

40 Days of Prayer & Fasting Begins!

Wed, March 1st – Focus: Children

“Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” (Mk. 10:13-16)

- Pray for the protection, blessing and the salvation of our children. Ask the Lord to call out from the next generation, multitudes empowered to take the gospel to every nation. Pray for our Sunday school, Wed. night Christian Life Club, VBS, Children’s Worship leaders and workers, our van drivers, nursery director, Vicki Paul, nursery workers, children’s choirs and leaders and for Cheryl Schell as she directs those activities.

Thur, March 2nd – Focus: Educators

“Everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher.” Luke 6:40

- Pray for all educators – for their protection and that they will begin to pray for and impart Christian values to their students. Seek the Lord for a revival in our schools, colleges, and universities. Pray for our church members who teach in public and Christian schools, colleges, universities and seminaries. Also pray for those who are home schooling.

Fri., March 3rd – Focus: Pastors

“Shepherd the flock of God among you...casting all your anxiety upon Him, because he cares for you.” (1 Peter 5:2,7)

- Ask God to give pastors and church leaders wisdom, and pray for their personal and family protection, against the flaming arrows of the enemy. Ask the Lord to call pastors together to pray for revival. Pray especially for our pastors here in the Bluegrass area.

Sat., March 4th – Focus: Government Leaders

“First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all people, for...all who are in authority...that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.” (1 Tim. 2:1,2)

- Pray that our government leaders will be examples of righteousness to our society and that they will experience God’s wisdom in their deliberations. Ask the Holy Spirit to remind us to pray faithfully for them. Pray especially for our President and his cabinet.

Sun. March 5th – Focus: The Poor

“If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Let us not love with words or tongue, but with actions and in truth.” (1 John 3:17,18)

- Ask the Lord to give you His eyes and heart for the poor. Petition Him to pour out a spirit of generosity upon our nation, government, businesses, and churches. Pray for the spiritual and physical needs of the poor to be met, and that they would be established in God’s blessing.
- Pray especially for Pastor Bill Ury and our revival which begins today and ends March 8th.

Mon., March 6th – Focus: Health Care Workers

“How blessed is he who considers the helpless; the Lord will deliver him in a day of trouble...and he shall be called blessed upon the earth...” (Psalm 41:1,2)

- Pray that God will equip those who serve others with loving hearts and gentle hands, blessing them for their service to others. Pray especially for the ministry of our parish nurses and the director, RoseMary Nowitzki.

Tue., March 7th – Focus: Mothers

“Strength and dignity are her clothing. And she smiles at the future. She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue...Her children rise up and bless her; her husband also...” (Prov. 31:25,26,28)

- First, intercede specifically for the mothers you know. Then pray for the mothers in your neighborhood, that their example to their children will be one of Christ like obedience. Pray for all the mothers in our church family and for our Mom 2 Mom & Sister-to-Sister groups.

Wed., March 8th – Focus: Ethnic Communities

“All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD. And all the families of the nations will worship before You.” (Ps. 22:27)

- Pray that the diverse communities of our area will be touched by God’s love; that Christians will lead the way in showing honor and acting in Christ’s reconciling power. Pray for Spanish congregations meeting in the churches in Lexington and Jessamine County.

Thu., March 9th – Focus: Substance Abusers

“Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble; He saved them out of their distresses. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and broke their bands apart” (Ps. 107:13-16)

- Pray that God will break every form of bondage, including sexual, drug, alcohol, gambling, tobacco, and pornography addictions.

Fri., March 10th – Focus: The Elderly

“Now Abraham was old, advanced in age; and the Lord had blessed Abraham in every way.” (Gen. 24:1)

- Pray that God’s strength and peace would be poured out upon seniors, empowering them to serve and share wisdom with the younger generation. Pray for Bill Jamison as he directs the Senior Ministries, and Bill Jamison & Lynne Fuller as they direct our Nursing Home Ministries.

Sat., March 11th – Focus: Broken Families

“The LORD...supports the fatherless and the widow” (Psalm 146:8,9)

- Pray that Christ will heal what the enemy has done to divide and to tear our families apart. Ask Him to release blessings on the children of broken families, that they will see and hear the gospel. Pray for single moms and dads in our community.

Sun., March 12th – Focus: Physically Disabled

“In all their affliction He was afflicted...In His love and in His mercy He redeemed them; and He lifted them and carried them” (Is. 63:9)

- Ask for healing of body, soul, and spirit. Bless those who are disabled that they may have faith to see God at work in their circumstances.

Mon., March 13th – Focus: Gangs

“I sought the LORD, and He answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and rescues them.” (Psalm 34:4-8)

- Intercede on behalf of gang members who suffer from hopelessness, revenge, and fear. Ask God to reveal to them how the gospel of Christ is the source of hope, power, and belonging.

Tue., March 14th – Focus: Fathers

“And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. (Eph. 6:4)

- Pray that fathers will provide godly leadership for their households, and take responsibility for the physical, emotional, and spiritual well being of their children.
- Pray for Ron Redmond and his team as they direct our Men’s Ministries.

Wed., March 15th – Focus: Native Americans

“May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.” (Psalm 67:3)

- Stand in prayer asking God to forgive us as a nation for our mistreatment of Native Americans. Ask Him to reconcile our peoples and release them from spiritual strongholds so they may all come to know Christ and experience His saving grace!

Thur., March 16th – Focus: Christian Ministries

“Finally, brethren, pray for us that the work of the LORD may spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you; and that we may be delivered from perverse and evil men; for not all have faith.” (2 Thess. 3: 1,2)

- Pray that Christian ministries will be founded on God’s truth, anointed by God’s power, and funded by God’s people as they work to extend God’s Kingdom. Seek a revival among those who lead Christian ministries that will result in renewed vision and passion for Christ. Pray for our Evangelism team leaders, David & Tracy Goss, and their team as they do outreach in our community. Pray for our building administrators, Bob and Pat Moody, and their ministry to our church family.

Fri., March 17th – Focus: Law Enforcement Officials

“How blessed are those who keep justice, who practice righteousness at all times.” (Psalm 106:3)

- Thank God for the men and women who uphold the law and protect our citizenry. Ask for His blessing and protection to rest upon them and their families. Petition heaven for an end to brutality. Pray for all police officers in our town.

Sat., March 18th – Focus: International Students & Visitors

“Assemble the people, the men and the women and children and the alien who are in your town, in order that they may hear and learn and fear the LORD your God...” (Deut.31:12)

- Ask God to stir the hearts of those who do not yet know Him. Pray that once saved, they will return to their homelands as missionaries of the gospel of Christ. Pray for International students in area colleges. Pray for Sam Powdrill as he leads our ministries to international students.

Sun., March 19th – Focus: Business People

“But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth...” (Deut. 8:18)

- Pray that God will use the lives of each business person in America to help further the Kingdom of God on the earth. Entreat the Lord to prompt Christians in business to acts of generosity and lives of integrity.
- Remember the many business leaders in our church.

Mon., March 20th – Focus: The News Media

“Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you. Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. Keep straight the path of your feet, and all your ways will be sure.” (Prov. 4:24-26)

- Pray that the men and women who bear the high responsibility of reporting the news will do so truthfully and without personal bias. Pray for Don Butterworth and the Communications team, and for Diane Munoz, editor of the “Plumline.”

Tues., March 21st – Focus: Unemployed People

“...Every man who eats and drinks sees good in all his labor – it is the gift of God.” (Ecc. 3:13)

- Pray for those in your neighborhood who have recently lost their jobs or who are struggling to find one. Ask God to increase their faith in His goodness to meet their needs and to provide them with meaningful employment.

Wed., March 22nd – Focus: Families

“...In you and in your descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed.” (Gen. 28:14)

- Pray for solid, God-centered relationships among family members. Pray for the protection of our marriages. Pray for leaders Ralph and Nellie Kester, and our Marriage and Family team.

Thur., March 23rd – Focus: Depressed People

“But God, who comforts the depressed, comforted us...” (2 Cor. 7:6)

- Pray for those who are downcast or depressed that they will find the joy of the Lord through God’s healing presence and deliverance.

Fri., March 24th – Focus: Men

“Thus says the LORD, “Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD.” (Jer.9:23,24)

- Pray that the men of our church will seek God and honor Him in every area of their lives, as the Holy Spirit brings them to conviction, confession, and a new desire to be holy.

Sat., March 25th – Focus: Racial Reconciliation

“For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall...that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace.” (Eph. 2:14-18)

- Ask Jesus to raise up forerunners—anoined men and women who will be bridge-builders and peacemakers in every neighborhood and community. Call for the Church to lead the way in repentance, reconciliation, and restoration. Pray for loving, lasting relationships among races in our community and beyond! Also remember the hurting people of the world.

Sun., March 26th – Focus: Students of Higher Education

“Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise...It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.” (1 Cor. 1:20,27,30)

- Pray that our college and university students will open their hearts and minds to Christ, and will be challenged to follow Him with lives of purity and integrity. Ask that they will carefully weigh what they are taught according to the wisdom that only comes from God. Intercede for the youth from our church who are in other colleges as well. Remember David & Carol Coulliette and their team who lead our College ministry.

Mon., March 27th – Focus: The Unborn

“For he will deliver the needy when he cries for help...He will rescue their life from oppression and violence; and their blood will be precious in his sight...” (Psalm 72:12-14)

- Ask the LORD to protect unborn babies from the ravages of abortion by turning their mother’s heart toward them, and by raising up the Church to champion the cause and the care of babies and pregnant mothers. Pray for Ralph Yoder and his Church & Society Team and for the directors of our Community Centers.

Tue., March 28th – Focus: The Military

“And when He had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, entreating Him...Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled, and said to those who were following, ‘Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith with anyone in Israel.’” (Matt. 8:5-13)

- Ask our spiritual Captain, the Lord of Hosts, to bless those who serve our country and keep them safe. Cry out to the Lord for a spiritual revival and harvest in America’s military community. Remember all our Free Methodist chaplains across the world and all our servicemen. Pray especially for the men in our congregation who are in the military and those serving overseas. Pray for Bob Barnard as he ministers to our Free Methodist chaplains.

Wed., March 29th – Focus: Single People

“One who is unmarried is concerned about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord.” (1 Cor. 7:32)

- Pray that America’s singles will be satisfied with God, seeking to live lives of sexual purity, moral integrity, and service to others. Pray for Cheryl Crowe, Team Leader of the Singles Ministry.

Thur., March 30th – Focus: The Sick

“He saw a great multitude, and felt compassion for them, and healed their sick.” (Matt. 14:14)

- Pray for God’s comfort and healing touch to be evident in the lives of those coping with illness and disease. Pray particularly for people you know who are sick and for those who minister through the Society of St. Luke.

Fri., March 31st – Focus: Women

“Then Jesus answered and said to her, ‘O woman, your faith is great; be it done for you as you wish.’” (Matt. 15:28)

- Ask the Lord to bring honor to women and protect them from social injustice; that they will stand in righteousness before Him and receive His peace. Pray for our Women’s Ministries team and for team leader, Annette Diddle.

Sat., April 1st – Focus: Student Ministries (Youth)

“Let our sons in their youth be as grown-up plants, and our daughters as corner pillars fashioned as for a palace...How blessed are the people whose God is the LORD.” (Psalm 144:12,15)

- Intercede for America’s youth. Ask the Lord to open their hearts to know the transforming truth of the gospel! Pray for our teens. Pray for our Pastor of Students, Jason Leininger, and the volunteer staff as they lead our teens.

Sun., April 2nd – Focus: Prisoners & Their Families

“The humble have seen it and are glad; you who seek God, let your heart revive. For the LORD hears the needy, and does not despise His who are prisoners.” (Psalm 69:32,33)

- Pray that God will bring life-changing miracles into the lives of men and women who are held in our correctional facilities. Pray for Bill and Nellie Smith and others as they minister in area jails.

Mon., April 3rd – Focus: Arts & Entertainment

“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.” (Prov. 14:34)

- Pray that the men and women in the arts and entertainment industries will exercise moral integrity so that the nation’s moral compass can be reset and its foundation of righteousness can be restored.

Tue., April 4th – Focus: The Homeless

“But He sets the needy securely on high away from affliction, and makes his families like a flock.” (Psalm 107:41)

- Ask Christ to restore hope, where there is none, and to revive the hearts of the homeless with faith for the future. Ask Him to provide their daily bread and other necessities. Pray for your own response to needy people. Pray for wisdom for our Benevolence Team.

Wed., April 5th – Focus: Your Fellow Workers/Students

“In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” (Matt. 5:16)

- Pray that your friends and co-workers will see the reality of God in your life and that God will give you divine appointments to share the gospel of Christ with them. Ask the Lord to reveal to you how you are to pray for and serve them.

Thur., April 6th – Focus: Your Neighbors

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Gal. 5:14)

- Pray today for God’s peace to be upon those who live on your street or in your housing complex, your neighborhood, and your city. Ask Him for opportunities to share the love of Christ in practical ways. Pray for Pam Pepper and the Home Mission Team.

Fri., April 7th – Focus: Your Family

“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your household.” (Acts 16:31)

- Pray for your family members today, especially those who do not know the Lord and are not walking with Him. Ask God to use your family throughout future generations to bless others and build His kingdom.

Sat., April 8th – Focus: Church Unity

“That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.” (John 17:21)

- Earnestly ask God to heal the division between pastors, churches, and denominations. Pray that the world will see the corporate Body of Christ loves one another and this will cause them to believe!

Sun., April 9th – Pray Unceasingly

“Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.” (Luke 18:1)

- Pray for our music ministries: Mark Schell, Rose Evans, and all our volunteers in the music program of the church.
- Pray for the Social Committee and the Sanctuary Décor Committee that all they do will glorify Christ.
- Intercede for our church sponsored missionaries: Dwayne & Charma Mathias, Andy & Lizet Bowen, Dan & Hope Owsley, Steve & Ruth Hersey, Thane & Lorie Ury, Jack & Jeanne Acheson-Munoz, Mike & Carrie Hamley and Chris & Sarah Kappler.
- Pray for Oakdale Christian Academy. Remember its board, administrators, teachers, staff, and student body. Pray that they will have revival.
- Pray for all the home ministries in our community, our state, our country and the world.
- Pray for revival in our own church. We serve a Great GOD! He is able to do far above all we ask or think!

Wilmore Free Methodist Church

40 Days of Prayer and Fasting Calendar

March 1st – April 9th, 2006

How you can participate...

- ✓ Agree in prayer each day around the given focus, using this prayer guide.
- ✓ Copy this prayer guide. Distribute it to friends, prayer groups, and Bible studies.
- ✓ Pray the daily prayer focus with your spouse, roommate, family, or prayer partners.
- ✓ Consider joining with partners-in-prayer by fasting at least once each week during the vigil or do an extended fast as the Lord directs.
- ✓ Open your life to God by confessing, repenting, and forsaking any sin in your life.
- ✓ Pray that we will be faithful in bringing and winning lost people to God and helping them become fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Prayer Changes People!
Prayer Changes Things!