

# 40 DAYS OF



Thank you for praying with us during these “40 Days of Prayer.” We are convinced that we as individuals, and collectively as a church family, are completely dependent on God for anything good. Therefore, as we begin another season of church life together, we begin by leaning into God – confessing our neediness, remembering his goodness, and asking that God would conform us to the image of his Son and use us for his purposes in the world.

Each Wednesday morning between September 1 and October 10 from 6:45-7:45AM on campus, Ben Patterson will lead us in prayer using the passage from Colossians 1 found below. We hope you’ll come pray with us if you’re able during these six weeks. Use this simple guide to help you continue to bring the themes of Paul’s great prayer before the Lord each day. Each week there is a theme with accompanying verses and prompt for each day. These are meant to be a springboard for you to pray for the church and the world.

*For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:9-14*

## **Week 4: Strengthened with power for endurance**

- Day 22.** *He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. (Isaiah 40:29)* Pray for those who are simply tired of pursuing God in their daily life, that they might have staying power for the long haul.
- Day 23.** *And David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because all the people were bitter in soul, each for his sons and daughters. But David strengthened himself in the Lord his God. (1 Samuel 30:6)* Pray for all who are distressed, that they– like David– would find strength in the Lord.
- Day 24.** *I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. (Ephesians 3:16-17)* Ask the Lord to pour out his Spirit on the whole church, that his people would be enabled to walk by faith today.
- Day 25.** *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses... (Acts 1:8)* Ask God that our witness to Jesus would be empowered by the Holy Spirit and not just our best efforts.
- Day 26.** *But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. (Romans 8:24-25)* Pray for all who are waiting for God to answer specific prayers, that He might give them strength to be patient and trust Him.
- Day 27.** *Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. (Hebrews 12:3)* Pray for those who are suffering because of their faith in the Lord, that God would grant them endurance in their trials.
- Day 28** *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. (Ephesians 6:10-11)* Pray for those who are being tempted today, that God might grant them (including you!) the strength to stand against it.