



# 10 DAYS

UNITING THE CHURCH WITH JESUS AT THE CENTER

**10 Days of Prayer in Aurora Sept. 13-23**  
**Feast of Trumpets to Day of Atonement**

## **PRAYER GUIDE**

### **September 13-23, 2015**

### **10 Days of Prayer**

The purpose of the 10 days of prayer is to invite the larger body of Christ in the Aurora area to come together in prayer. We recognize that God often works in a larger or more profound way when the church acts with the unity Jesus speaks about in John 17. We see this 10 day prayer emphasis being that kind of expression.

There is a two-fold focus for these 10 days. For the first five days we are asking believers to spend time in honest self-assessment. What we see in examples like Nehemiah in chapter 1 or Daniel in chapter 9 is believers coming in honest confession to God before they move to intercession. Powerful praying comes from clean hearts. For the last five days we are asking believers to lift up our communities. To increase our awareness of the larger body of Christ, we have listed each day one church in our community. As they were available, we included prayer points provided by that church. We are asking you to specifically pray for that church on that given day.

This prayer guide is simply that - a guide. We trust it can provide some commonality for our praying. That corporate agreement honors God. At the same time, it is meant to be a prompter or a starting place for prayer. God's Spirit may direct you beyond what is written.

In the reality of life, you might miss a day in the process. Do not let that discourage or defeat you! Just pick it on what day it is and get back into the spiritual battle. God is always ready to hear from you.

Father, we recognize that there are those caught in addictive patterns and criminal behaviors and relationships that will only encourage those patterns. Please bring your redemptive influence and power into those lives. God, we believe that the best thing that can happen is for their hearts to be changed by the truth and person of Christ. Only you can change a heart! Please change hearts!

### **Today pray for:**

**Orchard Valley Baptist Church**  
2301 Jericho Road

**Pastor:** Michael Kannai

“We are thankful that God has called us to become a House of Prayer, and is leading Cristo Afla Omega to possibly share our building.

Our request is that God take us into deeper relationship with Him and one another.”

## Wednesday, September 23

Seek God . . .

### On behalf of those in the justice system

*Blessed are they who maintain justice, who constantly do what is right (Ps. 106:3, NIV).*

#### SAMPLE PRAYER:

We ask that those who administer justice in our community would have your wisdom. Let them see themselves as those who have delegated authority from God for the purpose of restraining evil and to promote righteousness and godly justice. Keep them from pride and from abusing their position and power. Plant a vision of being a public servant central in their thinking. Protect them physically and emotionally from the risks they face every day. Give them a strength beyond their own. We ask for your protection and blessing to come upon their families.

Allow them to see clearly those caught in cycles of injustice. Give us ways to truly free those who are suffering oppression. God influence the business decisions and the economic structures of our community to bring benefit that can occur for the people in the Aurora area. We pray for people to get the marketplace training they need. We pray for jobs that match that training. We pray that employers and companies will value and resource their employees. We pray for employees to do their work unto the Lord.

You will probably notice that more than one pastor has contributed to the guide. The first five days prompt more through questions and related Scripture passages. The last five days use Scriptural passages and sample prayers to stimulate thinking and possible expressions of prayer. We believe God is going to use this diversity to lift up Christ and add value to the church.

It would be appropriate to say directly that the most important element of this prayer emphasis is for each of us to ask God's Spirit to fill us as begin any time of prayer. We want this to be a God work, not a man work.

### Days 1-5

As followers of Jesus Christ in Aurora we long to see a powerful move of God in our community. But what if our sin is the reason God waits. When you want to help others, Jesus says, "**First, get the log out of your own eye...**" Matt.7:5

*Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save,  
nor his ear too dull to hear.  
But your iniquities have separated  
you from your God;  
your sins have hidden his face from you,  
so that he will not hear.*

Isaiah 59:1-2

## Monday, September 14

**Returning to Jesus with humble confession so we may be lifted up!**

*“Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.” James 4:8-10*

Lukewarm? Was there a time when you loved God more fervently than now?

The Holy Spirit can fill you once again with a burning love for Jesus.

Proud? Do you think of yourself as having “arrived” spiritually?

*“God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” 1 Peter 5:5*

Content? Are you distracted from God’s kingdom by money and material things?

Would you be willing to live on less-- in order to embrace more of God?

*“So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.” Mt. 5:23-24*

**Today pray for:**

**Calvary West**

1600 Beta Drive, Sugar Grove

**Pastor: Rich Wooten**

## Tuesday, September 22

Seek God . . .

For the leaders of our community

*Give your love of justice to the king, O God, and righteousness to the king's son. Help him to judge your people in the right way; let the poor always be treated fairly (Ps. 72:1-2, NLT).*

*"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me" (John 18:37, NIV).*

SAMPLE PRAYER:

Father, we recognize that there many in our communities who are ministers of God to us for good (Rom. 13:4). They are operating on delegated authority from you. Bring to our minds the names and faces of our city leaders. We ask every day you would remind them that they are truly public servants. Disclose your truth to them. We ask that they would operate on the side of truth! Grant them opportunities to hear your word clearly and accurately, as if spoken from your mouth. Instruct them in your wisdom. Give them a love of justice as you define justice. Help them to judge people in a right way – your way. Show them clearly what fair treatment is regarding the poor and give them courage and perseverance to implement that kind of treatment. Move them to honor you with their words and their decisions. Work in their lives so they discharge their duties in honest and ennobling ways. We ask that they will support the worship and service of Christ in the city of Aurora.

Are there people you have hurt or offended? Have you made an effort to ask their forgiveness and reconcile the relationship?"

"Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them." 1 John 2:15

*"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."* 1 John 1:9

**Confess to God that you have allowed lesser pleasures to distract you away from Him.**

***"In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."* Ps.16:11**

**Today pray for:**

**Buenas Nuevas Community Church**  
403 Sherman Avenue

**Pastor:** Alex Rodriguez

They have requested that we "Praise God for their ministry!"

## Tuesday, September 15

### Serve one another

In order to faithfully serve one another, one thing we need—and sometimes lack—is energy!

Do you abuse your body through alcohol, smoking, over-eating, over-medicating, over-working? Have you fallen into laziness, avoiding physical labor and the benefits of exercise? Are you eating for the comfort that should be received from God?

Many Christ-followers today do not have the stamina to serve God after a typical work week. Sometimes our lack of energy is due to under exertion.

As Prov.19:15 says, *“Slothfulness casts into a deep sleep”*.

*“You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.”* 1 Cor.6:20

Do you worship and serve God (and the church) only if everything else is completed first?

Is there a hobby or game that takes priority over helping with God’s work?

Who or what is really the top priority in your life?

Father, we ask that teens would completely commit their lives to Christ. Lead them so they make wise choices, look for older mentors, and seek authentic friendship with peers who are following Christ. We ask for healthy and positive relationships with their parents. Protect them from the lies of the world system, and give them the discernment to see beyond the initial allurements of sin. God, develop their potential so it is used for your kingdom purposes.

### Today pray for:

#### **Iglesia Charismatica**

401 S. Farnsworth Ave., Aurora

**Pastor:** Edwin Ruiz

## Monday, September 21

Seek God . . .

On behalf of children and teens

*Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are sons born in one's youth (Ps. 127:3-4, NIV).*

*Jesus . . . said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them (Mark 10: 14b, 16, ESV).*

SAMPLE PRAYER:

Father, we ask that children will hear the gospel and encounter Christ early in their lives. We pray that you would protect their innocence, open doors for education, and lead them into your wisdom. Develop the potential you have built into their lives for your glory and their benefit. God we recognize some children will not have a positive home environment. They will be hurt by those who should love and protect them. We ask you would step into those lives and bring your people and your truth to them. Give them positive, Biblical models. Allow them to see your fatherly heart and bring your healing power their hearts and souls.

Are you consistently following through on your commitments to other believers?

Is money a distraction? "*You cannot serve both God and money.*" Matt. 7:24

**Confess these sins and receive full pardon. Ask the Lord Jesus for His own Spirit of servant-hood and generosity to replace your selfishness.**

***"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."*** Gal.2:20

**Today pray for:**

**Gayles Memorial Baptist Church**  
730 Gillette Ave.

**Pastor:** George Marshall, Jr.

**Associate Pastor:** Marcus Lee

## Wednesday, September 16

### **Obey**

Sometimes we can obey God outwardly... but is our heart right?

Do you complain about people or situations in your ministry?  
*"Do all things without grumbling or disputing."* Philippians 2:14

Do you use worldly chatter?  
*"I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak."* Mt.12:36

Are you entertained by movies, novels and lifestyles that glorify sin and do not show the consequences of sin?  
*"Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving."* Eph.5:4

**Confess that you have settled for less than God's best. Step out in faith and allow God to make your own life more exciting.**

*"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us."*  
Eph.3:20

*"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."*  
John 10:10

### **Today pray for:**

**MorningStar Community Church**  
8S101 Barnes Rd., Aurora

**Pastor:** Jim Behrens

**Praise:** We are grateful for the many who are serving faithfully and willingly to make a kingdom contribution in and through our church.

**Request:** We ask that the small group times in this fall season would result in recognizable discipleship growth and stronger and healthy relationships for all involved.

## Sunday, September 20

Seek God . . .

On behalf of women and mothers

*An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels. Strength and dignity are her clothing . . . Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised (Prov. 31:10, 25a, 30, NASB).*

*Wives submit to your own husbands as to the Lord (Eph. 5:22, HCSB).*

*. . . the wife is to respect her husband (Eph. 5:33b, HCSB).*

### **SAMPLE PRAYER:**

Father, we ask that women will be honored in their unique, God-created role. We ask that injustice and abuse toward women will cease. Protect these precious lives from sexual violence and the sexual trafficking industry. Help people to see the truth that pornography dehumanizes and degrades women. We ask that single women will lay hold of God's full purpose for their lives. Father, renew and raise the honorable role you have for women in marriage and mothering. Give to wives a clear picture of what it means to submit Biblically and to respect their husbands. Provide them words of affirmation and honor that they can speak authentically to and about their husbands. Father, you designed marriage to experience oneness. Show wives those things that will communicate and contribute to that oneness. Give them the vision and strength to love their children as you desire.

Today pray for:

**Kingdom Impact Center**

1631 Plum Street, Aurora

**Pastor:** Pat McManus

Isaiah 60:1 "***Arise and shine and let the glory of the Lord rise upon you.***"

## Thursday, September 17

### **Abide**

Today, let Christ fill your mind. Abide in Him! Walk with Jesus. If you drift away, return to His face.

Take special note of thoughts that crowd Jesus out today.

Is it fear, worry, insecurity, criticism, anger, lust, envy? Confess these thoughts as sin. Apply the truth of God's Word and receive a fresh new beginning.

Are you slightly "cold" toward God since He allowed some pain into your life?

Is there sacrifice in your worship of God?

In 2 Sam.24:24 David said, *"I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God that cost me nothing."*

Do you need to confess shallow worship?

*"Their heart is far from Me. In vain do they worship Me."* Matt. 15:8-9

**Receive forgiveness and come to God with your desire for intimacy and love.**

***"He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love."* Song 2:4**

### **SAMPLE PRAYER:**

Father, we ask that the men in our community will seek to know and love you. Give them a hunger for righteousness in their lives. Bring conviction to those dads who are abusive or absent or irresponsible. Draw the hearts of dads back to their children, so they use their time and influence to positively impact their kids. We ask that husbands will value, treasure, and love their wives. God, instill in men a vision of what a true, servant-leader man looks like. Let them set the tone and atmosphere in their homes based upon Christ's model of loving. Give them new thoughts, Biblical thoughts. As men enter the marketplace, we ask they would do their work unto the Lord. Let them work in a way that is honest and honorable and that adds value to the company and the customer. Father, we recognize that for some men, their history has created anger and bitterness and selfishness and hurt. Their soul has been wounded by experiences and even their choices. Turn and heal those hearts. Give us a city of men who are unashamedly following Christ.

### **Today pray for:**

#### **Warehouse Church**

308 E Galena Blvd., Aurora

**Pastor:** Randy Schoof

"We are praising God for His faithfulness in meeting our needs, and we're asking for the Lord raise up more leaders in our local church."

**Saturday, September 19**

## **Prayer For Aurora**

For five days we have been coming before the Lord for the church. For the next five days we will be seeking God on behalf of our community. As we pray for the people of the community, we are also praying for the people of the church since the church is part of our community.

Seek God . . .

**On behalf of men and fathers**

*Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me (Jer. 9:23b-24a, NIV).*

*Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers (Mal. 4:5-6a, ESV).*

*Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and give Himself up for her (Eph. 5:25, NASB).*

**Today pray for:**

**Centro Cristiano Vida Abundante**

1140 Pershing St., Aurora

**Pastor:** Constanzo Aguirre

Praise God that the Holy Spirit has been guiding them as the church has grown.

Their request is for the Holy Spirit to clarify the vision of the next step.

## Friday, September 18

### Love one another

You can't love people you don't know. Are you investing time in God's people?

Do you only fellowship with a certain group of people in the church?

Do you only associate with those in the Body of Christ who are similar to you? Do you look down on the poor? Silently resent the rich and beautiful? Are you jealous of the gifted?

*"Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position."* Romans 12:16

### Unforgiveness

Are you sometimes harsh with your own spiritual brothers and sisters? Insensitive?

Are you holding grudges against people who have offended you?

*"If you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."*  
Mt. 6:15

God has already loved you at your worst, when you were dead in sin. Your Heavenly Father knows all your failures, past and future, but He has chosen to love you anyway.

*"I have loved thee with an everlasting love."*

Jeremiah 31:3

*"We love because He first loved us."*

1 John 4:19

### Today pray for:

**Iglesia Bautista Emanuel**

742 Claim St., Aurora

**Pastor:** Victor Mendoza

**Praise:** They just baptized 9 people because of God's grace.

**Request:** That God will steer their new church personal evangelism ministry. They are also leaving for a mission trip to New York to reach out to Asians coming into the city and a mission trip to South Asia in November.