



PHASE 1: FIRST LOVE (First 10 Days)

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.” Matthew 22:36-38

Overview: The first 10 days of the 40 Days of Love are an opportunity to prepare our own hearts. We cannot give to others what we are not living in and so this is an opportunity to return wholeheartedly to our first love for God. This is a season to stop life as usual and set aside extended time with God in prayer, fasting and seeking repentance of every aspect of our lives, marriages and families that has not been right with Him. During these 10 days the Body of Christ is encouraged to provide corporate times of prayer and worship at the congregational level as well as at city/regional levels. This is also a time to offer specific training that stirs a hunger in the hearts of God’s people to live out Christ-like lives.

Potential Options:

- Rotate locations for nightly city-wide worship and prayer gatherings.
- Select a single city-wide public venue that is open for 24/7 prayer and worship during the 10 days.
- Provide Christ-like Lifestyle Training materials for use with local congregations that help train in personal revival, repentance, intercessory prayer, service and evangelism. (www.40daysoflove.net/training)
- Local congregations are encouraged to take at least one weekend (possibly in a retreat setting) to set aside this time for equipping in personal, family and community transformation. (The Christ-like lifestyle Training materials can be used.)
- Distribute the 40 Days of Love Prayer Guides at the end of these 10 days and commission every believer to begin to pray, care, and share the Gospel with others.

PHASE 2: PRAYER: Raise Prayer Everywhere (Second 10 Days)

“I searched for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before me for the land, so that I would not destroy it.” Ezekiel 22:30

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

Overview: During the first 10 days we prepared our hearts. Now we transition to begin praying earnestly for the souls that God has placed around us. Using the prayer guides, every member of the Body of Christ is encouraged to pray daily by name for those that God places on their hearts. This is a time to be very proactive in praying for the breakthrough of God’s Spirit in every facet of society.

Potential Options:

- Vision: Every individual Christ-follower praying consistently for their sphere of influence, every Christian marriage/family to become a place of prayer for others, every Christian

encouraged to take prayer out into society (Begin/strengthen prayer gatherings in government, businesses, schools, media/arts, neighborhoods etc.)

- What do you mean by establishing a place of prayer? Setting a regular time where the Word of God is read, where worship and praise is offered to God, and where targeted intercessory prayer is lifted up on behalf of others. This is not merely going through religious motions but the goal is to truly meet with God and impact the lives of others through our prayers.
- Using the 40 Days of Love Prayer Guides individuals begin praying by name for those God places on their heart.
- Prayer walks/prayer drives around the area.

PHASE 3: CARE (Third 10 Days)

The greatest among you will be your servant. Matthew 23:11

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Mark 10:45

Overview: As we have gotten our own hearts right with God, and as we are beginning to raise prayer everywhere, we want to continue praying and add to it by proactively going out to serve those around us. We want to look for opportunities to meet the needs of those that we have been praying for and we also want to look for areas of our society as a whole that are in desperate need of the tangible presence of Jesus.

Potential Options:

- Encourage every believer to actively meet the needs of those that they have been praying for.
- Every congregation is encouraged to provide at least one service project that meets a felt need in the community where you live.
- City leaders select at least one major project to do during these 10 days in order to abundantly bless the city as a whole.

PHASE 4: EVANGELISM: Share Everywhere (Fourth 10 Days)

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5:20

Overview: We have prepared our hearts, we have been praying personally, in our families and throughout society. We have been meeting the felt needs of those God has placed on our hearts. Now we want to share the Good News of Jesus in every possible way and in every possible location. A true saturation of the region with the Good News of Jesus.

Potential Options:

- Distribute Jesus films/evangelistic tracks in order to reach every home in your community/city.
- Street evangelism/prayer
- Local congregations are encouraged to do at least one or more outreaches to your community in which the Good News of Jesus is specifically shared.
- Individuals are encouraged to share their testimonies/evangelistic tracks/Jesus films with those they have been praying for.

PHASE 5: DISCIPLE: Follow-up Everyone

Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20

Overview: Now that souls have come to place their faith in Jesus we want to be faithful stewards to disciple them in all that Jesus commanded us. This involves on-going life on life relationships that are genuine and sustainable. This portion of the 40 Days of Love continues long after the 40 Days are completed. We would also encourage you to continue the prayer times that were started during the 40 Days and use these gatherings as one of the options for on-going discipleship.

Potential Options:

- Provide opportunities for new believers to be baptized and publicly testify to their new faith in Jesus.
- Offer new believers small groups/training to equip them in what it means to know God. (Potential discipleship materials are found at this website: www.40daysoflove.net/training)
- Use this as an opportunity to plant new small groups/churches in all facets of society (Government, business, education, media and the arts, neighborhoods...)
- Continue establishing intercessory prayer at the personal, family and community level and watch what God does!

We believe that as the Body of Christ partners together in the pursuit of personal renewal, prayer, service, evangelism and on-going discipleship that any city can be transformed by the power of Jesus Christ!

• Is any training provided for areas that are preparing for the 40 Days of Love?

An important element of the **40 Days of Love** is to prepare our own hearts and lives to be ready to reach our sphere of influence for Jesus Christ. In partnership with the **Christ-Like Lifestyle Training** initiative, we are providing free online courses, and live in-person training to areas that are planning to participate in the **40 Days of Love**. The purpose of this training is to equip leaders in a lifestyle of deep intimacy with God that results in effective prayer, evangelism and discipleship. 1-3 day training options are available. If you are interested in more information you can go to our website at: www.40DaysofLove.net/Training or simply email us at: Office@40DaysofLove.net

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**Will you prayerfully consider joining us as together we love our communities to Jesus?**

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