

31 Days of Prayer and Fasting

The Elders of First Pres are encouraging each individual, family, and group to commit the next 31 days to pray for our nation, churches and families.

Prayer - Offering up our desires unto God, for things agreeable to His will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgement of His mercies. (WSC 98)

Fasting - Fasting expresses in a God-ordained way our belief that we have tasted and seen that the Lord is good (Ps. 34:8) — so good that there are times we’re satisfied to feast on Him instead of the food that the Lord made for us to live on. Fasting is a temporary physical demonstration that we believe the truth declared by the gospel, namely that, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God” (Donald Whitney)

	PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH
DAY 1 - <i>October 4</i>	Pray for revival in the church, brokenness over sin, and true repentance.
DAY 2 - <i>October 5</i>	Pray that our Sunday worship services would be God glorifying.
DAY 3 - <i>October 6</i>	Pray that our children’s and youth ministries would consistently point to Christ.
DAY 4 - <i>October 7</i>	Pray for our pastors, elders, and deacons in their roles and responsibilities.
DAY 5 - <i>October 8</i>	Pray that families would worship, pray, and read the Word together.
DAY 6 - <i>October 9</i>	Pray for continued health during the COVID-19 pandemic.
DAY 7 - <i>October 10</i>	Pray for those who are lonely during isolation due to the pandemic.
DAY 8 - <i>October 11</i>	Pray that First Pres would be a light in the community, readily and regularly sharing the gospel with those in our lives.
	PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY
DAY 9 - <i>October 12</i>	Pray that God would soften the hearts of those in our community, that they would believe the gospel, repent of their sin, and follow Jesus.
DAY 10 - <i>October 13</i>	Pray for those who have lost jobs and income due to COVID-19 as well as business owners who are struggling to survive.
DAY 11 - <i>October 14</i>	Pray for safety and direction for school teachers and administrators.
DAY 12 - <i>October 15</i>	Pray for the students of the community in the midst of the unique circumstances this year.
DAY 13 - <i>October 16</i>	Pray for men as husbands and fathers
DAY 14 - <i>October 17</i>	Pray for women as wives and mothers.
DAY 15 - <i>October 18</i>	Pray protection for those at-risk of domestic violence.

DAY 16 - <i>October 19</i>	Pray for wisdom, boldness, and gospel-clarity for the other churches in our community.
	PRAY FOR OUR STATE
DAY 17 - <i>October 20</i>	Pray for our church plants around the state as they labor in a variety of unique communities including urban, suburban, and rural.
DAY 18 - <i>October 21</i>	Pray for our governor and other state officials.
DAY 19 - <i>October 22</i>	Pray for health and safety at our colleges and universities and that students grow closer to Christ and His church.
DAY 20 - <i>October 23</i>	Pray for law-enforcement and first responders.
DAY 21 - <i>October 24</i>	Pray that infections, illness, and death from COVID-19 would continue to decrease in Michigan.
DAY 22 - <i>October 25</i>	Pray for the protection of the unborn in Michigan. Pray for mothers who are facing pressure to abort their babies.
DAY 23 - <i>October 26</i>	Pray for relief to those struggling in poverty.
DAY 24 - <i>October 27</i>	Pray for the homeless and that God would increase the church's compassion for them.
	PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY
DAY 25 - <i>October 28</i>	Pray for relief of racial tensions in America and that the church would speak gospel truth into the culture boldly and compassionately.
DAY 26 - <i>October 29</i>	Pray that our justice system would operate according to biblical principles.
DAY 27 - <i>October 30</i>	Pray for wisdom for voters to honor Christ in their decisions.
DAY 28 - <i>October 31</i>	Pray that the church would take comfort in God's sovereignty over the election.
DAY 29 - <i>November 1</i>	Pray for the wisdom and discernment of our incoming president and administration and that they will come to know and fear the Lord and seek to do His will.
DAY 30 - <i>November 2</i>	Pray for multiplication of gospel-centered churches throughout America.
DAY 31 - <i>November 3</i>	Pray that Christians would lead pure lives in fear of and reverence for God.