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40 Days of Lent Intercessory Prayer Guide (Empowerment Temple)

DATE: PRAYER ITEM:

February 22, 2012 Sacrifice

February 23, 2012 Sanctification

February 24, 2012 Success

February 25, 2012 Strength

February 26, 2012 Society

February 27, 2012 Economy

February 28, 2012 Environment/ Ecology

February 29, 2012 Evangelism

March 1, 2012 Enlightenment

March 2, 2012 Entertainment Industry (Movies, TV)

March 3, 2012 Integrity

March 4, 2012 Ideas

March 5, 2012 Anointing

March 6, 2012 Opportunity

March 7, 2012 Election

March 8, 2012 HIV/AIDS

March 9, 2012 Entrepreneurship

March 10, 2012 Home ownership (Mortgages)

March 11, 2012 Marriages

March 12, 2012 Ministry (Find your ministry)

March 13, 2012 Medical Issues

March 14, 2012 Mental Health

March 15, 2012 Armed Services (Active & Reserve)

March 16, 2012 Mentorship (God send someone to mentor you vice versa)

March 17, 2012 Middle East (Israel, Syria, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Yemen)

March 18, 2012 Motivation

March 19, 2012 Miracles

March 20, 2012 Children

March 21, 2012 Challenges

March 22, 2012 Churches (All houses of Worship that lift up Name of God)

March 23, 2012 Pastors (Leaders in Ministry)

March 24, 2012 Charities (Red Cross, World Vision, UNICEF, Cancer Society etc)

March 25, 2012 Influence

March 27, 2012 Encouragement (Pray against spirit of discouragement, depression, stress)

March 28, 2012 Order (No Confusion, Chaos)

March 29, 2012 Incarcerated

March 30, 2012 Pray against Injustice

March 31, 2012 Employment (Find Jobs)

April 1, 2012 Forgiveness (Forgive others and God will forgive you)

April 2, 2012 Education (Teachers, Students, Charter Schools, HBCUs)

April 3, 2012 Intervention (Resolve family, financial, and personal issues)

April 4, 2012 Salvation (People to get saved)

April 5, 2012 Discipline

April 6, 2012 Maturity

April 7, 2012 Closure

April 8, 2012 New Beginnings Principle of Lent:

Lent is a special sacred season of separation/consecration between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday (this year Feb 22 – April 8). The 40 days of Lent are symbolic and Strategically significant in the Bible. The number 40 is used by God to represent a period of testing, trial, probation, or judgment and ends with a period of restoration, revival or renewal. The rain in Noah's day fell for 40 days and 40 nights, Moses was on the mountain 40 days and 40 nights, the spies searched Canaan for 40 days, the Israelites wandered 40 years, Elijah ate one meal for 40 days, Jesus fasted in the wilderness for 40 days and was seen on the earth for 40 days after His crucifixion.

By observing Lent, we follow Jesus into the wilderness, resist temptation, pray, and proceed to Jerusalem and the cross on Good Friday which then culminates in resurrection on Easter Sunday. This most sacred season on the Church calendar is marked by repentance, intercession, service, giving and self denial. For so many, Lent is a moment to give up things we cherish in exchange for prayer, fasting, acts of mercy, and meditation on the Word of God.

Power of Prayer:

When nations needed healing they prayed. When families needed reconciliation they prayed. When churches needed revival they prayed. Everything we do as individuals, church, or

nation should be birthed in prayer. Jesus the Son of God was devoted to prayer and He put priority to prayer than anything else. "One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God." Luke 6:12. He frequently withdrew to the wilderness and mountain sides to pray. Prayer was not just Jesus' habit but in times of emergency, He resorted to prayer. When tempted, he prayed. When lied upon, He prayed. During his most trying hour when he was about to be crucified, He found time to pray. Before He gave up the ghost, He prayed. Today, He seats at the right hand of God the Father still praying for you. His prayer life was so powerful and impactful that the disciples said, "Teach us how to pray." Nations need our prayers, Individuals need our prayers, families need our prayers, the sick need our prayers, governments needs our prayers, the lost need our prayers and the needy need our prayers.

Practical Ways to Help:

- Choose to fast from a particular pleasure: Food or TV or Social Media or Internet or People.
- Join our daily Church-wide Online Blogs expounding on Prayer Items at www.empowermenttemple.org
- Corporate Prayer every Sunday Morning from 7:00am – 7:30am.
- Attend Intercessors 1 hour of Power / Prayer Clinic every Saturday from 10am – 11am at the Family Life Center (1505 Eutaw Pl, Baltimore MD)
- Read through the Gospels between now and Easter.
- If you don't already journal, begin now. Reflect on your readings, prayers and questions.
- Make a list of people with whom you need to be reconciled. Pray for them and let Jesus guide you in your thinking and feeling toward them.

