



twenty-one days  
and PRAYER  
FASTING

## Devotional Guide

*Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened!*

**Matthew 7:7-8**

What happens when a church begins praying and fasting? What happens when men come together at the beginning of the week to pray for their work, witness, and families? What happens when women gather in homes and Bible studies seeking to lift up their churches, children, and families in prayer? What happens when God's people humble themselves before Him, seek His face, and pray? The answer is Revival. When revival comes, it first sweeps across the humble heart, then it stirs the heart and soul of the church, and soon it resonates and illuminates a community in darkness with the Living Light of Jesus Christ. When revival comes, the lost are saved and the broken hearted are bound up...the wayward become Godward and the people of God are never the same again. Once the spirit is stirred and set aflame by the Living Word, then it never again has the desire to go back to its original state.

Today, we stand back in awe of our great and mighty God and what He can do through His chosen people when they turn to Him in humility seeking wisdom and guidance. Numerous testimonies identify how God has answered prayer in a mighty way and now is the time that we must seek the Lord and His divine providence once again.

# Our Vision and Mission

As the body of Christ at Cicero Christian Church, we have been given a charge to uphold and carry out before the Living God, to:

**Reach, Teach, and Serve for the Cause of Christ!**

## Our Purpose for Prayer and Fasting

As we enter into the next Twenty-One Days of Prayer and Fasting we are asking the congregation to come together as **One Body** seeking the face of God with **One Voice** lifting up **One Prayer**. Our great desire is to see Revival take place in the heart of every individual, in the midst of every family, and throughout the Church Body. Over the next three weeks we ask you to join us as we come together to seek the providence of God in three areas: Humility and Repentance, Provision, Wisdom and Guidance

## The Twenty-One Day Plan

The plan set forth during our Twenty-One Days of prayer and fasting is based upon Biblical instruction and examples as seen in the Word of God. There are three major parts to the Twenty-One Day Plan.

### Step #1 ~ Pray

Each week we are asking the Body of Christ to focus some of their prayer time upon the topic for that week. You may use this devotional guide as part of your devotional time.

*Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.*

**Matthew 18:19-20**

During the course of our Twenty-One Day Journey we will hold one evening prayer meeting each week, every Wednesday night at 6:30pm in the House of Prayer. We will gather and lift our church and one another up in prayer as well as reflect upon how God is moving in our lives.

### Step #2 ~ Fast

Each week we will also ask people to take part in fasting for spiritual breakthrough. We are only asking people to choose one day per week to fast, *not the entire twenty-one days*, and to focus their attention this day upon the topic for that week. The corporate day of fasting will be designated as every **Wednesday**. We do understand that this may not be able to be the designated day for every individual but we encourage you to find another day to fast for spiritual breakthrough.



# Week One

## Humility and Repentance

Should we not do well to suspend our present operations  
and give ourselves to humiliation and prayer  
for nothing less than to be filled with the Spirit.

*J. Hudson Taylor*



### Verse of the Day

**2 Chronicles 7:14** (NASB)

If My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

### Point to Ponder:

Revival never occurs apart from humility, prayer, and repentance.  
Revival never occurs in the life of the church until it first occurs in the heart of the people.

### Daily Prayer Point:

Pray that you and your family would receive a spiritual revival in your own life.

### Thoughts for the Day:

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Verse of the Day

**1 Peter 5:6**



Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

**Point to Ponder:**

If we do not first humble ourselves before God then He will find a way to humble us on His terms.

**Daily Prayer Point**

Ask God to remove pride from your life so that He will get more glory than you.

**Thoughts for the Day:**

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Verse of the Day

**James 1:9**



The brother in humble circumstances ought to take pride in his high position.

**Point to Ponder:**

Humility before God is not weakness but it is the source of true strength.

**Daily Prayer Point**

Ask God to show you the sin in your life that you need to remove.

**Thoughts for the Day:**

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Verse of the Day  
**Ephesians 4:2**

**Corporate Day  
of Fasting**

Be completely humble and gentle;  
be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Prayer Meeting  
at 6:30pm in the  
House of Prayer

Point to Ponder:

“What do we mean by extraordinary prayer? We share ordinary prayer in regular worship services, before meals, and the like. But when people are found getting up at six in the morning to pray, or having a half night of prayer until midnight, or giving up their lunch time to pray at noonday prayer meetings, that is extraordinary prayer. It must be united and concerted.” ~**J. Edwin Orr**

Daily Prayer Point

Ask God to stir your spirit and cause a spiritual awakening in the church.

Thoughts for the Day:

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Verse of the Day  
**Acts 3:19**

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be  
wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord...

Point to Ponder:

“Oh! that you studied your Bibles more! Oh! that we all did!  
How we could plead the promises!  
How we could plead the promises!” ~**Charles Spurgeon**

Daily Prayer Point

Ask God to remove any sin that you may have in your life so that the  
time of refreshing would come to you and your church.

Thoughts for the Day:

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## Verse of the Day

**Revelation 2:5**



Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

### Point to Ponder:

Repentance is not easy but it is essential to experience God and His glory.

### Daily Prayer Point

Ask God to help you turn away from temptation and turn toward Him and His Word.

### Thoughts for the Day:

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## Verse of the Day

**Jeremiah 15:19**

Therefore this is what the LORD says: "If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them."

### Point to Ponder:

"It is one thing to shout it, it is one thing to sing it, it is one thing to talk about revival, but give me a people on their faces, seeking to be rightly related with God, and when that happens, we will soon know the impact of Godrealization in our country." ~**Duncan Campbell**

### Daily Prayer Point

Ask God to restore you today and to give you a servant's heart.

### Thoughts for the Day:

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# Week Two

## Provision

You must pray with all your might. That does not mean saying your prayers, or sitting gazing about in church with eyes wide open while someone else says them for you. It means fervent, effectual, untiring wrestling with God...

*William Booth*

Verse of the Day

**James 1:9**



And call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you,  
and you will honor me.

Point to Ponder:

“Do not have your concert first, and then tune your instrument afterwards. Begin the day with the Word of God and prayer, and get first of all into harmony with Him.” ~**Hudson Taylor**

Daily Prayer Point

Claim the promises of God today. Call upon in humility and ask Him to deliver you as He has promised.

Thoughts for the Day:

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## Verse of the Day

**Psalm 40:10**

For every animal of the forest is mine,  
and the cattle on a thousand hills.

### Point to Ponder

God owns the cattle on a 1000 hills and He owns the hills too.  
He will provide.

### Daily Prayer Point

Ask God for His provision for your family and for the church.

### Thoughts for the Day:

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## Verse of the Day

**Matthew 6:21**

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

### Point to Ponder

What you seek with all your heart is what you value the most.

### Daily Prayer Point

Ask God to be the desire of your heart today.

### Thoughts for the Day:

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## Corporate Day of Fasting

Verse of the Day  
**Matthew 6:33**



Prayer Meeting  
at 6:30pm in the  
House of Prayer

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

### Point to Ponder

“No great spiritual awakening has begun anywhere in the world apart from united prayer.” ~**J. Edwin Orr**

### Daily Prayer Point

Ask God to help you to make Him the number one focus and priority of your life, family, and your church.

Thoughts for the Day:

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Verse of the Day  
**Proverbs 16:3**



Commit to the LORD whatever you do,  
and your plans will succeed.

### Point to Ponder:

Nothing is too big or too small for the Lord to handle. Give all things, all possessions, and all decisions to Him today.

### Daily Prayer Point

Commit your finances, your possessions, and your life to the Lord today.

Thoughts for the Day:

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## Verse of the Day

**Psalm 40:1-2**

I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

### Point to Ponder:

“Jesus didn't come to make bad men do good things. He came to make dead men live.” ~**Leonard Ravenhill**

### Daily Prayer Point

Ask God for patience as you wait for His provision.

### Thoughts for the Day:

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## Verse of the Day

**Jeremiah 29:11-13**

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

### Point to Ponder

God knows your past as well as your future. His plan is better than yours.

### Daily Prayer Point

Praise God today for His provision and His salvation. Seek Him with a humble heart today.

### Thoughts for the Day:

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# Week Three

## Wisdom & Guidance

Believers are strong only as the Word of God abides in them.  
The Word of God is spirit and life to those who receive it in simple faith,  
and it is a verifier of all who own its sway.

*Smith Wigglesworth*

Verse of the Day  
**James 1:5**



If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

Point to Ponder

If you want wisdom, begin by asking for it.

Daily Prayer Point

Ask God to give you His wisdom today.

Thoughts for the Day:

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## Verse of the Day

**Ephesians 5:15-16**

Be very careful, then, how you live not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

Point to Ponder:

“Five minutes after you die you’ll know how you should have lived.”

~Leonard Ravenhill

Daily Prayer Point

Ask God to help you make the most of this day for His glory not your own.

Thoughts for the Day:

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## Verse of the Day

**Proverbs 2:6**

For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

Point to Ponder

Wisdom is a gift from God not something you earn or buy.

Daily Prayer Point

Ask God to give you and the church guidance to help us carry the message of the Gospel to the world.

Thoughts for the Day:

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## Corporate Day of Fasting

Verse of the Day  
Matthew 7:24



Prayer Meeting  
at 6:30pm in the  
House of Prayer

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

### Point to Ponder:

“Some people think God does not like to be troubled with our constant coming and asking. The way to trouble God is not to come at all.” ~D.L. Moody

### Daily Prayer Point

Begin claiming some of the promises of God that you have learned through this study.

### Thoughts for the Day:

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Verse of the Day  
Proverbs 9:10



The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

### Point to Ponder:

Few people today fear God, that is why we see so few authentic Christians today and so many people deceived by the world.

### Daily Prayer Point

Ask God to open your eyes to His truth and to help you develop a great reverence for Him today.

### Thoughts for the Day:

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## Verse of the Day

**Proverbs 8:10-11**

Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.

### Point to Ponder

Godly Wisdom is the most valuable item you can ever possess.

### Daily Prayer Point

Ask God to help you be wise in your decisions today and surrender your day to Him from the moment you wake up.

Thoughts for the Day:

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## Verse of the Day:

**1 Corinthians 1:25**

For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.

### Point to Ponder

We may not always understand God's ways. This is why Trusting in God always accompanies His wisdom.

### Daily Prayer Point

Ask God to help you begin trusting Him more, trust in yourself and your ways less.

Thoughts for the Day:

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**Let Revival Come!**

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