

# 40 DAYS OF *prayer*

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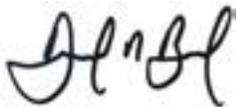
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## INTRO

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/](https://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](https://facebook.com/cmallianceyouth/events)
- Join Zoom meeting:
  - **Link:** [zoom.us/j/97452075894?pwd=aEJ3YktpYzJFWU9VUzZaNFNMK01jQT09](https://zoom.us/j/97452075894?pwd=aEJ3YktpYzJFWU9VUzZaNFNMK01jQT09)
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## WEEK 6: ALLIANCE MISSIONS

### KEY TEXT

Matthew 28:18–20

### SET-UP

Jesus gave us the gospel, but it wasn't meant to be kept to ourselves—it was meant to be given to the world. That's why in The Alliance we are people who are sent. We are sent to our neighborhoods and the nations. Even if you aren't personally sent globally, you are still a necessary part in the expansion of the gospel around the world. Each Alliance church is an active participant in the sending of the gospel when your church gives to the Great Commission Fund or prays for our international workers. Today, as you actively pray, give, and maybe consider if God is calling you to go yourself, you are partnering with The Alliance to help lost people become found people anywhere they are. To learn more about Alliance Missions, here are some helpful resources to explore the gospel-advancing partnership your church has with The Alliance:

1. Go to [www.cmalliance.org/updates/](http://www.cmalliance.org/updates/) and subscribe to *Alliance Life* magazine. This resource shares stories from around the world of how The Alliance is making a difference.
2. Go to [www.cmalliance.org/video/](http://www.cmalliance.org/video/) to watch short videos from our international workers and hear the stories of those who have found Jesus because The Alliance was faithful to send.
3. Are you feeling called to Alliance missions or ministry? Go to [www.cmalliance.org/serve/highschool](http://www.cmalliance.org/serve/highschool) to learn the next steps you can take to serve with The Alliance someday.

### VIDEO

Praying for Alliance Missions

### PRAYER PROMPTS

“Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field” (Matt. 9:38). We are told to pray specifically for men and women to respond God's call on their lives to reach the lost with the gospel. Let's take time to pray for our Alliance international workers (IWs). Most Alliance churches have several whom they support. Which Alliance international workers does your church partner with? Where are they serving? How can you pray for them?

**Write a prayer:** Take out a sheet of paper and write down prayers for the international workers your church supports. If possible, scan the letters and send a PDF to your IWs to encourage them, or send them by mail if possible.

**Action Step:** Set a reminder or alarm on your cell phone for 9:38 a.m. daily to remind you to pray for workers in the harvest field.