

40 Day Prayer and Fasting Guide

For Urbana 25

The practice of spending 40 days in prayer and fasting is deeply rooted in biblical tradition and has long been embraced by Christians as a way to seek God's guidance, prepare spiritually for significant events, and deepen intimacy with Father, Son and Spirit.

- Moses spent 40 days on Mount Sinai fasting and communing with God before receiving the Ten Commandments (Exodus 34:28).
- Elijah journeyed 40 days to Mount Horeb after receiving divine sustenance (1 Kings 19:8).
- Jesus fasted for 40 days in the wilderness before beginning His public ministry (Matthew 4:1–2).

These examples reflect a pattern of **spiritual preparation, purification, and empowerment** before stepping into a divine calling or moment of transformation.

Throughout Christian history, 40 days has symbolized a sacred period of preparation. The Church observes Lent—a 40-day season of fasting, prayer, and repentance—leading up to Easter. This tradition invites believers to reflect, surrender, and align their hearts with God's purposes.

In modern contexts, Christians across denominations use 40 days of prayer and fasting to:

- Seek **clarity and direction** from God.
- Cultivate **unity** in the Body of Christ.
- Intercede for **revival, healing, or breakthrough**.
- Prepare for **major ministry initiatives, transitions, or events**.

So, of course, we are fasting and praying for Urbana 25!

Since 1946, Urbana has been a tool in God's hand to raise awareness of need and opportunity in the world for Christians to respond to God's global call. Every generation needs to respond to the question of how they will follow God. Ajith Fernando, famously said at Urbana 87, "God is a missionary God. His followers therefore, must be missionary people."

Setting aside 40 days for focused prayer and fasting is a countercultural act of faith. But we believe that an event, like Urbana – a once in a student-generation event—in our current global context, is a critical place for God's people. We want to lay a strong foundation in prayer, so that when December 28th comes around, the pump will be primed. This type of prayer is a way of saying, "Lord, we want You more than anything else. We are asking you to move powerfully and memorably, releasing your people into mission, wherever you will send them."

What might happen if the 6,000 - 10,000 participants at Urbana 25, being held in Phoenix, AZ from December 28 to New Year's Eve 2025 experience **clarity and direction from God, unity in the Body of Christ, revival, healing and breakthrough?** What might the WORLD look like afterward?!

Won't you join us these 40 Days of prayer and fasting?

Here are ways you can join in:

1. **Serve as an anchor for one day.** Select a day from November 17 – December 28. Ask 3 or 4 friends to join you in the fast. Work out time(s) that your group can pray together on that day, either in person, by phone or through a virtual platform.
2. **Pray on your own or with a partner.** Use this guide with simple prayer prompts for the 40 days leading up* to Urbana. (*Note—we have graciously given a “bye” for Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.) We suggest not fasting from food for each of those 40 days, but instead consider fasting one day a week, or the same meal for 40 days, or fasting from something else, like social media or caffeine for 40 days.
3. **Use this guide in your small group or church prayer meetings.**

Scripture Focus for Urbana -- Jonah

The Book of Jonah is more than a story about a man and a big fish—it's a profound and often surprising exploration of how we respond to God's calling. In just four short chapters, Jonah's journey reveals the tension between **obedience and resistance, mercy and judgment, and God's heart for all people.**

Jonah is called by God to deliver a message to Nineveh, a city known for its wickedness. Instead of obeying, Jonah runs in the opposite direction. His story invites us to reflect: *What do we do when God calls us to something uncomfortable, unexpected, or beyond our preferences?*

Why Jonah Matters to College Students Today

- **It's relatable:** Jonah's reluctance, fear, and frustration mirror our own struggles with surrender and trust.
- **It's revealing:** The story exposes how personal biases and fears can cloud our view of God's mission.
- **It's redemptive:** Despite Jonah's resistance, God patiently pursues him—and the people of Nineveh—with compassion and grace.

Jonah reminds us that God's call is not just about tasks or destinations—it's about transformation. It's about aligning our hearts with God, even when it stretches us. Whether we are discerning a new direction, wrestling with obedience, or seeking to understand God's mercy more deeply, studying Jonah can be a huge help.

THE GUIDE

Week 1 November 17 – 23 *“The word of the Lord came to Jonah... ‘Go to the great city of Nineveh.’ But Jonah ran (the opposite way)... Now the Lord provided a huge fish” (Jonah 1: 1-3, 17).*

- Any day this week, pray for a faithful response to God’s call, recognizing when we are resistant to that call, and also, pray for an awakening to God’s provision.

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Sunday, Nov 23 – Pray for the cultivation of imagination of what's possible in being people of salt and light. Here's a specific way to pray about imagination:

- Imagination helps us see beyond what is. In a world often marked by division, injustice, and despair, imagination allows us to envision what *could be*. It helps students see beyond the limitations of their circumstances or the brokenness of the world and dream of a future shaped by God's love, justice, and peace.

Week 2 November 24 – 30 "In my distress, I called to the Lord, and he answered me" (Jonah 2:2).

- Any day this week pray for all those associated with Urbana--leadership, speakers, staff, worship leaders, registered students, partners, those not yet registered, but considering, those who work at the Phoenix Convention Center, in local downtown hotels and restaurants – to experience the nearness of God. And especially, if they are distressed about something, that they may feel comforted by the God Who Hears.

Monday, Nov 24 - Pray for this generation of students (Gen Z) to be mobilized for God's global mission. Pray for all the ways that Gen Z brings their uniqueness, especially their digital fluency and global awareness. They are the most connected generation in history. Their ability to navigate digital spaces and engage with global cultures makes them uniquely equipped to share the gospel across boundaries—geographical, cultural, and ideological.

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- Please pray today that students would be released from fear, shame, and discouragement.

Sunday, Nov 30 - Pray for the cultivation of imagination of what's possible in being people of salt and light. Here's a specific way to pray about imagination:

- Imagination fuels hope. Hope is not passive—it is active and creative. Imagination gives students the ability to hope boldly, to believe that transformation is possible, and to trust that God is at work even in places that seem hopeless.

Week 3 December 1 – 7 "Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit God's love for them" (Jonah 2: 8).

- *Any day this week pray for awakening. Pray for the Holy Spirit to convict believers of disordered loves. Pray for an awareness in the unchurched of the emptiness of things they are putting their hope in. Pray for an opening to the abundant, eternal, and lavish love of God.*

Monday, Dec 1 - Pray for this generation of students (Gen Z) to be mobilized for God's global mission. Pray for all the ways that Gen Z brings their uniqueness, especially their desire for purpose and meaning. Gen Z is not content with surface-level faith. They long for a life of deep purpose. When they respond to God's call, they do so with a hunger to make a real impact, to live sacrificially, and to be part of something bigger than themselves.

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Sunday, Dec 7 - Pray for the cultivation of imagination of what's possible in being people of salt and light. Here's a specific way to pray about imagination:

- Imagination opens us to God's surprising call. God's call is often unexpected. Imagination helps students remain open to paths they hadn't considered—new cultures, vocations, or ways of serving—that may not fit into conventional molds but are deeply aligned with God's mission.

Week 4 December 8 – 14 “Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: ‘Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.’ Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now, Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it” (Jonah 3: 1-3).

- Any day this week pray for those who need or who are seeking a second chance; for those who perhaps have wandered away from a call that seemed beyond them. Pray for obedience. Pray for a “Yes!” in answer to God's call. Pray for those who are in or going to unfamiliar places in order to faithfully follow God's invitation.

Monday, Dec 8 - Pray for this generation of students (Gen Z) to be mobilized for God's global mission. Pray for all the ways that Gen Z brings their uniqueness, especially their creativity and innovation. They think outside the box. Gen Z followers of Jesus bring fresh ideas, new ways of doing ministry, and creative approaches to mission that can reach people who have never encountered the gospel before.

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Week 5 December 15 – 21 "I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity" (Jonah 4: 2b,c).

- Any day this week pray that students will be awakened to the true nature and character of God. Pray that they will see God's merciful hand, and become merciful followers of Jesus, particularly to those different than them, to those with whom they are in conflict, to those whom they judge. May they come to know this God who is merciful and kind, abounding in love, gracious and compassionate. May this knowledge become experience, and may that experience lead to their transformation.

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- Today, especially pray for those gripped by social anxiety, those afraid of how they come across in public, afraid of new relationships, afraid of rejection. Pray for those who suffer from loneliness.

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- Imagination can give rise to empathy. To engage in global mission, students need to understand and connect with people whose lives and experiences are vastly different from their own. Imagination allows them to step into others' stories, cultivating compassion and solidarity.

Week 6 December 22 – 28 “*And should I not have concern for the great city Nineveh...*” (Jonah 4: 11).

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- Please pray that students would encounter God as Healer and Restorer at Urbana.
- Also, most staff, speakers, exhibitors, and presenters are arriving from all over the country today in Phoenix. Pray for safety and smooth travel.

Sunday, Dec 28 - Pray for the cultivation of imagination of what's possible in being people of salt and light. Here's a specific way to pray for the imagination of Gen Z today:

- Imagination moves us toward creative problem-solving. Global mission work often involves navigating complex challenges—social, spiritual, logistical. Imagination equips students to think creatively, adapt, and find Spirit-led solutions that honor the dignity of those they serve.

Everyone else arrives TODAY and the program begins!!!

THANK YOU FOR PRAYING WITH US!!