

30 Days of Prayer For Discernment and work of the Shared Ministry Task Force

Day 1

Matthew 5:6

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled”

Ask God to create a hunger and thirst in your community for the grace of God. Then ask God to fill that hunger through the work of the task force.

Day 2

Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Pray for those who will be on the task force, that the power of the Holy Spirit will lead them to be faithful witnesses to the gospel.

Day 3

Psalms 103:1-5

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits— who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagles.”

Praise God for all the benefits poured out on the human race through Jesus Christ. Pray that the outstretched arm of God may bring the benefits of forgiveness, wholeness and renewal to many in your community through the work of the task force

Day 4

Matthew 7:7

“Ask and it will be given you; search and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.”

Ask the Lord to guide all those who will step up in a leadership role, that God’s will may be done, that God may be glorified in everything that happens through the task force and beyond.

Day 5

Ephesians 4:11-12

“The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...,”

The Ministry Exploration will involve people, both leaders and participants, with varied kinds of giftedness. Ask the Lord to release the gifts of God in a mighty way during the renewal to serve to gracious purposes of God. Ask the Lord to put on your heart the name(s) of individuals you think would be good for the task force.

Day 6

John 8:31-32

“Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, ‘If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.’”

Pray that the word of God will set the task force free from all that binds them, and that your congregation may be set free in the power of Jesus Christ for mission in the world.

Day 7

Isaiah 40:31

“but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”

Spend some time meditating on this passage, thinking about its application for your process. Surrender the process, the task force, your congregation and yourself in patient trust in the Lord

Day 8

Psalm 145

“I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name for ever and ever.

Every day I will bless you, and praise your name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.
The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.
My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name for
ever
and ever.”

Praise God for all the faithful works of the Lord throughout history to save and renew people. Ask the Lord to do the same saving, renewing work in your task force.

Day 9

Romans 12:1-3

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Commend yourself to the Lord, seeking God’s renewing power in your life. Pray for the same renewing power for everyone God calls to serve on the task force. Ask God to put on your heart the name of someone you think might be called to the task force.

Day 10

Matthew 19:14

“but Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such
as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.’”

Pray for the children who will be impacted by your shared ministry, either directly or indirectly. Ask the Lord to shower the Holy Spirit upon all who serve on the task force, that they might come to God with trust as a child trusts their parents.

Day 11

Isaiah 43:1-2

“But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you,
O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.”

Pray that the Holy Spirit calls and gathers the task force together, that that they may hear the Lord call their name.

Day 12

Ephesians 1:17-19

“I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.”

Pray that many people in your community will have the eyes of their heart

enlightened as a result of your task force, and come to a meaningful relationship with Jesus as their Savior.

Day 13

John 3:16-17

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Praise God for Jesus Christ, the fulfillment of God’s love. Pray that those who serve on the task force will be guided by God’s love for the world, that through shared ministry many will come to know the power of forgiveness and the hope of Christ’s resurrection.

Day 14

John 15:1-5

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.”

Pray that those nominated for the task force abide in Christ and bear fruit in the work of shared ministry for God’s kingdom.

Day 15

Mark 1:14-15

“Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.’”

Ask God to reveal the kingdom brought into this world through Jesus to the individuals nominated for the task force. Pray that the presence of God’s kingdom proclaimed through shared ministry will lead to repentance and believing the good news.

Day 16

John 20:31

“But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.”

Praise God for the gift of Jesus, Messiah, beautiful Savior. Pray that the Holy Spirit will lead the executive councils discern who might best help the task force work so that others may believe and have life in Jesus; name.

Day 17

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.”

Praise God for the divine love that meets us in Jesus. Pray that one of the fruits of the executive councils' discernment is that through those selected for the task force, more people will love God with everything that is in them.

Day 18

Philippians 2:4-11

“Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Pray that the mind of Christ, the servant Lord, abides in everyone, executive councils, pastors, and those nominated for the task force. Pray that one of the fruits of the task force is that it will lead many new believers to confess Jesus as Lord and that God will be glorified.

Day 19

2 Timothy 1:8-10

“Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.”

Pray for the executive council, that through their shared discernment the fullness of the power of God's word made flesh, Jesus Christ, may come through the task force to reach the hearts of those who do not yet know the gospel.

Day 20

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”

Pray that the executive councils live reconciliation with God, and that, in turn, they may discern who might serve on the task force so that the congregations can reach out and touch others with the same healing message.

Day 21

Psalm 51:10-12

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.”

Ask God to accomplish a cleansing, purifying, and sanctifying work in the hearts of the executive council, pastors, those nominated to the task force, the congregations, and all who may be impacted by your shared ministry.

Day 22

Isaiah 53:1-6

“Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

Pray that the truth of the Lord revealed in Jesus, crucified and risen, penetrates deep into the hearts and spirits of those nominated and considering serving on the task force.

Day 23

Genesis 12:1-3

Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’

Pray for God’s guidance, for those nominated. Pray that the “blessing” work of God promised through Abraham gets done through the work of the task force and any shared ministry.

Day 24

1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Take a few moments to let God reveal to you the love that has made you a child of God. Listen to the Lord. Then pray for God to spread in an awesome way the same saving work through those nominated for the task force and the work they will do, that many will embrace a purifying hope in the Lord.

Day 25

Psalm 19:14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pray for those nominated for the task force, their work and words are pleasing to God, serving God's saving purposes for your community.

Day 26

Hebrews 4:12

“Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Praise God for the grace that pursues us and renews us. Praise God for all that will happen through the task force. Pray for the Holy Spirit to use God's word to do both law and gospel work.

Day 27

Colossians 4:2-3a

“Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. At the same time pray for us as well that God will open to us a door for the word, that we may declare the mystery of Christ,...”

Ask God to reveal to those nominated their gifts and call. Pray for strength as they consider the invitation. Pray for open spirits. Ask God to open the hearts of those who will be impacted by the work of the task force, that they may know Jesus Christ as Lord.

Day 28

Psalm 63:1-4

“O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.”

As the commitments of the task force come closer, simply turn to the Lord today, and seek the Lord. Bless the Lord. Praise God's holy name. Give thanks and surrender your life and the work of the task force to the Lord God.

Day 29

Mark 9:35

“He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, ‘Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.’”

Commend your task force and leaders to God, asking that they bring a servant's heart to their part in shared discernment.

Day 30

Matthew 28:16-20

“Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And 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, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’”

Pray that the saving presence of Jesus through the work of the task force may lead many to follow him as faithful disciples.