

## 40 Days of Lent Intercessory Prayer Guide (Empowerment Temple)

DATE:	PRAYER ITEM:
February 22, 2012	Sacrifice
February 23, 2012	Sanctification
February 24, 2012	Success
February 25, 2012	Strength
February 26, 2012	Society
February 27, 2012	Economy
February 28, 2012	Environment/ Ecology
February 29, 2012	Evangelism
March 1, 2012	Enlightenment
March 2, 2012	Entertainment Industry (Movies, TV)
March 3, 2012	Integrity
March 4, 2012	Ideas
March 5, 2012	Anointing
March 6, 2012	Opportunity
March 7, 2012	Election
March 8, 2012	HIV/AIDS
March 9, 2012	Entrepreneurship
March 10, 2012	Home ownership (Mortgages)
March 11, 2012	Marriages
March 12, 2012	Ministry (Find your ministry)
March 13, 2012	Medical Issues
March 14, 2012	Mental Health
March 15, 2012	Armed Services (Active & Reserve)
March 16, 2012	Mentorship (God send someone to mentor you vice versa)
March 17, 2012	Middle East (Israel, Syria, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Yemen)
March 18, 2012	Motivation
March 19, 2012	Miracles
March 20, 2012	Children
March 21, 2012	Challenges
March 22, 2012	Churches (All houses of Worship that lift up Name of God)
March 23, 2012	Pastors (Leaders in Ministry)
March 24, 2012	Charities (Red Cross, World Vision, UNICEF, Cancer Society etc)
March 25, 2012	Influence
March 26, 2012	Individuals (Pray specifically for 3 people outside of yourself)
March 27, 2012	Encouragement (Pray against spirit of discouragement, depression, stress)
March 28, 2012	Order (No Confusion, Chaos)
March 29, 2012	Incarcerated
March 30, 2012	Pray against Injustice
March 31, 2012	Employment (Find Jobs)
April 1, 2012	Forgiveness (Forgive others and God will forgive you)
April 2, 2012	Education (Teachers, Students, Charter Schools, HBCUs)
April 3, 2012	Intervention (Resolve family, financial, and personal issues)
April 4, 2012	Salvation (People to get saved)
April 5, 2012	Discipline
April 6, 2012	Maturity
April 7, 2012	Closure
April 8, 2012	New Beginnings

**Principle of Lent:**

Lent is a special sacred season of separation/consecration between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday (this year Feb 22 – April 8). The 40 days of Lent are symbolic and strategically significant in the Bible. The number 40 is used by God to represent a period of testing, trial, probation, or judgment and ends with a period of restoration, revival or renewal. The rain in Noah's day fell for 40 days and 40 nights, Moses was on the mountain 40 days and 40 nights, the spies searched Canaan for 40 days, the Israelites wandered 40 years, Elijah ate one meal for 40 days, Jesus fasted in the wilderness for 40 days and was seen on the earth for 40 days after His crucifixion.

By observing Lent, we follow Jesus into the wilderness, resist temptation, pray, and proceed to Jerusalem and the cross on Good Friday which then culminates in resurrection on Easter Sunday. This most sacred season on the Church calendar is marked by repentance, intercession, service, giving and self denial. For so many, Lent is a moment to give up things we cherish in exchange for prayer, fasting, acts of mercy, and meditation on the Word of God.

**Power of Prayer:**

When nations needed healing they prayed. When families needed reconciliation they prayed. When churches needed revival they prayed. Everything we do as individuals, church, or nation should be birthed in prayer. Jesus the Son of God was devoted to prayer and He put priority to prayer than anything else. "One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God." Luke 6:12. He frequently withdrew to the wilderness and mountain sides to pray. Prayer was not just Jesus' habit but in times of emergency, He resorted to prayer. When tempted, he prayed. When lied upon, He prayed. During his most trying hour when he was about to be crucified, He found time to pray. Before He gave up the ghost, He prayed. Today, He seats at the right hand of God the Father still praying for you. His prayer life was so powerful and impactful that the disciples said, "Teach us how to pray." Nations need our prayers, Individuals need our prayers, families need our prayers, the sick need our prayers, governments needs our prayers, the lost need our prayers and the needy need our prayers.

**Practical Ways to Help:**

- Choose to fast from a particular pleasure: Food or TV or Social Media or Internet or People.
- Join our daily Church-wide Online Blogs expounding on Prayer Items at [www.empowermenttemple.org](http://www.empowermenttemple.org)
- Corporate Prayer every Sunday Morning from 7:00am – 7:30am.
- Attend Intercessors 1 hour of Power / Prayer Clinic every Saturday from 10am – 11am at the Family Life Center (1505 Eutaw Pl, Baltimore MD)
- Read through the Gospels between now and Easter.
- If you don't already journal, begin now. Reflect on your readings, prayers and questions.
- Make a list of people with whom you need to be reconciled. Pray for them and let Jesus guide you in your thinking and feeling toward them.