

# **SCHEDULE**

## **Of the Prayer Services**

01/09/17 - 01/27/17

**MONDAY through FRIDAY**

**DAILY PRAYER SERVICES AT 7 PM**

IN CONNECTION WITH THE FAST, ALL ACTIVITIES IN THE CHURCH ARE CANCELLED, EXCEPT FOR CHOIR AND WORSHIP GROUP REHEARSALS IN PREPARATION FOR SUNDAY SERVICE.

**JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup> (SUNDAY)**

WILL BE A SOLEMN SERVICE TO FASTING'S END

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# INTRODUCTION:

Just as the human eye is attracted to bright and distinctive, by their nature, elements, in the same way, when we ponder life, we are astonished by the picture of an incredible reality. We are talking about the distinctly expressed omnipotence and immensity of God, and about the limitation and powerlessness of humans. God can do anything! We, on the contrary, are often unable to cope with even the most insignificant tasks.

Every one of us has experienced the painful state of helplessness, when even though we try our hardest, we do not achieve the expected results. We strain our minds to find the best solutions to different situations. With all our power, we attempt to overcome our bad qualities and habits. We try our hardest to overcome temptations. We strive to do good. We make great attempts to help our neighbor. We put in all our efforts to fulfill our promises to God. We put in our efforts into many things, and every time, when we put in all our efforts, we come to a single conclusion - OUR EFFORTS ARE NOT ENOUGH!

In the search to resolve our powerlessness, people resort to using various sources of "help" and react differently to their circumstances. And while reflecting on this topic, a question arises, how do we resolve the problem of our powerlessness?

We find the answer in the pages of the Scripture: the book of Exodus, chapter 6. God appears to Moses, who had come face to face with his powerlessness. It happened after Moses went to the pharaoh, according to God's instruction, to free his people, who were enslaved to the Egyptians. His efforts did not bring the expected result, on the contrary, they have brought affliction upon Israel.

In Exodus 5:22, Moses brought his petition before God, one can call it "the prayer of powerlessness":

*«The Moses returned to the Lord and said, 'O Lord, why have You brought harm to this people? Why did You ever send me?»*

God answered his petition by a revelation of His name: "I am God Almighty", "I am the Lord". By this revelation of His name, God invited

Moses into His omnipotence. With these simple words and the manifestation of unprecedented power over Egypt, God showed Moses that the solution to his powerlessness lies in God's omnipotence and His Lordship. In other words, God said to Moses: draw close to Me, because I gave you the necessary power to trust in Me, and in Me, find a solution to your powerlessness.

Flipping through the pages of Biblical stories, we admire the impressive victories and unforgettable events, when heroes of faith found the source of their power in God.

A Great Calling, a Special Mission, and the Highest Spiritual Authority have been prepared for the Church of Jesus Christ on earth. Unfortunately, for most of the partakers of God's calling, this is something impossible and unattainable, like an unscalable mountain.

Many of us, having taken the first steps in God's calling, became like Moses, who concentrated all his attention on his flaws and powerlessness. And for this reason, he entered into an argument with God: "Why did You ever send me?", "Lord, how will they listen to me?" "Lord, I am unskilled in speech (I stutter, it is hard for me to pronounce words, my speech is unpleasant)."

This is how God answered:

*«<sup>1</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, 'See, I make you as God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet. <sup>2</sup> You shall speak all that I command you.» (Exodus 7:1-2a)*

God viewed the flaws of Moses in a completely different way that Moses did. Moses saw his flaws as weakness; God saw his flaws as power. God answered to Moses and said, "see."

"Where shall one look?" - «Not at yourself, but at the mission, into which I have placed you. You are God to Pharaoh! That's what you should look at!"

"What about my flaws?" - "Do not let them stop you, allow them to lead you to Me, the source of all power!"

This message calls out to us from every page of the Bible. Jesus, when leaving His disciples, left them the same commandment: "You will receive power!"

In the first apostolic sermon, Paul said the following words:

*«Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know ...» (Acts 2:22)*

Being the Church of Christ, we cannot remain indifferent to God's calling to take on His power. We cannot be guided by a doctrine, built upon the acknowledgment of our weaknesses and flaws. We cannot permit our weaknesses to stop the movement of God's kingdom on earth.

The words, uttered by God into the life of Moses, "See, I have placed you," are also being said to us. Apostle Paul, having received a personal revelation that his weakness is his strength, proclaims:

*«I can do all things in Him who strengthens me" (Philipp.4:13), and calls all believers to "be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might.» (Ephes.6:10)*

**CHURCH, ARISE IN THE POWER OF THE LORD! –**

**THIS IS GOD'S CALLING FROM THE PAGES OF THE SCRIPTURE.**

# **PURPOSE OF THE FAST:**

## **CHURCH, ARISE IN THE POWER OF THE LORD!**

When hearing the call to put on the power, a question arises: how does one do that? A striking example is found in the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Christ, before entering His ministry, was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness for fasting and prayer. As the fast ended, He emerged in the fullness of His strength. Thus, fasting and prayer - is God's instrument for the realization of His plan.

In His teaching, Jesus Christ defined the new covenant fast as none other than the expression of our thirst to abide in Christ.

### **What is Biblical Fast?**

#### **1. Fasting — is the tool used to prepare a Place.**

Fasting - is a tool, by means of which we prepare a place for God!

Under normal, everyday circumstances, we have become well aware with the Concept of Capacity. For example, when buying groceries, we cannot help but feel dependent on the size and the capacity of the refrigerator. Or, when inviting guests into our home, we realize our maximum capabilities and the size of our homes. In the same way, many aspects of our life are directly dependent on the availability of space or capacity.

To increase capacity, people resort to two actions:

- Dismissal of unnecessary or low-priority items. We call it by different names: spring cleaning, updating, renovating.
- Reconstruction - this action is aimed at expanding the parameters of capacity.

God speaks to His people through the Prophet Isaiah 66:1: *“Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place where I may rest?”* God is asking people: do you have a place for Me? - Prepare a place for Me!

People often turn to God for help without understanding why He cannot help them. In chapter 58 of the book of Isaiah, God answers the question of people, *“Why have we fasted, and You do not see?”*, - You are overwhelmed with caring only for yourself; there is no place in your heart for your neighbor, nor for Me. The fast that I have chosen is when you do a thorough cleaning, free yourself from yourself, take care of your neighbor and make room for Me.

## **2. Fasting - is the expression of our humility.**

Humility is especially pleasing to God. The Word of God says that the meek will see an even greater grace, whereas the proud will feel God’s resistance.

*«But He gives a greater grace. Therefore, it says, ‘God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.»*  
*(James 4:6)*

Christ said:

*«<sup>29</sup> Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and My burden is light.»* (Matth.11:29-30)

Why is humility so pleasing to God, and why aren’t people rushing to seek it? - The answer lies in the fact that our lack of understanding of the subject of humility makes it unattractive. In people’s mindset, humility is associated with a life of wretchedness, insignificance, and poverty. And who likes to engage in this kind of self-humiliation, regarding oneself to be the subject of worthless and miserable existence.

So what is humility that is so pleasing to God? And what is pride, which God opposes?

Humility, according to one of the dictionaries, is a clear-headed vision of oneself. True humility is the correct reciprocal response of a person to the good done to him or her by another individual and the recognition of other people’s accomplishments.

Pride is the first sin and is an overestimation of one’s value and importance. The main manifestation of pride is crediting to oneself the merits of others and showing a complete lack of recognition of the involvement of others in one’s life.

A prime example of the manifestation of pride is the cherubim, created and anointed by God. God created him in the most beautiful way, He input in him the highest degree of artistry, and placed him as an honorary partaker in His glory. But he did not bow his heart in humility; he did not appreciate that his existence and the purpose of his creation are fully the work of the Almighty.

For that reason, he self-assuredly and proudly began to say things in his heart: I, myself, will control my destiny, why should someone control me, I will become equal to God, and I will place my throne at His level.

*«Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor.»*

*(Ezek.28:17a, NIV)*

The greatest example of humility for us is Jesus Christ. The humility of the Anointed Son of God becomes even more evident when compared with the actions of the fallen anointed cherubim. The anointed cherubim did not humble himself, despite abiding in the atmosphere of the glory of God's throne, being held in high esteem among other cherubim and God's angels, and being exceptionally beautiful.

Jesus, however, left everything behind. Instead of the glory of being the only begotten Son and abiding next to the throne of the Heavenly Father, He encountered humiliation, scorn, slander and betrayal. Instead of the divine nature, He took on an ordinary body.

It is written:

*«<sup>2</sup> For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of parched ground; He has no stately form or majesty that we should look upon Him, nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him. <sup>3</sup> He was despised and forsaken of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and like one from whom men hide their face; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.» (Isaiah 53:2-3)*

Instead of heavenly dwelling on this earth, the Son of God did not have a place to lay His head.

*«And Jesus said to him, 'The foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.» (Luke 9:58)*



And in these circumstances, Jesus said (Matthew 11:29-30): *“Learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart,” “for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”* - This is the expression of true humility. Jesus acknowledged that in all of this no credit belonged to Him, but it was all due to the wisdom, guidance, and care of the Heavenly Father.

The anointed cherubim were thrown from the highest point of God’s kingdom to the lowest point of existence. For this reason, it is written:

*«All the nations who knew you are appalled at you; you have come to a horrible end.» (Ezekiel 28:19, NIV)*

*«Sheol from beneath is excited over you to meet you when you come.» (Isaiah 14:9a)*

*«<sup>11</sup> Your pomp and the music of your harps have been brought down to Sheol; Maggots are spread out as your bed covering.  
<sup>12</sup> How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, you who have weakened the nations!» (Isaiah 14:11-12)*

The Anointed Son of God, through humility, attained the highest point of authority, power, and glory! For this reason, it is written:

*«Therefore it says, ‘When He ascended on high, He led captive a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men.» (Ephesians 4:8)*

*«But to which of the angels has He ever said, ‘Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet?’» (Hebrews 1:13)*

*«<sup>9</sup> For this reason, also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.» (Philippians 2:9-11)*

Fasting is a time, when we do not simply torment our souls and bow our heads in dismay, but instead, we set our mind on the God Almighty, freeing ourselves from manifestations and fruits of pride.

By accepting God’s merits and His holy will for our lives, we recognize that He takes care of our every breath, and our needs, so that we may walk the path, which the Wise God selected for us.

### **3. Fasting – is an action, caused by an awareness that something very important and precious is lacking.**

The Scripture warns us about wrong motives and practices of the fasting. In the Gospel of Matthew 9:14, Jesus was asked a question: *“Then the disciples of John came to Him, asking, ‘Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?’”*

The answer of Jesus Christ, *“The attendants of the bridegroom cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them,”* talked about the following: often people fast without understanding the deep meaning of this action. Fasting for the mere purpose of appeasing your conscience, or confirming your righteousness before God, or pointing out your merits, - is not pleasing to the Lord.

Jesus says: “When I (the Highest Treasure) in the lives of disciples, will be taken away from them, then they will fast.” The heart of disciples, yearning for their Teacher, will more than once express the thirst in prayer and fasting.

### **4. Fasting - is a purposeful action.**

Biblical Fasting is always a purposeful action. Sometimes in the Christian practices, people use general phrases and also generally look into their lives and ministry.

Fasting is a purposeful action in faith to find a solution in God to those questions, which are so vital to us.

We wish to offer the church an everyday prayer agenda, for us to receive the expected help from God!

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## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS FASTING AND PRAYER?

When we became the followers of Christ, we accepted God's calling to embody the kingdom of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, abiding in power. Christianity, if it loses God's power, does not meet the standards of the Gospel and makes Jesus Christ unappealing.

Since God instructed the priests of the Old Testament to maintain and preserve the fire upon the altar; in the same way we, as priests of the New Testament, are entrusted with the responsibility to maintain and preserve the presence and the movement of God's power in His kingdom on earth.

Unfortunately, without noticing, many of us were captured by the enemy, falling in the pits of his deceptions, which were designed to deprive the followers of Christ of His power. The Scripture clearly warns us that many believers make a rash choice in their following of Christ, which leads them to a state of powerlessness.

*For example*, Many will be satisfied by the mere natural thinking, rejecting the life, power, and fullness that come using Biblical spirituality. Many will resort to self-righteousness as written in Isaiah 28:10: "Order on order, order on order, line on line, line on line, a little here, a little there," without accepting the righteousness that comes from faith. Many will have the appearance of godliness but will reject His power. Many will be satisfied in the ministry, built upon words and manifestations of human pride, and will not seek God's power.

I hope that after reading these words, you will hear the voice of the Holy Spirit in your heart, calling you to be a genuine partaker in this fast, the purpose of which is the calling to be the arising in power Church.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FASTING

## HOW DO I FAST?

THERE ARE DIFFERENT KINDS OF FASTS:

- COMPLETE FAST - *when person does not consume anything, even water. We do not recommend this fast without the consent of a minister, because of incorrect use one can cause damage to himself;*
- WATER FAST - *drinking water only;*
- LIQUID FAST - *allows liquids of all kinds, such as water, juices;*
- DANIEL FAST - *This position allows you to have a limited intake of foods:*
  - *vegetables, fruits, juices and dishes made from vegetables and cereals in small quantities.*
  - For example: salads, vegetable soup, etc.*

We believe that God has a glorious plan for every life and therefore, we call upon all to participate diligently at all times to seek the Lord. We would like everyone, to whom health permits, could participate in the 21-day Daniel fasting.

If your work requires greater physical effort and extra food, you can create the schedule, which is the most convenient plan for you. That will keep you in peace and get rid of unnecessary temptation.

Remember, fasting is not meant to use all of our effort just to fight hunger or think about what to eat and what not. - It is a special time to get closer to the Lord and seek Him with all of your heart.

## **Is it important to participate in church-wide prayer and fasting?**

Scripture gives us examples when all people have been fasting together. While serving God is a choice each person individually makes, yet when everyone agreed and were fasting together, the amazing answers of God came quickly.

**The condition of Christianity and many personal needs of God's people require powerful and immediate responses from God.**

**For this very reason, the church leaders appeal to all our church members, challenging all to make the best effort and commitment to participate in the activities of prayer and fasting.**

## *Church Every Day Prayer List*

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1. Pray for the salvation of all people, whose names by faith in the Savior we placed on the wall of the Church of Jesus Christ.
2. Pray for the twenty fiery evangelists in the local church, who are in power and the gifts of the Holy Spirit would serve for the salvation of many people.
3. Pray for the people who respond to God's call to enter the ministry of counseling. As we pray for people, it is necessary for us to prepare the workers who could provide personal support to those in need.
4. Pray for our ability to better manage the work of training and equipping ministers for all levels of ministry. There are so many God's gifts for the church that remain unclaimed.
5. Pray for one another. The obvious fact is that many believers are so busy that they do not want to be "burden" of serving others. The spirit of serving is missing. As a result, we are facing a great need in various ministry departments.
6. People from our church have many difficult needs as a heavy burden on their life. They pray and expect an answer for a long period. Please pray that our Lord will send the miraculous answer to every burden of His people.
7. Please pray that our Lord in His grace would bestow His authority, Spiritual gifts, Ministry Gifts, and His Power so we could minister to every need of people.
8. Our church is in need to extend our ministers team. We are in need of Lord's absolute guidance and knowledge of His direction, so this church will continue in peace and unity, bearing a lot of fruits to the Glory of God.
9. We need to win the battle for a young generation. Our young people and children are under heavy attack. Please pray for them that Lord would protect them and use them as a mighty weapon of God against the kingdom of darkness.

## *Church Every Day Prayer List*

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10. Pray for our business people and their success. Pray that Lord will bless our people with local, convenient and well-paying jobs so every financial need would be met, and they still would have time to serve family and Church.
11. Pray for church leadership. We strive to serve in complete obedience to God with a humble heart, love, and wisdom of God.
12. Pray for every couple that Lord would protect them from evil and destruction of this world.
13. Pray for the country of United States. Pray for the elected President and the leadership of the country. May God protect our country from the selfish and sinful laws, and may He instill the fear of God into those in command, so that they may keep the peace and care for the welfare of the people.
14. Pray for neighbors, for a great revival in our city, and for the salvation of many.

# DAILY GUIDANCE

## DAY 1: The Power of God to Overcome Sin

The sinfulness of humanity demonstrates our need for God. Through the deceitful and cunning enticement of the devil, the man fell into sin (overstepped the border of what was permitted). According to its nature, sin is not merely a violation of the will of God, but it carries a fatally destructive result.

*«The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.»  
(1-Cor.15:56)*

The progressive work of sin destroyed the righteous nature of man. In thoughts, desires, and even in the most basic requirements of the flesh, the man became a slave of sin. The commandments of God, laws, and requisitions could not correct the sinful thoughts and deeds of man; on the contrary, more opportunities appeared for the devil to make the man even more sinful, portraying man as a complete enemy of God.

*«<sup>23</sup> But we preach Christ crucified ..... -... <sup>24</sup> Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.» (1-Cor.1:23a-24b)*

*«But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!» (1-Cor.15:57)*

*«<sup>8</sup> The one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. <sup>9</sup> No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.» (1 John 3:8-9)*

The crucified Christ is none other than a manifestation of the power and the wisdom of God to achieve a complete victory over sin. Unfortunately, many believers have a lighthearted attitude toward sinfulness and often justify the work of sin in their lives.

On this day of fasting and prayer, allow the Holy Spirit to help you conduct a precise examination of your life. Confess your sins and pray for a complete victory over sin in the lives of God's children.

A CHURCH THAT RISES IN POWER - IS A CHURCH  
THAT OVERCOMES SIN WITH THE POWER OF GOD!



## **DAY 2: Subjugating the Dominion of the Enemy And the Consequences of Sin**

Due to the fall of man and the general weakness of humanity, the devil, like a tyrant, attained domination on the face of the earth, usurping control over man, who was created in the image and likeness of God. The devil is using all sorts of opportunities and schemes to bring destruction into people's lives.

This is reminiscent of Israel's condition that is depicted in the sixth and seventh chapters of Judges, when enemies and scoffers were oppressing the people of Israel, who had become weak due to their sinfulness.

*«For You shall break the yoke of their burden and the staff on their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, as at the battle of Midian.» (Isaiah 9:4)*

The Prophet Isaiah prophesied that the power of God would be fulfilled through the Crucified Christ and the ensuing Dominion of Jesus. This arrangement of God was planned long ago to overthrow the crushing burden and deadly rod of the oppressor.

When we analyze the hardships that our contemporary Christianity encounters, we reach the same conclusions:

- We need the power of God that would subdue sinful habits and various addictions, which the enemy is viciously using to persecute the people of God.
- We need the power of God to overthrow the deadly rod of the oppressor, in order to live a life of victory that is granted to all by God.

On this day of fasting and prayer, call upon the Holy Spirit and declare a prayer of intercession and faith, activating the power of God that will crush the enemies of God's people.

**A CHURCH THAT RISES IN POWER - IS A CHURCH THAT KNOWS  
HOW TO WALK IN THE PERFECT VICTORY OF JESUS!**

## **DAY 3: The Power of God for the Healing of a Broken Heart**

The heart of man is a control center of our lives. Even though we often do not take it into consideration, the heart of man processes complex information that is continuously received from the surrounding circumstances of life. The heart is a birthplace of motives, reactions, decisions, feelings, and emotions - these dispositions influence our mood, demeanor, and actions. In other words, everything in life is dependent upon the state of our heart.

*«<sup>18</sup> The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.» (Luke 4:18-19)*

The enemy of man's soul knew that ultimate harm would be caused when the human heart is damaged. And the enemy knew how to make the heart the biggest burden of man: causing pain, inflicting heartfelt wounds, violating and oppressing, misleading and deceiving, instilling fear.

The effects of that damage become the burden of that very control center of man, which is responsible for decisions, motives, reactions, feelings, and emotions. Eventually, those bruises of the heart lead one in a catastrophic direction.

This is the reason for the mission that Jesus proclaimed: the manifestation of God's power to save the human heart.

Pray so that your heart would be healed by the power of God. Pray for the right condition of the heart of God's people.

**A CHURCH THAT RISES IN POWER - IS A CHURCH,  
WHOSE HEART HAS BEEN HEALED BY GOD!**

## **DAY 4: The Power of God in Regards to Salvation**

*«Who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.» (1 Peter 1:5)*

Apostle Peter opens our eyes to the manifestation of the Lord's power in order to protect believers for the salvation. The reason is that devil like a clever seducer leads the battle against once redeemed people, who accepted salvation, to deprive them of salvation by their own actions. How does this happen?

Satan does this by deceiving believers in:

- Judging others and Unforgiveness  
*«<sup>1</sup> Do not judge so that you will not be judged. <sup>2</sup> For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you.» (Matth. 7:1-2)*  
*«But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.» (Matth. 6:15)*
- Disobedience to Truth  
*«You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified?» (Galat. 3:1)*
- Friendship with the World  
*«You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.» (Jam. 4:4)*
- Doubt and Faithlessness  
*«Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing.» (John 20:27)*

In doing this, people leave the protection, which is offered to them by God in salvation. Therefore, Apostle Peter calls us to a special faith that activates the work of God's power, keeping us protected into the redemption.

On this day of fasting and prayer, ask the Holy Spirit to help you realize your condition. Analyze your spiritual life in the light of the Word and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Call upon the Lord for forgiveness and personal protection over you, and the people of God.

A CHURCH THAT RISES IN POWER - IS A CHURCH  
THAT COMPLETELY PROTECTED BY THE POWER OF GOD  
AND STANDS AGAINST SATAN UNCOMPRIMISNGLY!

### **DAY 5: The Power of the Almighty, Creating in Us an Unimaginable and Holy Fruit of Life**

Every person experiences in himself deep and strange feelings of discontent. Apostle Paul reveals this in the following verses from the Scriptures, Romans 8:19-23:

*«<sup>19</sup> For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only this but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.»*

The point being that by means of our flesh we are subjugated to vanity and corruption. This is shown in our daily activities of unceasing care for perishable. As for the spirit of man, however, it strives to live for things of eternal values and therefore, yearns to live not for the temporary, but for the precious and glorious.

The only way we can overcome vanity in our wavering flesh and bring fruit is if we offer ourselves in faith before the Lord and His power. An example of such a surrender can be found in the case of Abraham and Sarah. Additionally, one can look at the young girl named Mary, the mother of Christ. In trembling, she accepted the opportunity to

bring this precious fruit of life from God, but she did not understand how it was possible. Consequently, the angel's answer faded away her blindness.

*«The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.»*

*(Luke 1:35)*

The Holy Spirit and the Almighty created in her life unimaginable fruit. The Scriptures tell us of Jesus "bringing many sons to glory." It speaks about the birth from God and the increase of His glory in us, thus bringing unimaginable fruit to a man.

On this day of fasting and prayer, concentrate your faith on birth from above, on the Holy Spirit and the power of the Almighty, who provides you a glorious opportunity of life with God on Earth.

A CHURCH THAT RISES IN POWER - IS A CHURCH, LIVING WITH  
THE FRUIT OF GOD FROM HEAVENLY REBIRTH!

## **DAY 6: Power Through the Trust in Christ**

Everything on Earth moves by a certain energy and creates within us the strength to function properly. For example, if the sun were to stop sending sufficient light to Earth, if the rain would stop falling, then there would be no food for man; everything on Earth would stop due to there being no source of sustenance needed for life.

The soul's existence functions in the same way. For the effective progression towards the goal, we depend on an inner inspiration, boldness, and motivation. In the ministry of God, people also serve on the basis of their inner inspiration and boldness.

Lack of inspiration caused notable passivity in the ministry of God's people. When people are drawing their inspiration off their own merit, they come to God in self-righteousness and run into an abundance of their own shortcomings, which deprive them of much-needed inner strength.

Apostle Paul suggests Christians not to search for inspiration in their own merits, but rather fully surrender to the perfect merits of the Lord.

*«For we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh.» (Philipp.3:3)*

*«<sup>9</sup> And may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, <sup>10</sup> that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed conformed to His death; <sup>11</sup> in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.» (Philipp.3:9-12)*

The apostle says: I have many of my own merits that inspire me, but they are insufficient in reaching a spiritual level that Christ reached. Therefore, I rejected my merits and gave them the worth of nothingness; through this, I obtained a certain boldness to strive for the honor of a higher calling in Jesus Christ.

How is your boldness in serving the Lord? On this day of fasting and prayer ask the Lord for strength and boldness that come from trusting in Christ.

**A CHURCH THAT RISES IN POWER - IS A CHURCH, RECEIVING THE STRENGTH OF INSPIRATION THROUGH THE MERITS OF CHRIST!**

## **DAY 7: Power, Making Us Representatives of God's Kingdom**

How does the kingdom of God differ on Earth? When we look at Jesus, we see His uniqueness in wisdom, authority, and power. To His disciples, He revealed His kingdom as a kingdom driven with power.

*«And Jesus was saying to them, 'Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power'.» (Mark 9:1)*

Apostle Paul, receiving the revelation of God's kingdom on Earth, fought with believers, who opposed the essence of Christianity. He noticed how those Christians transformed everything into their human ideas very quickly.

Looking into the past, we can see with some horror the picture of ancient Christianity. People turned the Heavenly Kingdom into a pompous teaching, in the temple, which reflects the highest achievements of art, priest's lavish garments, but nonetheless, were fully void of power.

*«<sup>16</sup> Therefore I exhort you, be imitators of me.*

*<sup>19</sup> But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I shall find out, not the words of those who are arrogant but their power.*

*<sup>20</sup> For the kingdom of God does not consist in words but in power.» (1-Cor.4:16, 19-20)*

«Be imitators of me,» because “the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk, but of power.” Paul says that it is necessary to test oneself in order to be certain ascertain that we do not walk away from the essence of Christianity and not lose strength.

Observing the condition of modern Christianity, I honor the call of Apostle Paul as being especially actual today. On this day of fasting and prayer, ask the Lord for help in this. Pray for there to always be people in the church that would be an example that could be imitated when walking in power.

**A CHURCH THAT RISES IN POWER - IS A CHURCH  
THAT IMITATES CHRIST IN WALKING IN POWER!**

## **DAY 8: Faith for the Phenomena of Miraculous Power**

As we encounter obstacles along our path, we have only two options:

- To accept the fate and to attempt somehow with our strengths to influence on the risen circumstances;
- Or, having the necessary faith, to call upon the omnipotent Lord's power.

Apostle Paul prayed for the followers of Jesus Christ, having received the necessary revelation of God's grace, are able to utilize the abundance of that power, which acted in Christ.

*«<sup>19</sup> And what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might, <sup>20</sup> which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.» (Ephes.1:19-20)*

The Scripture is filled with examples when people, heard of Jesus and with their faith, evoked God's power into the action.

*«Immediately Jesus, perceiving in Himself that the power proceeding from Him had gone forth, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My garments?» (Mark 5:30)*

Together we are the Body of Jesus Christ. The Church of Jesus Christ was given the promise of all enduring power, which was in Christ.

On this day of fasting and prayer, pray for a special zeal that would abide in the hearts of the people, so that through faith we would not have insufficiency in God's miraculous strength.

A CHURCH THAT RISES IN POWER - IS A CHURCH,  
THAT IS ABLE TO ACHIEVE THE MIRACULOUS POWER OF GOD!



## **DAY 9: The Word and Sermons, Demonstrating the Phenomenon of the Spirit and Power**

Apostle Paul clearly understood that the utmost priority in church ministry is the ministry of the word and preaching that formulates faith and spiritual maturity among its listeners. The Apostle like no one else understood the responsibility and requirements of this ministry and deplorable consequences when the ministry of preaching is inadequately presented.

When Apostle Paul came to Corinth, he ran into a very unusual situation; the preaching that was being carried out in the local church created an atmosphere of worldly zeal and cordiality along with an unwillingness to accept something better.

Therefore, in his letter he once again reminds the church of Corinth to take an example from him because he, like a wise steward, was correcting the shortcomings of this ministry and consequently the condition of its believers.

*«<sup>4</sup> And my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.» (1-Cor.2:4-5)*

The Apostle understood that each person needs to grow in his/her faith based on the power of God because all promises are based on His power. But this will not occur if believers will not learn to recognize the manifestation of the Spirit because the Holy Spirit leads people to the acceptance of power.

On this day of fasting and prayer, we shall pray for the Word and Preaching ministry in our church. We are in a great need of God's help for this ministry to conform with God's calling and to produce the fruit in believers' heart.

**A CHURCH THAT RAISES IN POWER - IS A CHURCH,  
IN WHICH THE WORD AND PREACHING ARE IN THE  
DEMONSTRATION OF THE SPIRIT AND ITS POWER!**

## **DAY 10: Manifestation of Power for the Healing of the ill**

Being in the flesh, we are especially vulnerable to diseases. And although we trust in the direct and powerful promises of God to heal us, and though we believe that we are healed by Jesus' wounds, many believers, unfortunately, continue to suffer from serious illnesses.

What is the reason for this? Why do only some prayers receive answers when there so many are brought before God? I do not think that we can find all the answers to our "why," but I definitely know that we must follow the example of Jesus Christ's ministry.

*«One day He was teaching; and there were some Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem; and the power of the Lord was present for Him to perform healing.»*

*(Luke 5:17)*

The author of the Gospel of Luke specifically characterized for what we must strive, and that is "the power of the Lord" "to heal the sick." When the power is present, the questions about healing are answered instantly. We lack this particular faith and zeal that on a regular basis Lord's healing power would manifest in our church services.

If you want to be among the Christians, who want to be witnesses and be a beneficiary of manifestation of God's healing power, begin to pray about it fervently, and by faith create this atmosphere of expectation in every service.

On this day of Fasting and Prayer, dedicate your prayer on interceding for the presence of the Lord's healing power.

**A CHURCH THAT RISES IN POWER - IS A CHURCH,  
IN WHICH THE LORD DISPLAYS HIS HEALING FOR THE NEEDY!**

## **DAY 11: The Power of the Revelation of Jesus' Love, Leading to the Adoption of God's Fullness**

You and I are created to have a relationship, and for this reason, have an incredible ability to correspond with a response. To people who act kind and benevolent towards us, we have a corresponding reaction. In relation to those who are unkind and cause us harm, we display a protective reaction. But there is a manifestation, to which our heart responds in a special way; this manifestation is love, to this we react in a special way.

Love does not merely awaken within us a unique bliss and confidence, but it removes the feeling of having barriers and creates a sense of oneness. Then, for this reason, young people become husband and wife. They do not feel any restrictions and become equal because the feeling of love caused such a reaction in them.

Apostle Paul calls believers to experience the revelation of God's love in the following text from the Scriptures, Ephesians 3:16-19:

*«<sup>16</sup> That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.»*

Apostle Paul writes that the love of Christ is greater than all claims of love on Earth. Therefore, the power of a Godly revelation is essential to us. For only by knowing the love of Christ and by becoming rooted in it, the Apostle assures us - this is the sole path, where we can experience an unhindered access to divine fullness.

On this day of fasting and prayer, sincerely ask of God the revelation of Jesus Christ's love. Do not look for guilt inside yourselves, but with your heart taste the power of His love, and you will obtain the ability to accept from God that which was unthinkable to you before.

**A CHURCH THAT RISES IN POWER - IS A CHURCH THAT ACCEPTS  
GOD'S FULLNESS THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS' LOVE!**

## **DAY 12: The Power of the Holy Spirit, Strengthens Us in our Weaknesses**

Do we ask ourselves a question, how do we correctly address our weaknesses? For example, should our inconsistency stop us in faithfully serving the Lord? Should our inability to fervently pray, moreover, pray according to God's will, turn us into people, who use their shortcomings as an excuse to pray rarely?

One can continue this list indefinitely, but the point is this: Do we allow the realization of our weaknesses to define the measure of our participation in God's kingdom?

*«In the same way the Spirit also helps our weaknesses.»*

*(Rom.8:26a)*

The Scripture, while answering our question, directs our faith to God's wonderful plan, which is hidden in the Holy Spirit. The words, "*in the same way the Spirit also helps our weaknesses,*" confirm to us that the Holy Spirit is in our lives so that not a single son or daughter of the Heavenly Father would be limited or stopped from participating in His work due to his or her weaknesses.

God resolved this problem by the presence of His Spirit in our life. Knowing this, a question comes up: is it fair on our part to ignore the help offered by God and continue to remain limited by our weaknesses?  
- No, it is not fair!

Therefore, on this day of fasting and prayer, take a piece of paper, write on it all your weaknesses that are impeding you and seek the strengthening power of the Holy Spirit. And may these days of fasting and prayer become for you the time when you, trusting in the Holy Spirit, would take the crucial steps into the full life as the sons and daughters of God.

**A CHURCH THAT RISES IN POWER – IS A CHURCH THAT RISES  
ABOVE ITS WEAKNESSES BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!**

## **DAY 13: God's Power that Reaches Perfection, Despite Weaknesses**

Apostle Paul shared the spiritual way of power, which he acquired by means of his experience serving the Lord. The fact of the matter is that in Paul's life, even though he was an apostle, there were weaknesses present, which, at first glance, were seemingly incompatible with his social status and ministry.

However, what caused the internal discomfort to Paul was the feeling of shame and dejection before the people; but the things that he wanted to escape and hide from - in reality, ended up serving him as a tremendous blessing.

*«<sup>9</sup> And He has said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.' Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may swell in me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.»*

*(2-Cor.12:9-10)*

God opened the eyes of His servant to see the spiritual reality. It seems to me that God wanted to tell Paul the following: Paul, I want to manifest my power in the greatest extent, but every time I run into the same obstacle. This obstacle is the state of your personal comfort, which comes from your self-confidence. When things are going well, and from your point of view everything is excellent, it creates a condition in you that opposes My power.

Apostle Paul, upon receiving the revelation, exclaims: *"I would much rather boast about my weaknesses than successes."* I delight in my weaknesses and all my trials because it gives the perfect opportunity for God to come in all His power.

We all see similar manifestations in our life. More than once I've observed how we in our ignorance, even to the point of terror and pain, try to hide and under no circumstances allow our weaknesses to be revealed to others. Being motivated by good intentions, we always strive to be the best.

On this day of fasting and prayer, let us fix our mistakes. Pray that the Holy Spirit, by means of your correct attitude toward humbling circumstances, would provide an opportunity for God's perfecting power.

A CHURCH THAT RISES IN POWER – IS A CHURCH THAT DOES NOT HIDE BEHIND A VEIL OF PERFECTION, BUT WITH JOY PRESENTS TO GOD ALL OUR UNSIGHTLY CONDITIONS FOR THE MANIFESTATION OF HIS PERFECTING POWER!

### **DAY 14: Priesthood Based on the Unceasing Power of Life**

The Scripture boldly declares that in Christ, God made us partakers of the royal priesthood. How well do we understand our role and our responsibility in God's glorious calling? Do we understand the mission we were called to complete?

*«<sup>15</sup> And this is clearer still, if another priest arises according to the likeness of Melchizedek,<sup>16</sup> who had become such not on the basis of law of physical requirement, but according to the power of an indestructible life.<sup>17</sup> For it is attested of Him, 'You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.'»*  
(Hebrews 7:15-17)

Apostle Paul describes the difference between the priests serving in the Old Testament and the priesthood of Jesus Christ. He describes it so that we could clearly understand what is required of us since we are the followers and the partakers in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. The power and the essence of the Ministry of Jesus Christ are the fact that it brings power from the never-ending source of life. This is a very serious matter, and none of us, the ministers and priests of God, can allow even the slightest deviation from the assigned mission.

On this day of fasting and prayer, ask for a clear understanding of God's mission. Pray that your participation in your ministry would continue to bring the power of life in Christ.

A CHURCH THAT RISES IN POWER– IS A CHURCH THAT CONTINUES IN PRIESTHOOD AND CARRIES NOT A COVENANT RULES, BUT THE UNCEASING POWER OF LIFE!

## **DAY 15: The Power of Unity**

In the Gospel of John, chapter 17, with trepidation, we read the prayer of Jesus, where the Son of God prays to His Father the unity in the hearts of his followers. We are even more amazed that in the very same prayer Jesus tells His Father that the Glory, which the Father gave Him, He gave us with the condition that we will abide in unity.

We all strive to see the Glory of God, but we are disappointed by the inability of the followers of Christ to achieve the state of unity. As strange as it sounds, the people of God are always finding excuses for their irreconcilable differences, understandings, tastes - and all this is done in the name of justice and for the sake of the Lord.

The reason behind the frequent absence of unity: we thirst to walk in the glory of Jesus; meanwhile, each person strives for his/her glory. Is it even possible to achieve unity? In Ephesians 4:1-6, Apostle Paul shows us the way:

*«<sup>1</sup>Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, <sup>3</sup> being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.»*

The Scripture tells us that unity can be achieved only when we join together, not around some private, temporary initiative, but around the Goal of our calling. A regular individual can allow himself many things, but a person in the robes of a God's priest cannot allow himself to think selfishly or to defend his personal point of view. He is required, as a warrior, to faithfully and sincerely strive to fulfill his duty. The person in the robes of a priest - is a servant, who functions on the basis of God's declaration "one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all!"

On this day of fasting and prayer, pray that you would always feel that you are not just a regular individual, but that you are called to be a God's priest. Pray so that the understanding of the calling and the high level of inspiration would rally the whole church around one

common goal, and that we would become the possessors of the glory of Jesus Christ, which He gave to His followers.

CHURCH THAT RISES IN POWER – IS A CHURCH WHICH,  
UPON BEING DRESSED IN THE ROBES OF THE PRIEST,  
IS RALLIED AROUND GOD’S GOAL!

## **DAY 16: Goals of the Ministry for Which God’s Power Works Mightily**

What is the catalyst for the success of any ministry? - The Scripture offers a simple answer to this difficult question: success comes when a person works on the things that the Lord is working on.

The fact is that Christian world is overloaded with different events and all kinds of activities, but what really makes us stop and think - is the absence of adequate fruits. If we are disappointed by the absence of fruits, then we need to check the goals and adequacy of the ministry we are involved in. What are the main objectives of each ministry?

According to Ephesians, chapter 4, God’s main objectives for the ministry are:

- To prepare everyone for the ministry!
- To cultivate within everyone the growth of Christ!!

The Scripture inspires us to believe that God purposely sends His power to achieve success in the goals listed above.

On this day of fasting and prayer, pray that God would help us do an analysis of our efforts before God. Pray for God’s clear guidance and practical actions that will connect us with God’s power, which is sent to help achieve those goals.

CHURCH THAT RISES IN POWER – IS A CHURCH  
THAT FOCUSES ON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF GOALS  
THROUGH A CONTINUOUS ANALYSIS, AND AS A RESULT,  
MOVES IN THE MIGHTINESS OF HIS POWER!



## **DAY 17: The Gifts of Jesus Christ for a Successful Ministry**

Can a person, who is unable to cope with his shortcomings, help someone else cope with theirs? - Of course not, but the mission that we received from God is much greater than that.

After all, our task is to serve the people in such way that they wouldn't just be free of their flaws, but would grow into the perfection of Christ. Therefore, when considering the task of a successful ministry, we realize that without God's direct involvement success is out of the question.

Why did God entrust us with to do something that is beyond our strength? We find the answer in the pages of the Scripture. God does not depend on our abilities, but desires to make us partakers of His success and His glory. The Scripture calls us to become Co-participants, Partners, and Co-Heirs with Christ:

*«<sup>6</sup> One God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup> But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup> Therefore it says, 'When he ascended on high, He led captive a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men.'» (Ephesians 4:6-8)*

How does God include us in His success? In the text we just read, Apostle Paul explains that we enter into God's work and His success through acceptance of His gifts, given to us not to our merit, but by God's grace, in accordance to our calling.

A gift of God – is the manifestation of God's abilities in man. It means that God's gift should be accepted by faith and actively developed by the person, who accepted the gift into his life.

On this day of fasting and prayer, pray about the great opportunity to enter into God's work and success by means of accepting His gifts. Pray for a bold faith for you and the church, as it will lead the church to God's powerful success.

**CHURCH THAT RISES IN POWER- IS A CHURCH THAT FULFILLS  
EVERY MINISTRY ON THE BASIS ONF GOD'S GIFTS!**

## **DAY 18: Body – The Power of Effective Discipleship**

The first followers of Jesus Christ were called disciples. Why? - Because they clearly understood that they needed to learn to resemble their Teacher. Christ used the best form of discipleship for their intense preparation because He understood that they completely lacked the knowledge of the kingdom of God.

The Heavenly kingdom is not of this world, for this reason, the disciples needed more than just information. They needed firsthand experience, which would formulate in the knowledge of God and the purpose of His redeeming work.

*“From whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.” (Ephesians 4:16)*

When Jesus ascended, the discipleship on earth did not stop, on the contrary, it was just starting. When leaving this earth, Jesus instructed His disciples to go and teach the nations. In my understanding, Christ’s command «to teach» means setting up places of learning.

Apostle Paul stated that God created the Church on earth to be the best center for discipleship. He called Church - the Body, in which a person can experience the fullness of Christ, find an example to follow, feel the revelation of the Holy Spirit, and become a successor in the discipleship.

For this reason, the Church cannot ignore its destiny. If the Church does not engage in discipleship, it turns into a depressing place of stagnation, disagreements, and other evil things.

On this day of fasting and prayer, pray before the Lord about your condition, so that you would be among those, who continue to learn and actively participate in the propagation of His discipleship.

CHURCH THAT RISES IN POWER – IS A CHURCH,  
WHOSE ULTIMATE TASK IS DISCIPLESHIP,  
FOUNDED UPON THE POWER OF THE BODY!

## **DAY 19: The Power of God for Carrying Out Good Intentions and Works, Conceived in Faith**

Apostle noticed a serious discrepancy in believers. The eyes of the believers see the opportunity to participate and do good works, and they even find within themselves the necessary benevolence, but cannot find the strength actually to do the work. The same thing happens when their faith calls them to action, but without the strength, believers remain in their passive state.

Apostle was particularly concerned about this phenomenon because it is incompatible with our calling, which we received from God.

*"1 To this end also we pray for you always, that our God will count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power, 12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ."  
(2 Thessalonians 1:11-12)*

Good deeds glorify Jesus and our Heavenly Father, and are the sacred duty of every person! Sadly, the phenomenon, which the Apostle described, is broadly progressing in modern Christianity.

Christians care more about their comfort than about good deeds. Many took on the position of a consumer, without even giving a second thought to participating in the ministry, helping or carrying out acts of faith.

On this day of fasting and prayer, pray for yourself and the condition of all believers, and about God's power, which makes us capable of fulfilling various types of good deeds and feats of faith. This is the pathway that exalts Christ and leads us into His Glory.

**CHURCH THAT RISES IN POWER – IS A CHURCH THAT IS ZEALOUS ABOUT GOOD DEEDS AND WITH GOD'S POWER FULFILLS ANY DESIRE TO DO SUCH DEEDS AND OTHER ACTS DRIVEN BY FAITH!**

## **DAY 20: The Power of God that Overcomes the Lies and Deception of the Devil**

God has willed us to live in the time of the rapidly approaching return of Jesus Christ. The Apostle understood the importance of the given time, and because of this, he implored and appealed to the believers:

*“Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him.” (2 Thessalonians 2:1)*

The Apostle was concerned about the condition of God’s people during the times of apostasy and progressive deception on this earth. He understood the unprecedented importance of the Church, which would serve as a bright light in the looming darkness. A church that is alive and risen in the power of Christ is the hope of all the earth.

In these days of fasting and prayer, bring an intercessory prayer before God. Let none of the devil’s deceptions overcome the powerful influence of Christ’s church on earth.

CHURCH THAT RISES IN POWER – IS A CHURCH  
THAT RISES IN POWER AND GLORY OF JESUS SO THAT ITS  
INFLUENCE COULD SPREAD AND BRING SALVATION TO PEOPLE  
DURING THIS TIME OF CHRIST’S RAPIDLY APPROACHING RETURN!

## **DAY 21:**

### **THE DAY OF THANKSGIVING AND ACCEPTING GOD’S ANSWERS**

*«And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.» (John 1:16-17)*

Today is the last day of our fasting and prayer. The Scripture teaches us that without faith it is impossible to please God. Thankfulness and full trust in the Lord are the true witnesses of our faith.

For that reason, come to the Lord with gratitude, joy, and faith to receive the offered grace and answers to all your petitions!



# 21 DAY FASTING & PRAYER

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