

## West Houston 40 Days of Prayer

### Focus:

1. Repentance
2. Total Surrender
3. Spiritual Growth
4. Witnessing/ Evangelism
5. Personal Needs

### Introduction

“So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says” (Mark 11:22,23).

God loves us. Let us go to Him in prayer, trusting and believing that He will move whatever mountains are hindering our connection with Him and bless us as He promises.

### Day 1: Total Surrender to God and Eternal Life

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved” (John 3:16,17)

“He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God... For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.” (John 3:16-18; 20, 21).

God has good plans for His people. Our surrender to Him is not a lose but a gain. Let us give our lives fully to Him.

## **Day 2: Sin Should not Be a Hindrance Anymore**

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness,” (1 John 1:9).

God loves us beyond measure. Jesus died for us all; thus, sin should not hinder anyone from heaven. We have forgiveness of sin, if we repent our sins and surrender our lives to the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Let us pray for victory over sin.

## **Day 3: Transformation through the power of the Holy Spirit**

“Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (John 3:3, 4). Read the whole story in John 3:1-8. We must be “born again” to see the kingdom of God.

What does it mean to be born again?

“Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit” (John 3:5, 6). Pray for the filling of the Holy Spirit.

## **Day 4: The Source of Power**

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me” (John 15:1-4).

Christ is the secret of spiritual power. How do we remain connected to Him forever? Pray for perpetual connection with Jesus.

## **Day 5: Renewing of Your Mind**

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the

renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God” (Romans 12:1, 2).

Once we surrender our lives to God, He changes us to be like Him. Pray that God renews your mind.

### **Day 6: True Love and Obedience**

Total surrender to God enables one to love God in the deepest sense of the word. “If you love Me, keep My commandments” (John 14:15).

‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself’” (Luke 10:27). Those are the words of Jesus, who made it clear that without obedience to His Word, there is no love on the part of the individual. Studying the Word of God, praying and teaching others about God will enable us to know Him better. And the more we know Him the more we will love Him. Let us pray for grace to love God and other beyond words.

### **Day 7: Doers of the Word**

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does” (James 1:22-25). Human power will not enable a person to do God’s will as we see it in Scripture.

Pray for grace to be a doer of the word of God.