
- 23- That we will reach the unbelieving world around us.
- 24- For Youth Ministry of our church and community.
- 25- For our Connect Group Ministry to expand.
- 26- For His mission and our missionaries.
- 27- That our Men's Ministry will grow and develop.
- 28- That God will raise up more leaders to disciple new converts.
- 29- That God will enable us to do His work more effectively.
- 30- That in everything we will experience success.
- 31- That we experience the presence of God in all of our services.
- Feb.** 1- That we will be more aware of God's heart toward the lost.
- 2- For the people of Whispering Pines.
- 3- For the leaders of our country, state, county & city.
- 4- For world peace and against world hunger.
- 5- For our missionaries: the Meltons & Prestons in Central America, and the Wolfs in Russia.
- 6 For the national Vineyard Organization.
- 7- For more volunteers to help in our ministry.
- 8- For the movement of God's power in every family of our church.
- 9- That we will be found faithful in being led by the Holy Spirit.

Scripture

- Isaiah 48: 17-18
- Matthew 28: 18-20
- 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-13
- 2 Chronicles 7: 1-3
- Philippians.4: 8-9
- 2 Peter 3: 17-18
- Acts 16: 29-34
- Luke 6: 38
- Acts 2: 1-4
- 1 Thessalonians. 1:3
- Colossians 4: 2-3, 5-6
- Galatians: 2: 8-10
- Acts 14: 1-3
- Hebrews 13: 20-21
- Matthew 19: 13-15
- Titus 2: 4-5
- 1 Thessalonians 1: 2-5
- Philippians 1: 3-7
- Romans 12: 4-8
- Ephesians 4: 11-13
- 1 Thessalonians. 3: 12-13
- Acts 1: 8
- Luke 19: 9-10
- Ecclesiastes 12: 1
- Hebrews 3: 13
- John 4: 21-24
- Proverbs 27: 17
- John 8: 31-32
- 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5
- Psalms 1: 1-3
- Psalms 16: 7-11
- John 3: 16-18
- Luke 4: 18-19
- 1 Timothy 2: 1-2
- Isaiah 11: 4-6
- 2 Thessalonians. 3: 1-5
- Colossians 4: 2-3
- Ephesians 2: 10
- Acts 2: 42-43
- Romans 8: 14-17

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