

40 DAYS OF *prayer*

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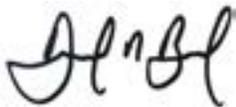
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INTRO

Prayer is the primary work of God's people. This long-standing Alliance mantra elevates the importance of prayer in accomplishing the work of God on earth. Prayer is an opportunity for God's children, you and I, to speak often, deliberately, and plainly with our Heavenly Father. It is the method through which the child of God experiences communion with God and with other believers. As we pray privately or together, we are affirming our dependence on God, much like children are dependent on their parents. I hope you find these intentional and deliberate prayer primers a helpful addition in your student ministry during the next 40 days.

Sincerely,



Dan Boal
Director for Alliance Youth



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RESOURCES

40 Days of Prayer is an initiative of The Christian and Missionary Alliance to increase the overall prayer life and therefore the effectiveness of believers who attend an Alliance church. We hope that each generation within The Alliance engages with reading Scripture and communing with their Heavenly Father in daily prayer to experience a transformed heart and mind that will help unleash a movement of God here on earth.

We have provided the following resources for you to share with the youth in your church to enhance their participation in this denomination-wide prayer movement.

1. 40 Days of Prayer Experience

This can be used as a supplement to your weekly teaching curriculum. It is designed to take 10 minutes of your youth program.

- Video Prayer Primers led by Dan Boal
- PDF Prayer Guide for youth to pray as a class or in smaller groups

2. 40 Days of Prayer Devotional

This five-day devotional is intended to help youth pray specifically for the filling of the Holy Spirit in sharing the gospel. It will be delivered to their inbox in the *AY Newsletter*. You can print the PDF for distribution or have youth sign up for the newsletter. This is the first in a 12-month series of 5-day devotionals brought to you by Envision, the C&MA's short-term missions office.

- Go to allianceyouth.com/connect/
- Scroll to the bottom of the page and subscribe to receive this monthly devotional.

3. On Our Knees: A Youth Worker Time of Prayer

We will be hosting and broadcasting a 30-minute virtual prayer event for Alliance Youth workers. The emphasis will be on praying for the next generation to have boldness, to cling to truth, and to be open to hear and receive that truth.

- January 28, 12 p.m. EST
- RSVP at facebook.com/cmallianceyouth/events
- Join Zoom meeting:
 - **Link:** zoom.us/j/97452075894?pwd=aEJ3YktpYzJFWU9VUzZaNFNMK01jQT09
 - **Meeting ID:** 974 5207 5894 **Passcode:** 544435
 - **One tap mobile:** +12532158782,,97452075894# US (Tacoma)
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WEEK 3: BEING FILLED WITH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

KEY TEXT

Romans 8:26–27

SET-UP

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead and gave Jesus His power to do miracles. He is also the same Spirit that you received the day you professed faith in Jesus as your Savior and Lord. He searches the heart and convicts the world of sin and of God's righteousness. He empowers the believer to act in faith and bring glory and honor to God. It is also the Spirit that will one day raise you from the dead when Christ returns to earth. If it is by Jesus' work on the cross that we are saved from death and have eternal life, then it is by the Spirit's indwelling that we have the ability to live as Jesus lived on earth and be united with Him in His Resurrection. Here are several aspects of the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer:

1. He is the Spirit of Truth, and as you read Scripture, pray, and listen to sermons, He affirms in your heart the truth of who Jesus is (see John 16:13).
2. He is the counselor who brings us peace, wisdom, and conviction of sin and righteousness (see John 14:26–28).
3. He prays on our behalf when we don't know what to pray for or how to pray (see Romans 8:26–27).

VIDEO

Being Filled with the Holy Spirit

PRAYER PROMPTS

A Prayer for the Filling of the Holy Spirit

As a group, pray this prayer aloud.

“Jesus, fill me today with Your Holy Spirit so that I can hear what You want me to hear, say what You want me to say, and do what You want me to do, for our friendship and Your glory. Amen.”

The Challenge: For seven days pray this simple prayer every morning, then continue into three–four minutes of prayer. Using a pocket journal or cell phone, keep notes on what you heard from the Holy Spirit each day, and jot down how that influenced what you did. Did you hear from Him during prayer, when reading Scripture, or through what someone said to you? There are many ways in which the Holy Spirit speaks. Try to keep in tune with His voice and then come back the following week to share with one another the life-giving nature of following Jesus.

Repeat the process regularly.