## Zion Baptist Church 40 Days of Congregational Prayer

*2 Chronicles 7:14, Matthew 6:9-13 & Col. 4:2* Week 6 ~ September 10 – September 14, 2023

- Day 36. Sunday We Worship God alone, Together ~ Psalm 95:1-3

  Our Father, how we thank You for your the privilege of knowing You and worshiping You. We pray that our worship would be centered and focused on You. May we sing as one congregation and one voice to the rock of our salvation. We will thank You for your goodness, and make a joyful noise to You, our Father, and our keeper. We praise You alone for You alone are worthy to be praised. If we have strayed away from your teachings, or if we have it is in the revealed name of Jesus we pray and ask it all, Amen.
- Our Father, how we thank You for saving us from our sins, and the fate of eternal damnation. With repentant hearts, we thank You for saving us to be used to save others. In this new season, fix us to long to see the lost saved. Give us the words when we have none. Give us the courage where we lack it. And make us sensitive and obedient to each moment and person You set in our path to share the gospel of Jesus with. Grow us where we need it most and we will give You all of the praise. It is in the edifying name of Jesus we pray and ask it all, Amen.
- Day 38. Tuesday Connecting People to Community
  Hebrews 10:24-25 Our Father, holy is Your name. How
  we thank You for provided us with a family. Bless us to be
  this community of believers that You envisioned, and
  have called us to be. Bless us not to grow comfortable in
  our separation but to long for in-person fellowship. We
  pray for encouragement when we gather, healing,
  restoration, and a commitment to perform good works.
  We pray to be a called out people; distinguished by our
  love, obedience, and adherence to the truth, and unity.
  It is in the loving name of Jesus we pray and ask it all,
  Amen.

Day 39. Wednesday – Stewardship ~ Proverbs 1:1-7 Our Father, may Your kingdom come, and Your will be done in the life of Zion. With repentant hearts, we pray that you would bless us to be holy stewards of all that you have entrusted to us. Bless us to be generous in our deportment of grace, gifts, and giving. Bless us to be good stewards of Your servant, our pastor; good stewards of one another, and good stewards of our purpose. Make the changes You know we need. Teach us to better steward new souls that you send our way. Repair any holes in our reputation, and make us good stewards worthy of Your name. It is in the holy name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

## Day 40. Thursday – Getting Back to Our First Love

Revelation 2:2-5 – Our Father, You who are all knowing and all seeing. How we thank You for your patience with us. We repent from how we have strayed away from you. Now Father, help us to see and remember where we have fallen. We ask that you would lead us back to You our first love. Remove the obstructions and purify our hearts that we might learn to love You more and to serve You better. It is in the forgiving name of Jesus we pray and ask it all, Amen.

## **Recommended Readings**

The Books of Acts - The physician Luke continues his writings, picking up where he left off from his gospel account, to now chronicling the first history of the church. There are 28 chapters. Every Christian should have a working knowledge of the first church(es) and practices. Take time to read a chapter a day for 28 days. Read it as a historical account, embracing that the recorded events really happened. With each chapter ask the following questions: (1) What stands out to me in this chapter? (2) What did I learn that I did not previously know? (3) How has this helped me to see God's purpose for the church better?