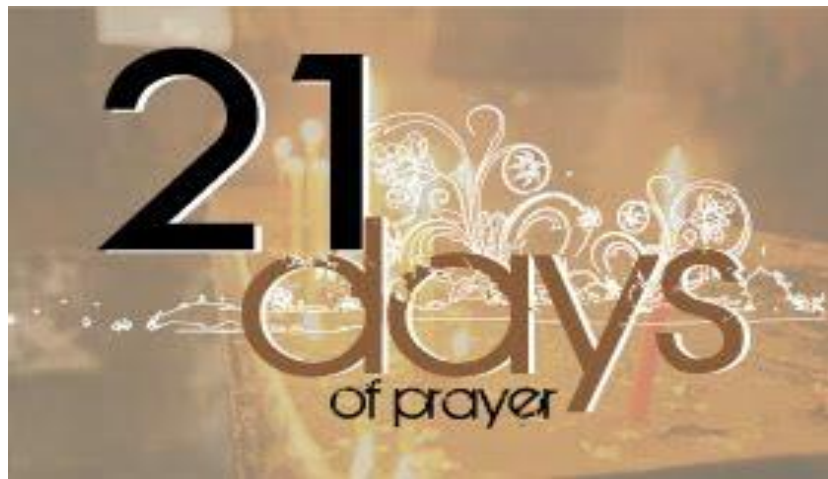


## **Passion Week Coalition of Churches**



When revival occurs God presses upon His people the seriousness of sin and the urgency of repentance. The believer experiences a brokenness before the Lord of his/her sin and has a brokenness for the souls of those unsaved that lead him/her to witness to the unsaved like never before. There is a heart cry for the mercy of God because we have sinned individually and as a nation.

Effective **February 29 – March 20, 2016** consecrate yourself for 21 days while being dedicated to prayer and fasting that we may experience REVIVAL.

Unconfessed sin will hinder your prayers therefore, surrender fully to God's will and refuse to obey your worldly nature. Allow **Acts 3:19** to be a guiding light Scripture text throughout your 21 day journey of faith.

## **What does it mean to be “Revived”**

The word revival means to bring new life. One cannot “re-vive” what has not first been “vived.” Revival begins among those who have been made alive in Christ through the new birth. We must understand that a true call for revival is first and foremost a recognition that we’ve departed from God. It demands a radical response from God’s leaders and His people. Revival has always been, and remains to this day, one of God’s primary methods He deals with the sinful condition of His own people – not the world. Therefore, if we never recognize our need for repentance of sin, then our “call” for revival is in vain.

Revival tarries because God’s people will not confess and repent and many see no reason to do so. So, even if we recognize that the times are urgent and the spiritual climate is dark, and even if we cry unto God for a mighty revival, without our repentance God will refuse to hear us because we keep iniquity in our hearts (Psalm 66:18). The immediate need for revival among God’s people is “life and death” for our nation. God sends revival when His people confess their sins, begin to think and meditate deeply about God and their relationship to Him as we live in accordance to His word. God will not tarry when God’s people are driven to confess their sins and refocus their affections on the advancement of God’s kingdom.

### **We Need Revival when....**

- we would rather watch TV and read secular books and magazines than read the Bible and pray
- our Christianity is joyless and passionless
- we make little effort to witness to the lost
- we have time for sports, recreation, and entertainment, but not for Bible study and prayer
- believers can be at odds with each other and not feel compelled to pursue reconciliation
- we will watch programs on television and movies that are not holy
- our hearts are cold and our eyes are dry
- we are unmoved by the thought of neighbors, business associates, and acquaintances who are lost and without Christ
- the fire has gone out in our hearts, our marriages, and the church

## **What does it mean to be Consecrated?"**

Consecration refers to people or things being separated to or belonging to God for His purposes. They are holy and set apart for the service of God. Leviticus 19:2 says, "You shall be holy, for the Lord your God am holy."

Passion Week Coalition of Churches you are requested to do the following during the 21 days of prayer and fasting:

1. Dedicate at least 15 minutes (per day) to read God's word
2. Dedicate at least 15 minutes (per day) in prayer
3. Strive to attend your church's weekly corporate prayer meeting
4. Strive to attend your church's weekly Bible Study
5. Strive to attend your church's weekly Sunday Morning Bible Study
6. During the 21 days of prayer and fasting you will refrain from going to any type of night club, casino, nor consume alcohol/tobacco
7. Attend the "Passion Week Musical" on March 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 4pm at The McKinney Baptist Church

## **Personal Inspection**

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" – 1 John 1:9

- Is my greatest affection more for things on earth than spiritual growth and serving God? Have I failed to center my thoughts and actions on reaching the lost and unchurched?
- Do I tend to worry and fret more than believe and trust God? Am I failing to claim God's promises and cast my cares upon Him?
- Is my home a testimony for Jesus?
- Am I robbing God by not tithing and/or grace giving?

- Am I willing and ready to forgive any wrong against me or against my family? Have I forgiven everyone?
- Am I stunting my spiritual growth by not consistently having a quiet time with God (reading the word, praying, listening to God, meditating on what I have read, and being obedient to what God is calling me to do or stop doing)?
- Have I resented God's pruning by complaining about my sufferings and trials?
- Do I know what my spiritual gift(s) is and am I using it to glorify God? Pray that God reveals to you your spiritual gift(s) if you do not know it.
- Do I have a right attitude toward my fellow church members? Am I jealous of other member's spiritual gift(s)?
- Do I have any relationship(s) that are questionable or have the "appearance of evil?" Do I engage in any conversations or rendezvous I wouldn't want my spouse or pastor to know about (either in person, by internet, texting, or telephone)?
- When one desires to receive the best from the Lord one must totally surrender to God – you must be willing to say to the Lord:
  - Lord I am Willing to Receive what You Give
  - Lord I am Willing to Lack what You Withhold
  - Lord I am Willing to Relinquish what You Take
  - Lord I am Willing to Suffer what You Inflict
  - Lord I am Willing to Be what You Require

## ***Fast & Pray Guidelines***

A biblical definition of fasting is a Christian's voluntary abstinence from food for spiritual purposes. Fasting is a spiritual discipline and one that goes so radically against the flesh and the mainstream of the culture we live in. Fasting as a purifying discipline helps us draw closer to Jesus Christ and surrender our will to His ways. Without a spiritual purpose for your fast it's just a diet. There is something about fasting that sharpens the edge of our intercessions and gives passion to our supplications. Fasting is one of the best friends we can introduce to prayer.

The great saints of the bible fasted. Moses (Deut. 9:9, 18, 25-29), Ezra (8:21-23), Elijah (1 Kings 19:8), Daniel (Daniel 9:3), and Paul (2 Corinthians 6:5 and 11:27) were men of faith and action who fasted for spiritual growth. Jesus the Christ fasted hence, we are to imitate our Lord and Savior. When we separate ourselves from the daily routine of eating food, preparing food, or whatever desired activity (watching TV, playing video games, golf, etc.) in our lives, then we can devote the extra time to prayer and reading/studying/meditating on God's Holy word. The hunger pangs or refraining from your designated activity will re-enforce our human frailty and our dependence on God. When we take time to put God first in any endeavor, we are preparing well for whatever lies ahead. The result of sincere fasting and prayer is that God responds with deliverance and blessing.

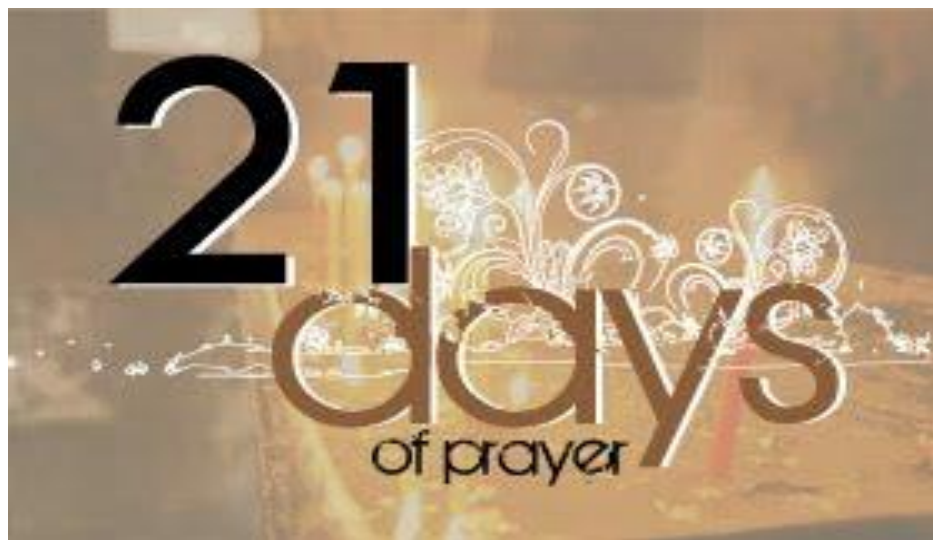
## **Tips For Fasting**

1. Do not jeopardize your health by ignoring your doctor's instructions regarding eating.
2. If you are physically unable to fast (i.e. diabetic) then substitute refraining from a desired activity (golf, TV, video games, etc.) and/or if you must break your food abstinence).
3. Pray for strength and focus before you start.
4. Make a list of specific things to pray for.
5. Increase your prayer time, especially in the early mornings whereby you may have the best opportunity for prayer.
6. Establish a regular quiet time and location to pray.
7. Regarding fasting on Wednesday's – we are fasting from solid foods; consume only water or liquid products (i.e. juice, milk, water, broth, malts, etc.) from 5am – 5pm.
8. If your flesh weakens pray to the Lord for strength and perseverance. It's a good idea to have a "fast partner" because

**you can encourage and pray for each other. This is not a competition or test – there is no failing – trust and pray unto God throughout this endeavor – follow your heart.**

- 9. Remember Jesus’ teaching about fasting – it should be a normal part of a Christian’s life and need only to be seen by God. Jesus wants His people to adopt spiritual disciplines for the right reason; not from a selfish desire for praise. Matthew 6:16-18 says, “Moreover when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting, assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your father who is in the secret place; and your father who sees in secret will reward you openly.”**

**“So we fasted and entreated our God for this, and He answered our prayer.” (Ezra 8:23)**



**February 29 – March 20, 2016**

**Day 1 – Monday, February 29th**

- Read Acts 4:23-31
- Pray for at least 15 minutes include in your prayer: pray God will open the spiritual eyes of each Christian and their family to all sinful actions/habits and turn our hearts to Him; pray for Christian witnesses to have a holy boldness as they share their faith with the unsaved; and pray for a unified congregation where the focus is on powerful proclamation of the resurrected Christ each night of the revival
- Read and Meditate on 1 Corinthians 10:13 and then confess to God those things that tempt you and ask God to strengthen you to overcome your “signature sin(s)”
- Fast from TV all day

**Day 2 – Tuesday, March 1st**

- Read Joel 2:12-20
- Pray for at least 15 minutes include in your prayer: pray God will send the spirit of repentance over you, your church, and our nation; pray God will reveal any hidden idols in your life and



- show you areas you need to grow; and pray for breakthroughs for those who are in need of one
- Attend your church's weekly corporate prayer meeting and pray individually at your home for revival to come to the McKinney area
  - Fast from the internet and texting – only use it for work or key communication needs nothing recreational

### **Day 3 – Wednesday, March 2nd**

- Read Romans 8:31-39
- Pray for at least 15 minutes include in your prayer: pray each person who attends the Passion Week Revival services will be a good steward over all that God allows them to possess; pray each person who attends the Passion Week Revival services utilize their spiritual gift(s) to advance God's kingdom and/or discover it; and pray God grant healing to our nation over the racial and political divide that exists
- Attend your church's noon day or evening Bible Study
- Read the Guide to Fasting (pages 4-6)
- Fast from all solid foods from 5am – 5pm (if you cannot fast from food due to health reasons then fast from 5am – 5pm from a favorite food, dessert, or activity)

### **Day 4 – Thursday, March 3rd**

- Read Proverbs 3:1-10
- Pray for at least 15 minutes include in your prayer: pray for the Lord to provide divine encounters between the unsaved and Christian witnesses; pray for your church's Sunday Morning Bible Study Teachers; and pray more members of your church who are not active in a ministry will be encouraged to join a ministry where they can use their spiritual gift
- Listen to the following song and focus on being committed to God – **“My Soul is Anchored”**
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENv7zIo\\_j9M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENv7zIo_j9M)
- Fast all day from your favorite beverage (i.e. coffee, tea soda, sports drinks, smoothies)



### **Day 5 – Friday, March 4th**

- Read Luke 15:11-32
- Pray for at least 15 minutes include in your prayer: pray for God to bestow spiritual hunger in His people and draw them to fervent intercessory prayer; pray that God will bring loving unity in our churches and a deep harmony between our churches; and pray the musical glorifies God and edify the church on March 20th
- In a “quiet place” ask the Holy Spirit to identify any area of discontent or disappointment in which you are grumbling and complaining. Allow the Lord to search you in your personal circumstances, your work, and your family. You may not like the circumstances, but all grumbling is an attack against God. Repent of grumbling or complaining.
- Fast from your favorite hobby (i.e. shopping/going to the mall to window shop, movies, golf, tennis, etc.)

### **Day 6 – Saturday, March 5th**

- Read 2 Chronicles 20:1-22
- Pray for at least 15 minutes include in your prayer: pray the Lord will teach you not to be anxious for anything but to pursue Him with a relentless commitment to praying without ceasing; pray God will unveil to your senior pastor areas he can better serve the community; and pray God raise up the human and financial resources needed for your church to execute the vision God gives your senior pastor
- Read your Sunday Morning Bible Study lesson
- Ask God to grant you a divine appointment to witness to a lost person and /or encourage a saved person today
- Fast from listening to secular music all day

### **Day 7 – Sunday, March 6th**

- Read Esther 4:1-17
- Pray for at least 15 minutes include in your prayer: pray the spirit of the living God move powerfully in the worship

experience; unsaved people come to know Christ and saved people be encouraged to live out the Great Commission; and pray for your senior pastor and his family

- Attend and participate in your church's Sunday Morning Bible Study and worship services giving God praise
- Pray God uses our Passion Week pastors during the revival

### **Day 8 – Monday, March 7th**

- Read Ephesians 3:14-21
- Pray for at least 15 minutes include in your prayer: pray the Lord of the Harvest will raise up and send out more laborers (including you) into His harvest; pray for our military – their safety, restoration of health of those injured in battle, & peace of mind for their family members; and pray children and youth will hear the word of God and accept Jesus as their savior
- Satan is the accuser of humanity; sometimes, if we're not "watching and praying" we can be used in the enemy's mission with our very own mouths and attitudes. Ask God to reveal to you any hidden jealousies or envy you have toward any church member and/or family or friend and then repent of it
- Fast from TV all day

### **Day 9 – Tuesday, March 8th**

- Read 2 Kings 4:1-7
- Pray for at least 15 minutes include in your prayer: pray all men will become spiritual leaders of their home and community; pray that believers will return to a true and genuine dependence in the God of glory to turn the nation around and change lives; and pray for the persecuted churches and Christians worldwide
- Attend your church's weekly corporate prayer meeting and pray individually at your home for revival to come to the McKinney area
- Fast from the internet and texting – only use it for work or key communication needs nothing recreational

### **Day 10 – Wednesday, March 9th**

- Read Mark 9:14-29
- Pray for at least 15 minutes include in your prayer: pray for deep cleansing, genuine repentance, and spiritual power to engulf pastors and Christian leaders; pray that husbands and wives will use good judgment as they relate to members of the opposite sex; and pray that Christian youth and adults will choose wisely the people they spend most of their time with
- Attend your church's noon day or evening Bible Study
- Read the Guide to Fasting (pages 4-6)
- Fast from all solid foods from 5am – 5pm (if you cannot fast from food due to health reasons then fast from 5am – 5pm from a favorite food, dessert, or activity)

### **Day 11 – Thursday, March 10th**

- Read Genesis 22:1-19
- Pray for at least 15 minutes include in your prayer: pray for singles, single mothers, and their children; pray for missions and those families who have left their homes and moved to foreign soil on mission with God; and pray for God to give His people a passion for missions and starting churches
- Read and Meditate on 1 Corinthians 10:13 and then confess to God those things that tempt you and ask Him to strengthen you
- Fast all day from your favorite beverage (i.e. coffee, tea soda, sports drinks, smoothies)

### **Day 12 – Friday, March 11th**

- Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
- Pray for at least 15 minutes include in your prayer: pray our youth will use their electronics to share their faith; pray for encouragement for those suffering from depression and loneliness; and pray for deliverance for those struggling with addictions and strongholds
- Call and ask for forgiveness from someone you may have been at odds with this week and/or forgive someone who may have been at odds with you

- Fast from drinking your favorite of the following: coffee, sports drink, tea, or soda all day

### **Day 13 – Saturday, March 12th**

- Read 2 Samuel 5:17-25
- Pray for at least 15 minutes include in your prayer: pray for our local McKinney officials  
<https://www.mckinneytexas.org/index.aspx?NID=138>  
 pray the spirit of repentance comes over all Christians and each one commits to living a holy life; and pray that God would work through circumstances and events to draw unsaved families to Christ
- Read your Sunday Morning Bible Study lesson
- Fast from listening to secular music all day

### **Day 14 – Sunday, March 13th**

- Read 2 Timothy 1:6-12
- Pray for at least 15 minutes include in your prayer: pray the spirit of the living God moves powerfully in the worship experience; unsaved people come to know Christ and saved people be encouraged to live out the Great Commission; and pray for your senior pastor and his family
- Attend and participate in your church's Sunday Morning Bible Study and worship services giving God praise
- Pray God uses our Passion Week pastors during the revival

### **Day 15 – Monday, March 14th**

- Read 2 Kings 6:8-23
- Pray for at least 15 minutes include in your prayer: pray for the salvation and spiritual growth of political leaders in your community, state, nation and world; pray God will grant you discernment when you're ministering to friends/family regarding their trials and their walk with the Lord; and pray youth and adults incarcerated or in drug rehab centers will be encouraged to pray to God believing He will provide them another chance

- Listen to the following song and reflect on the goodness of the Lord – *“Oh The Blood”*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pY6nqJtgOf0>
- Fast from TV all day

### **Day 16 – Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

- Read Acts 16:16-34
- Pray for at least 15 minutes include in your prayer: pray for unity and peace in your family; pray for the Great Commission to be fulfilled as God’s people answer His call to take the gospel to their sphere of influence; and pray that God would open doors that man cannot shut for the missionaries to share their faith with the unsaved
- Attend your church’s weekly corporate prayer meeting and pray individually at your home for revival to come to the McKinney area
- Fast from the internet and texting – only use it for work or key communication needs nothing recreational

### **Day 17 – Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Read Psalm 37:1-25
- Pray for at least 15 minutes include in your prayer: pray for God’s gracious mercy and lovingkindness to be applied as God’s people repent and confess their sin; pray that husbands and fathers will be godly spiritual leaders in their homes, loving their wives as Christ loves the church, and raising their children to love and serve the Lord; and pray for Christian families to live a life before others that will cause unsaved families to want to know Christ
- Attend your church’s noon day or evening Bible Study
- Read the Guide to Fasting (pages 4-6)
- Fast from all solid foods from 5am – 5pm (if you cannot fast from food due to health reasons then fast from 5am – 5pm from a favorite food, dessert, or activity)

### **Day 18 – Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

- Read 1 Peter 4:7-19
- Pray for at least 15 minutes include in your prayer: pray the Passion Week Musical glorify God and edify the church on March 20th; pray for a spirit of prayer to spread like wildfire across the land where believers are returning to God and seeking His deliverance from the moral and spiritual famine in the land; pray that Christians will be careful to always walk their talk before fellow employees; and pray for a breakthrough for someone in your church in need of one
- Before you go to bed carefully read and review the personal inspection sheet (pages. 3-4) and pray God sends revival to the McKinney area
- Fast all day from your favorite beverage (i.e. coffee, tea soda, sports drinks, smoothies)

### **Day 19 – Friday, March 18th**

- Read Psalm 51:1-13
- Pray for at least 15 minutes include in your prayer: pray for God to grant you the will and desire to pursue a life of holiness; pray God will cover and protect each member of your church from dangers seen and unseen; and pray God increases your faith to trust Him more
- “**Special Fast**” – everyone fast from **eating lunch today** and pray God anoint the Passion Week pastors to teach and preach messages that lead people to Christ and holy living
- Ask God to grant you a divine appointment to witness to a unsaved person and /or encourage a saved person today

### **Day 20 – Saturday, March 19th**

- Read Luke 19:28-44
- Pray for at least 15 minutes include in your prayer: pray all Christians will seek God’s will for their life; pray all Satan’s plans for your life be defeated; and pray for restoration of any broken relationships with family members
- Read your Sunday Morning Bible Study lesson

- Call and invite at least one lost person to attend at least one night of the Passion Week worship services
- Fast all day from all types of sweets/desserts/candy

## **Day 21 – Sunday, March 20th**

- Read Zechariah 9:9-17
- Pray for at least 15 minutes include in your prayer: pray the spirit of the living God moves powerfully in the worship experience; unsaved people come to know Christ and saved people be encouraged to live out the Great Commission; and pray for your senior pastor and his family
- Attend and participate in your church's Sunday Morning Bible Study and worship services giving God praise
- Pray God uses our Passion Week pastors in a mighty way each night of the Passion Week revival services
- Attend the "Passion Week Musical" on March 20<sup>th</sup> (starts at 4pm) at The McKinney Baptist Church

Passion Week Coalition Church families – you made it! If you have any questions or comments as it relates to the Passion Week 21 days of prayer and fasting guide please contact your pastor.



*I commit to participating in the "21 days of prayer and fasting" February 29th – March 20th, 2016.*

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*(Your Signature and Date)*

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