

50 DAY DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE
(March 31st – May 19th)

Sunday- March 31 Resurrection Sunday	Monday- April 1 (Day2) Read: Colossians 1	Tuesday-April 2 (Day 3) Read: Colossians 2	Wednesday-April 3 (Day 4) Read: Colossians 3
Thursday-April 4 (Day 5) Read: Colossians 4	Friday-April 5 (Day 6) Read: Galatians 1	Saturday-April 6 (Day 7) Read: Galatians 2	Sunday-April 7 (Day 8) Read: Galatians 3
Monday-April 8 (Day 9) Read: Galatians 4	Tuesday-April 9 (Day 10) Read: Galatians 5	Wednesday- April 10 (Day 11) Read: Galatians 6	Thursday-April 11 (Day 12) Read: Ephesians 1
Friday-April 12 (Day 13) Read: Ephesians 2	Saturday-April 13 (Day 14) Read: Ephesians 3	Sunday-April 14 (Day 15) Read: Ephesians 4	Monday-April 15 (Day 16) Read: Ephesians 5
Tuesday-April 16 (Day 17) Read: Ephesians 6	Wednesday-April 17 (Day 18) Read: Romans 1	Thursday-April 18 (Day 19) Read: Romans 2	Friday-April 19 (Day 20) Read: Romans 3
Saturday-April 20 (Day 21) Read: Romans 4	Sunday-April 21 (Day 22) Read: Romans 5	Monday- April 22 (Day 23) Read: Romans 6	Tuesday-April 23 (Day 24) Read: Romans 7
Wednesday- April 24 (Day 25) Read: Romans 8	Thursday-April 25 (Day 26) Read: Romans 9	Friday-April 26 (Day 27) Read: Romans 10	Saturday-April 27 (Day 28) Read: Romans 11
Sunday- April 28 (Day 29) Read: Romans 12	Monday-April 29 (Day 30) Read: Romans 13	Tuesday-April 30 (Day 31) Read: Romans 14	Wednesday-May 1 (Day 32) Read: Romans 15
Thursday-May 2 (Day 33) Read: Romans 16	Friday-May 3 (Day 34) Read: Acts 1	Saturday-May 4 (Day 35) Read: Acts 2	Sunday-May 5 (Day 36) Read: Acts 3
Monday-May 6 (Day 37) Read: Acts 4	Tuesday-May 7 (Day 38) Read: Acts 5	Wednesday-May 8 (Day 39) Read: Acts 6	Ascension Thursday-May 9 (Day 40) Read: Acts 7
Friday-May 10 (Day 41) Read: Acts 8	Saturday-May 11 (Day 42) Read: Acts 9	Sunday-May 12 (Day 43) Read: Acts 10	Monday-May 13 (Day 44) Read: Acts 11
Tuesday-May 14 (Day 45) Read: Acts 12	Wednesday-May 15 (Day 46) Read: Acts 13	Thursday-May 16 (Day 47) Read: Acts 14	Friday-May 17 (Day 48) Read: Acts 15
Saturday-May 18 (Day 49) Read: Acts 16	Pentecost Sunday-May 19 (Day 50)		

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Read your Bible AND Pray DAILY along with your Devotional meditation!

(v1) “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
(v3) And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
(v4) And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost...” - Acts 2:1,3-4

UNITED GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP COVENANT MINISTRIES

2024 ANNUAL SEASON
of
“CONSECRATION”
A SACRED TIME
of
“PRAYER, FASTING, AND PENANCE”

BLOW THE TRUMPET IN ZION,
DECLARE A HOLY FAST, CALL A
SACRED ASSEMBLY. GATHER THE
PEOPLE CONSECRATE THE
ASSEMBLY... JOEL 2:15 -16

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDING PRELATE
Apostle J. Venturnio Porter

“Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assemble; gather the peo- ple, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts...” - Joel 2:15-16.

As a servant of Jesus Christ, appointed as an apostle and devoted to the Gospel of God, I extend greetings to you in the unparalleled Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, and Saviour!

I am filled with anticipation for our Annual Season of Prayer, Fasting, and Consecration. Each year, we witness the manifestation of God's strength among His people. The period of consecration not only brings us closer to our Father but also leads to a heightened and more profound connection with Him. I am thrilled about the blessings that God has prepared for those who listen to His voice and obediently follow His guidance.

As a cohesive community of believers, let us consistently engage in prayer and embrace a spirit of repentance. It is crucial that we humble ourselves before the mighty hand of Almighty God. Drawing inspiration from 2 Chronicles 7:14, if those called by His name humble themselves, pray, seek His face, and turn from their wrongdoings, God promises to hear, forgive, and heal. In this solemn period, let's earnestly request that our words and thoughts be pleasing in His sight, as expressed in Psalms 19:14.

It is imperative that we consciously recognize and revere God as the only true and living God during this time of purification and dedication. Our focus should steadfastly remain on Jesus because it is all about Him, as Acts 17:28 emphasizes that in Him, we live, move, and have our being.

Enclosed is our schedule; I encourage you to incorporate regular prayer and fasting into your routine, extending beyond our Annual Season of Prayer and Fasting. By making it an integral part of your life, you will witness the God of the Bible moving on your behalf in ways you've never experienced before.

Remember, God's gaze extends to every place, focusing not on what man sees but on what He observes in the depths of our hearts. Though our actions may not be evident to others, they are accountable to a holy God, as highlighted in Psalms 51:4. Be true to yourself, and I pray for God's richest blessings in your life, standing in agreement that every need will be met with Heaven's best. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. I express my love for you!

In the Master’s Service,



40 DAY DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE
(February 14th – March 31st)

Wednesday-February 14 (Day 1) Read: Matthew 1	Thursday-February 15 (Day 2) Read: Matthew 2	Friday-February 16 (Day 3) Read: Matthew 3	Saturday-February 17 (Day 4) Read: Matthew 4
Sunday-February 18 Celebration Sunday	Monday-February 19 (Day 5) Read: Matthew 5	Tuesday-February 20 (Day 6) Read: Matthew 6	Wednesday-February 21 (Day 7) Read: Matthew 7
Thursday-February 22 (Day 8) Read: Luke 1	Friday- February 23 (Day 9) Read: Luke 2	Saturday-February 24 (Day 10) Read: Luke 3	Sunday-February 25 Celebration Sunday
Monday-February 26 (Day 11) Read: Luke 4	Tuesday-February 27 (Day 12) Read: Luke 5	Wednesday-February 28 (Day 13) Read: Luke 6	Thursday-February 29 (Day 14) Read: Luke 7
Friday-March 1 (Day 15) Read: Mark 1	Saturday-March 2 (Day 16) Read: Mark 2	Sunday-March 3 Celebration Sunday	Monday-March 4 (Day 17) Read: Mark 3
Tuesday-March 5 (Day 18) Read: Mark 4	Wednesday-March 6 (Day 19) Read: Mark 5	Thursday-March 7 (Day 20) Read: Mark 6	Friday-March 8 (Day 21) Read: Mark 7
Saturday-March 9 (Day 22) Read: John 1	Sunday-March 10 Celebration Sunday	Monday-March 11 (Day 23) Read: John 2	Tuesday-March 12 (Day 24) Read: John 3
Wednesday-March 13 (Day 25) Read: John 4	Thursday-March 14 (Day 26) Read: John 5	Friday-March 15 (Day 27) Read: John 6	Saturday-March 16 (Day 28) Read: John 7
Sunday– March 17 Celebration Sunday	Monday- March 18 (Day 29) Read: Matthew 8	Tuesday- March 19 (Day 30) Read: Matthew 9	Wednesday-March 20 (Day 31) Read: Matthew 10
Thursday-March 21 (Day 32) Read: Matthew 11	Friday-March 22 (Day 33) Read: Matthew 12	Saturday- March 23 (Day 34) Read: Matthew 13	Sunday-March 24 Celebration Sunday
Monday- March 25 (Day 35) Read: Matthew 14	Tuesday-March 26 (Day 36) Read: Mark 12	Wednesday-March 27 (Day 37) Read: Mark 13	Thursday- March 28 (Day 38) Read: Mark 14
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“He is not here, but is risen...”
(Luke 24:6)

“COULD YOU NOT TARRY ONE HOUR”
(Prayer Guide)

- I. OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME
- A. PICTURE CALVARY AND THANK GOD YOU CAN CALL HIM FATHER BY VIRTUE OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS
- B. HALLOW THE NAMES OF GOD CORRESPONDING WITH THE FIVE BENEFITS IN THE NEW COVENANT AND MAKE YOUR FAITH DECLARATIONS

BENEFIT	NAME	MEANING
SIN	JEHOVAH TSIDKENU JEHOVAH M’KADDESH	JEHOVAH OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS JEHOVAH WHO SANCTIFIES
SPIRIT	JEHOVAH SHALOM JEHOVAH SHAMMAH	JEHOVAH IS PEACE JEHOVAH IS THERE
SOUNDNESS	JEHOVAH ROPHE	JEHOVAH HEALS
SUCCESS	JEHOVAH JIREH	JEHOVAH’S PROVISION SHALL BE
SECURITY	JEHOVAH NISSI JEHOVAH ROHI	JEHOVAH MY BANNER JEHOVAH MY SHEPHERD

- II. THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN
- A. YOURSELF
- B. YOUR FAMILY (MATE, CHILDREN, OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS)
- C. YOUR CHURCH (PASTOR, LEADERSHIP, FAITHFULNESS OF PEOPLE, HARVEST)
- D. NATION (CITY, STATE, POLITICAL, AND SPIRITUAL LEADERS, HARVEST)

- III. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD
- A. BE IN THE WILL OF GOD (PRAYER LIFE, CHURCH, WORK, OBEDIENCE IN GIVING)
- B. BELIEVE IT IS GOD’S WILL TO PROSPER YOU
- C. BE SPECIFIC
- D. BE TENACIOUS

- IV. AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS
- A. ASK GOD TO FORGIVE YOU
- B. FORGIVE AND RELEASE OTHERS
- C. SET YOUR WILL TO FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST YOU

- V. AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL
- A. PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD (PUT ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST)
1. Loins girt about with TRUTH
2. Breastplate of RIGHTEOUSNESS
3. Feet shod with the PREPARATION (READINESS) of the Gospel of PEACE
4. Shield of FAITH
5. Helmet of SALVATION
6. Sword of the Spirit which is the WORD OF GOD
- B. PRAY A HEDGE OF PROTECTION (YOU ARE MY REFUGE, MY FORTRESS, MY GOD)
1. Because thou hast made the Lord thy habitation
2. Because He hath set His love upon me
3. Because He hath known my name

- VI. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY FOREVER
- A. MAKE YOUR FAITH DECLARATIONS
- B. RETURN TO PRAISE

WHAT IS LENT?

The 40 (forty) days (not counting Sundays) before Easter is known as Lent. Lent is a special time of prayer, penance (an act of self-assessment to show sorrow and repentance for sin), sacrifice, and good works in preparation of the celebration of Easter (Christ’s Resurrection). Lent lasts for 40 (forty) days. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends the day before Easter Sunday. Sundays are not counted in the forty days of Lent since Sundays are always a day of celebration in the Christian Church. Sundays commemorate the Resurrection.

WHAT IS FASTING?

Biblical fasting is a discipline of voluntarily denying oneself of the basics of eating in order to be available for prayer and communion with the Lord. Since it is an ultimate act of self-denial, you are simply entering into an intense training in righteousness. It is during this time of abstinence from food that you are to spend time seeking the Lord in Bible Study, reading your Bible, prayer, and meditation. The discipline of fasting is designed to separate you from your perceived natural life support so you can focus exclusively on the Lord; your actual life support.

WHY FAST?

There are many reasons why people fast. But there is one aspect of the fasting experience that each of us have in common; to have a personal, life-changing experience with the living God. Never confuse your fasting goals with the most foundational reason to fast - to meet with God. All other reasons could cause you to miss the biggest blessing of your fasting encounter.

WHY FOOD?

What is the number one thing you trust in for your survival? What is the one thing that you can’t do without not only for days but even hours? What is the one thing that will give you an attitude if you don’t receive it when and how you want it? What do you spend hours preparing for and is the center of your social and recreational life? What is the one thing in your daily schedule that you would never question skipping if for any serious length of time? The answer is food!

Jesus said in *Matthew 6:33*, “*Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you*”. Seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God, NOT food! The Kingdom of God is His absolute rule in your life. Jesus is giving clear instruction that we should, before anything else, seek His Kingdom, His control, and His authority over our lives. *Psalms 37:4 says*, “*Delight yourself in the Lord*”, not food! If food is a higher priority to You than God, you are practicing idolatry.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

During this period of fasting, you will realize that in most cases, your hunger pains go away as quickly as they come. Because you are eating more fruit and vegetables; which are made up mostly of water, you will not feel as full as though you had a big meal. This is the beginning of your body adjusting. You will also begin to sense a stronger presence of the Lord. You will find yourself moving slower and speaking less. As the Bible says in *James 1:19*, “*You will be slower to speak, quicker to listen, and slower to anger*”.

WHAT IS PENTECOST?

Pentecost means “fiftieth day” and is celebrated fifty days after Easter (Resurrection). Pentecost is the Christian Church’s celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit. It comes from the realization that Jesus’ very life, breath, and energy lives in, with, and among us! We are God-breathed. Pentecost is often called "the birthday of the Church".

ACCOUNTABILITY DURING YOUR FAST

1. **Establish a Place and Time to Meet With God.** This is a place more than a physical location where you go to sit and listen for the voice of God. It is a place of rest and peace of mind. It is a place where your mind can be renewed, your heart changed. Choose a place where there is no phone to ring and where neither friends nor family will come and disturb you. Be equipped with your Bible, paper, and pen when you go to this place. In Habakkuk 2:4 God told Habakkuk to write the vision in a plain and simple language. If you don't write down what You believe God is saying, You really don't know what He is saying.
2. **Keep a Journal.** Always be prepared to take notes in a journal where you can keep a record of what the Lord has said to You. It would be a shame to hear His voice, then forget what He said. Your fast is a special time set aside for your Creator.
3. **Prepare Your Physical Body.** It is important to prepare your physical body for your fast. You should begin by decreasing the size of your food intake as your prepare to abstain from food. This will help your body adjust more readily. A fast also has a cleansing effect on your physical body. Your body will gradually rid itself of toxins as you go through the fast.
4. **Purify Your Motives.** Why do you pray, read your Bible, or go to church? It's to be obedient to what God requires us to do and be blessed! The Lord had been graciously dealing with you since your sinful beginning. The only reason You love Him is because He first loved You (1 John 4:10)! Your fasting will and cannot make Him love you any more than He already does. You cannot trick or force Him into blessing You against His will. Some blessings only come through fasting and praying! It is very difficult to fake reading your Bible and praying during a fast. The purpose of fasting is to perfect your attitude and heart thus purifying your motives. The Bible calls Satan a "deceiver", "liar", and "father of lies". He (Satan) has an incredible ability to disguise his deceptions in what appears to be well thought out logic, common sense, or Biblical truth. These disguises can also be a sense of false humility. The last thing Satan wants you to do is fast and seek God. We should be concerned about living righteously not only because it pleases God, but also because failing to do so brings unnecessary and avoidable pain into our lives. Take a step of faith and commit your fast unto the Lord.
5. **To Eat or Not to Eat.** As You continue to fast you won't experience hunger pains as often as You thought you would. Without a preoccupation with food, you will be surprised at your ability to be sustained for a number of days without eating a lot of food! Take advantage of this time to seek Jesus more diligently. There is no magic in missing meals in the name of spirituality. The important thing to remember is to hear God speak and obey what you hear.
6. **Fight Doubt.** During your fast, one of your biggest enemies will be your mind and memory. Fasting will make no sense to your mind. In Matthew 14:22-32 when Peter was walking on the water he found himself in the middle of a miracle; something that did not make sense to his mind. When Peter's mind revealed to him the supernatural nature of what he was doing, it convinced him that it was impossible; based on what his mind knew to be normal. Consequently Peter sank believing logically what his mind told him, rather than what the Spirit convinced him to believe by faith. Galatians 5:17 tells us that the flesh is at war against the Spirit. The flesh cannot be trained or negotiated with. It must die, it must be crucified! Remember, faith goes all the way!

CONSECRATION DIRECTIVES AND GUIDELINES

1. You are given the option whether you will fast or not fast corporately with United Gospel Fellowship Covenant Ministries. In the event you choose NOT to fast with the organization; please DO NOT discuss your decision with those who are fasting! Since fasting is a discipline of self-denial and consecration unto the Lord, discussion about it could become a big distraction. Vice versa, if you choose to fast; please DO NOT lecture those who are not fasting. Let your testimony (a fasted life) encourage others to fast.
2. **Medical Disclaimer: If you have any medical issues, please consult your health professional before participating in the fast.**
3. Begin each day (when you get up) with 8 (eight) hours of fasting (no eating; water as needed). Water is our primary beverage. 100% juice is permitted once your eight hours are complete.
4. **Meals Consumption:** Monday through Saturday you may partake of only one full course meal. **Our fast is MEATLESS AND SWEETLESS!**
Please note: You may include your meat juices and liquid foods made from meats (chicken broth, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animals). You are permitted to utilize all seasonings. It's NOT about the food; but a closer walk with God!
5. **Meats That Are Permissible on Sunday:** Fish, Chicken, Turkey and Eggs. *You may fry, bake, grill, boil, broil, or steam your meats.*
6. **NO** sweets during 40 Day Fast! (Sweets are only allowed on Sundays.)
7. Pray and meditate at least 5 (five) times a day. Determine your individual schedule.
8. Read your Bible and pray **DAILY**!
9. **Please reduce social media and television time.**
10. **STOP** gossiping and complaining!
11. Anytime you make a significant change in your diet or exercise you should consult with your health professional. If you have special/medical challenges; adjust your eating plan to meet those requirements while maintaining the fast. A fast is between **You** and the Lord; TO YOUR OWN SELF BE TRUE!

PRAYER WHEEL

