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40 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR **TRINITY**

God does nothing except
in answer **BELIEVING**
PRAYER.

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Day 1

A PRAYER OF INVITATION TO THE SPIRIT TO JOIN US ON THIS JOURNEY

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express."

Romans 8:26 NIV

Our Gracious God, we are amazed by Your incredible love that has embraced us and seeks to embrace all the brokenness and alienation of the world around us. We love You. We trust You. We know that You are not a God of confusion but a God of peace. We come to You now as Your body. Take our lives and shape them as You will. Open our eyes to the reality of Your guidance through the Holy Spirit. We know that our power cannot bring the transformation that You intend for us so we invite You, O Holy Spirit, to come to us, empower us. Take away our fears of what it means to submit totally to Your will. Expand our view of You. Remove all the ways we limit our expectations of what You can do in us and through us. We ask all this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Day 2

A PRAYER FOR COMMUNAL REPENTANCE

"If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV

Father, we know that Your Word is true and that the promises You make in Your word are for all time and for all people. We praise You, Glorious God for as You have been, You will always be. We can rely on Your promises because You do not change and You can't deny Yourself. We come asking the Holy Spirit to call our sins to mind so that we can confess them. We thank you, Lord Jesus, that they are forgiven because of Your sacrifice for us. We ask You, Father, to heal...ourselves, our church and our land. We ask this in Jesus' name, knowing that through Him we can come boldly to You.

Amen.

Day 3
A PRAYER OF PRAISE TO THE CREATOR

"When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars, which You have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him; the Son of man that you care for him?"

Psalm 8: 3-4 NIV

Holy Father, Creator of this world and worlds to come. Master of all, Your beauty and splendor are beyond our comprehension. You are worthy of all creation's praise. You are complete within Yourself. You do not need us or our love, yet You love us and desire our love in return. Even when we do not seek You, You seek us. When we are sinful, You forgive our sins through the blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Thank you, Triune God, that You loved us that much that you made the plan to redeem us before the creation of the world. Remind us that we are your workmanship, created for good works. Oh, Creator create in our hearts a longing to know You and the tasks that You planned for us to do; tasks that will benefit those around us and give You praise and glory
Amen.

Day 4:
A SEEKING PRAYER

"Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face evermore."
Psalm 105:4 KJV

"Seek the LORD while He may be found. Call on Him while He is near."

Heavenly Father, You are ever present in our lives. We are so thankful that when we seek You, You allow us to find You in the small and quiet moments of our day. We come seeking Your face today. We want to know You in a more intimate and deeper way. Holy Spirit, enable us to see Your face in the lives of those around us. Help us to love as You have loved and to reflect Christ's light, grace, and beauty to all those we encounter. Lord Jesus, strengthen and transform us to be like You and to reflect Your image to a world that needs to see the Truth of who You are. We ask this in the mighty name of Jesus.

"We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. The beginning of prayer is silence. Before you speak, it is necessary to listen." -Mother Theresa

Day 5:
PRAYER OF EXALTATION OF CHRIST OUR KING

"Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through Him God created everything in heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see...Everything was created through Him and for Him. He existed before anything else, and holds all creation together. Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So He is first is everything."

Colossians 1:15-18, NLT

Lord Jesus, You are the eternal Word made flesh; the only begotten of the Father-truly God and truly man. You lived to show us the Father's heart by loving the lost, healing the sick, comforting the lonely, driving out demons, and ultimately suffering and dying for our sins. Through Your death and resurrection, we too are raised to new life. You are the eternal Savior, the Mediator for us with the Father; you intercede for us and it is through you that we are in right standing with our Father. We thank you for all you have suffered and all You continue to do for us. We ask that you guide us in the paths that lead to life and the knowledge of Your Will so that others will see Christ in us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Christ.

Amen.

Day 6
A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My Name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you."

John 14:26 ESV

Holy Spirit, You are the breath of God; the Wind. We praise You for Your part in the work of the Trinity. You come to us because our Savior sent You so that we would never be without His Presence in our lives. You resided with our Savior since before the foundation of the world; You know all that He would have us know. You are ever present to remind us of His words and commands. Thank You Lord Jesus that You sent us help in living the life You prepared for us. Thank you Spirit for being sympathetic to our weakness. You are our Comforter and guide. You whisper the deep things of God to us as You search our hearts, discovering and disclosing even the things we hide from ourselves. Oh Come, Holy Spirit, we need You to work in our lives. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for Your gift of the Spirit

Amen.

Day 7
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR OUR FREEDOM IN CHRIST

"You will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free."

John 8:32 NIV

When You walked among men, You freed the captives. You healed the blind, the lame and those with all types of illness. You released those possessed by evil spirits. You raised people from the dead and gave them new life. What a wonderful Savior You are, Lord Jesus! You have set us free as well. Spiritually, we were blind, ensnared in consequences of our sins-an unforgiving heart, bitterness, envy and so much more. Thank You, Lord Jesus, that when we were dead in our trespasses and sins, You rescued us and brought us into the light of Your Grace. If we choose to live in Your light, we are free in deed! Show us where we choose darkness rather than Your light, preferring instead our resentments and unforgiving spirit. All this we ask in Your name knowing You are the only One who can free us.

Amen.

Day 8
A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION

"I have given them your word and the world has hated them.....I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them for the evil one."

John 17:14-15 ESV

Holy Father, you have told us to be in the world but not of the world. We confess that we struggle and that it is easy to succumb to the world and the voices of our culture. In the constant barrage of our day, we fail to hear the voice of the Evil One who seeks to draw us away from You. Forgive us when we fail; when we choose the way of the World rather than choosing to live in the light of Your kingdom. Holy Spirit, teach us to follow the Son and the Truth expressed in the Word of God. Protect us with Christ's courage as we seek to live as Your ambassadors in this world. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Day 9
A PRAYER FOR WISDOM

"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him." - James 1:5 NIV

"For the LORD gives wisdom, and from His mouth come knowledge and understanding." - Proverbs 2:6 NIV

All knowing God, You know the end from the beginning, and we praise you for it. We thank you for speaking forth wisdom through the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Lord Jesus, lead us deeper into your Living Word where we can know true wisdom by following in Your ways and knowing Your Heart. Holy Spirit, speak into our lives what is true, right, lovely, and brings our God praise. Then use us in the world with a heart of love, gentleness, grace and mercy. May we reflect Your wisdom and understanding in the ways we live and how we love others. In the name of Jesus, we pray.
Amen.

Day 10
A PRAYER OF PRAISE FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD: THE BIBLE

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good work.
2 Timothy 3:16 KJV

Living God, long ago you breatherd Your words into the hearts of your servants so that all creation would know You and Your holy ways. Through your Word, You reveal Your heart of redeeming love and grace and you teach us what is pleasing to You. Your Word is a Light and a Guide for our lives. Thank you for sending Jesus, the Living Word, who made it possible for us to come to You and gave us His example of how we should live. Thank You that Your Word is also a sword--active and living and able to pierce "bone and marrow,"and especialy our hearts. Teach us, Lord Jesus, to hide Your word in our hearts, not only to guard our lives but so that we may speak Truth to those around us. Holy Spirit lead us to come daily to The Word so that our souls will be nourished and we will know Your plans and desires.
Amen.

DAY 11

A PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

"Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 ESV

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God." Philippians 4:6 NIV

God of Wonders, You have shown us the beauty of Your handiwork each day through creation and through Your image in others. Our proper response to Your love and grace is to worship and adore You- and we do so now. Holy Spirit, strengthen us daily through time spent with You. Lead us to pray fervently for our church that we will be centered in Your will and to not fall prey to the whims of our culture. Give us grateful hearts even when we face difficult trials, knowing You have a greater purpose and divine will for all that we encounter. Nudge us to give thanks and praise, regardless of the circumstances, for Your kindness. We know that You are good. Remind us that even in our struggles with each other, that You are our God and that You love us equally. Oh, Lord, make us grateful for each and everyone in the body of Christ.

Amen.

Day 12

A PRAYER FOR HUMILITY

"He has shown you, O Man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."
Micah 6:8 NIV

Lord Jesus, give us the same spirit of humility that we saw in You. Wonderful Savior, you possessed all the riches of Heaven, all creation is Yours and yet you gave that up for us. For our good, you humbled Yourself to the point of shameful death on the cross. Create in us that same kind of humility. Remove anything in us that does not mirror your image. Show us where we have substituted our own agendas for Your will. Forgive our reliance on our own abilities instead of relying on Your Strength. Forgive us when we mistake humility for weakness. Break our pride. Remind us that the servant is not greater than the Master; that those who truly serve you do so in Your humility. This we humbly ask in Your name's power.

Amen.

Day 13
A PRAYER FOR OUR CLERGY

"So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and the teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

Ephesians 4:11-13 NIV

Christ our King, we thank you for the gift of our clergy. You anointed them and placed them here to lead us and to mirror Your presence. Help them to be strong and resolute in Your precepts. Fill them with Your wisdom and understanding; may they ever know Your Presence. Set their souls on fire with love for You and Your people. Divinely inspire them with the words You alone can speak. May their lives overflow with joy that only comes from You; an assurance that strengthens their resolve to serve You. We ask this in the names of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Day 14
A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH LEADERSHIP

"Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other." 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-13 NIV

Savior, we are Your body and there are many parts to this body. Each of us has an important role in making up the whole Those You have called into leadership and gifted with that ability, we lift before you right now. Hold them each tightly. May they feel Your love and direction as they lead. Take away their anxious, worried thoughts. Give them physical strength and rest. May your Spirit come to them in such a way that they know, they work not just for us but for You. In Your name we pray.

Amen.

Day 15

A PRAYER OF REPENTANCE FOR UNHOLY SPEECH

"So I said, Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips, for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.' Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with tongs from the altar and he touched my lips with it and said, 'Behold, he has touched your lips; your iniquity is he has taken away and your sin purged.'" -

Isaiah 6:5-7 NKJV

Holy God, as sinful and broken people, we are not worthy to stand in Your presence. But, because of Your great love for us while we were still sinners, Christ died for us and transferred us into the light of Your redeeming love. Yet still we sin. Holy Father, forgive us for all the ways we sin against You though gossip, criticism, and unwholesome words. Place Your holy coal upon our lips and remove the guilt of our sin. Lord Jesus, watch over our lips that we might not sin against you by speaking against our neighbor. Transform our speech so that we speak words of life and blessing; words of Your Love. Holy Spirit, enable us to use our words to encourage each other. Give us ears to hear our neighbor-to hear others' opinions and concerns. Build in us the gentle kindness of Your heart and the beauty of Your love so that we overflow with brotherly love that glorifies You. In Your name we pray.

Amen.

Day 16

PRAYER OF PRAISE FOR OUR TRIUNE GOD

"Praise be to You, O LORD, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty, and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; You are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from You; You are the ruler of all things. In Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give You thanks, and praise Your glorious name."

1 Chronicles 29: 10b-13 NIV

Triune King, You are the one true, holy and living God. We praise You as the Eternal God. Creator, Redeemer, true Judge and only wise Ruler, we thank You for holding us in the palm of Your hand as the sovereign preserver and sustainer of life. Thank You for bringing us into Your eternal love through the precious blood of Christ, Your Son. You spoke creation into existence and You speak life, blessing and well-being into our lives. Because of Your unfailing love, mercy, wisdom and grace, we bow in humble adoration and respond to Your grace by surrendering our hearts and lives to You. We ask that You lead us by Your strong and mighty hand. Holy Spirit awaken us to the wonders of your love, beauty, and grace around us; that we might glorify You in greater ways. We ask this in Your holy name.

Amen.

Day 17

A PRAYER OF RETURN

"Even now,' Declares the Lord, 'return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.'" Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and He relents from sending calamity."

Joel 2:12-13 NIV

Gracious and Merciful God, You are slow to anger and full of steadfast love and mercy. We praise You for Your display of loving kindness towards us. Thank you for not dealing with us according to our sins but according to your great mercy and grace in Jesus Christ. We come to You with our whole hearts and not with external merits of our own. Holy Spirit, reveal the parts of our hearts that we have not surrendered completely to You. Illuminate the sins we chose to ignore. In mourning and weeping, we repent of our sins and ask that You renew each of us and our church according to Your Covenant love. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

Day 18

A PRAYER FOR SEEKING THE LORD'S WILL

"Seek the LORD while He may be found; call on Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his ways and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon." Isaiah 55:6-7 NIV

"Teach me O Lord, to follow your decrees, that I will keep them to the end. Give me understanding and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart."

Psalms 119: 33-44 NIV

Holy Father, we know that Your ways are not our ways and we confess that we do not always seek to know Your ways. Forgive us for our deeds and actions that stray from Your ways. We are not ignorant of Your ways because You have not shown us who You are through the life of Your Son, our Savior. Where we have strayed from Your commands, break our hearts with true repentance. Creator God, create in us a longing to know You and Your Word. Through the Holy Spirit, may Your truth run deep within us. In the name of Jesus, we pray.

Amen.

Day 19

A PRAYER FOR REVIVAL

"For this is what the high and exalted One says--He who lives forever, whose name is holy: I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite."
Isaiah 57:15 NIV

Lord, we are weary. Father, refresh us; restore us. We come with repentant hearts and lay our sins at your altar. We acknowledge them and thank you that they are covered by the Blood of Christ. We lay our inadequacies before You. We ask that You use our weaknesses to demonstrate Your great power. We lay our pride on Your altar, knowing that You dwell with the meek and lowly, those with a contrite heart. Forgive us when we have made You into our own image. Forgive us when we have substituted our wishes and agendas for Your will. Breathe new life into us here at Trinity. Remind us--You are LORD. The one whose plans will renew and restore us. You are the Master. We are your servants. In Your name we pray.

Amen

"With renewal, there is always corporate prayer--extraordinary, kingdom-centered, prevailing prayer.... prayer beyond the normal daily devotions and worship services, bringing together people who do not usually pray together." - Timothy Keller

Day 20

A PRAYER FOR COURAGE

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage, do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."
Joshua 1:9 NIV

Gracious and kind Lord, You are our strength. You are our refuge, the place where we come when we are uncertain and frightened. You are ever-present even in our anxiety. You are strong when we are weak. Holy Lord, we long to step forward in Your will. We seek it, claiming Your many promises to strengthen and guide us. We believe You are beside us and have gone before us because You call Yourself, Jehova Nissi: our Banner--"The One who goes before." Lord Jesus, drive out the enemy so that we progress in clarity and peace. Holy Spirit, keep us grounded in Your Word. Give us courage. Give us confidence that comes from the assurance that we follow the Most High God, in whose Name we pray.

Amen.

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference." - The Serenity Prayer

Day 21

A PRAYER TO BE DOERS OF THE WORD

"But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his face in a mirror, for he looks at himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the word, this one will be blessed in what he does."

James 1:22-25 ESV

Heavenly Father, You are the Creator of our world and the architect of our lives. We lift our hearts in praise and thanksgiving. We worship You and thank you for Your Son, Jesus Christ, who showed us the way to love as You love. We humbly ask for strength to be Your hands and feet. We seek to be followers of Jesus. Help us to not sit idle, but to be busy in the work You have called us to do. May we see Your church grow as we become Your doers-doing Your work in Your way. In Jesus name we pray.

Amen.

Day 22

A PRAYER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

"But the LORD sits enthroned forever; He has established his throne for Justice."

Psalms 9:7 ESV

"He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Micah 6:8

Almighty God, You are a God of justice, mercy, and boundless goodness. As disciples of Christ, You call us to follow Your actions-to mimic Your goodness, love, mercy and justice as we live in a world where love and mercy are not the norm; we live among people who abuse and hate their fellow man. O Father, if only they saw You as You are-not a wrathful, vengeful God but One overflowing with love and all kinds of mercy and goodness. They can not see that, Father, if they do not see that in us. Our, Lord Jesus, You modeled the Father's love in action. Thank You for Your example. Remind us that the way of the Cross, may lead us to pain but we, Your servants, are not greater than our Master. Empower us to work for Your justice for everyone. Holy Spirit, prompt us to not only do what is right but to speak up when we see injustice and falsehood. Make us brave; brave enough to say that we speak in the name of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

"...my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right." - Abraham Lincoln

DAY 23
A PRAYER FOR BOLDNESS IN PRAYER

"So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive His mercy and we will find grace to help us when we need it most."

Hebrew 4:16 NLT

Our Father, we are overwhelmed by Your Perfect Love that allows us into Your presence through the blood of Christ. You have told us to come boldly to Your throne, a privilege that we can not fully grasp. Yet You call us to come. So we come as children to a Loving Father, children of the Most High King. Give us boldness born of confidence, in that Love. You know our hurts, our needs, and our desires. You know our sins. You know where we are out of step with your perfect will. We ask You to heal our hurts. We trust you to meet our needs. We thank You that You have forgiven our sins because of Your Son's death. We ask You to teach us to delight in You and Your Word. Then our desires will mirror Your heart. You will disclose Your plans, plans to give each of us and our church, a future and a hope.

Amen.

Day 24
A PRAYER OF CLEANSING

"Create in me a clean heart, O God and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me."

Psalms 51:10-11 (AVS)

Forgiving Father, Your heart is always to forgive as we repent of our sins and return to You with a repentant and contrite heart. Thank you for the cleansing blood of Jesus that restores us to a right relationship with you, our Father. Create in us a clean heart. Renew our thoughts so that they are pure, make our actions selfless. Then Holy Spirit, come and restore the joy of our salvation so that all of our lives abound in Christ-like acts of mercy and kindness. We consecrate ourselves and our church to You, knowing we are Your beloved disciples. In Jesus' name.

Amen

Day 25
PRAYER OF ASSURANCE

"The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children."
Romans 8:16 NIV

Creator of all, You are the initiator, the One who created us and continually pursues us. We hear Your ceaseless wooing even when we don't recognize it as the voice of God. Though we are unfaithful, You persevere. You cannot be less than faithful. You have redeemed us, making us part of your family of faith. Thank you Lord, for calling us Your children and giving us the Holy Spirit that assures us we are you children. Remind us over and over that we are Yours. We have been bought with a price and our lives are hidden in Your care. Let us know that You are our most caring parent; that Jesus is the Friend that sticks closer to us than a brother. For your kingdom and in your name we pray. Amen.

"There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of each man which cannot be satisfied by any created thing but only by God, the Creator, made known through Jesus Christ." - Pascal

Day 26
A PRAYER FOR AN UNDIVIDED HEART

"And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove their heart of stone...and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they will be my people, and I will be their God."
Ezekiel 11:19-20

O Lord, thank you that Your Word is a lamp to our feet; a light to our path. In it we find the treasures of who You are and signposts for who You intend us to be. Thank you for Your life-giving Truth. Father, enable us to walk in the light of that truth with an undivided heart that hungers and burns in love for Your Son. Holy Spirit, lead us to walk in a manner worthy of our calling as followers of Christ. In Jesus' name.
Amen.

"I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you. Praised or criticized for you." - John Wesley

DAY 27

A PRAYER FOR HUMILITY WITH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

"Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." Ephesians 5:19-21 NIV

Almighty God, we acknowledge that we are members of a greater kingdom with all Your saints. So we submit ourselves to You and to one another. We humble our hearts before Your mighty hand and ask that You fill our hearts with Your spirit of compassion, tenderness and grace. Help us to look at others as more important than ourselves and to have the same mind as Christ when He humbled Himself for us. Your Word tells us that apart from You we can do nothing. Therefore, we submit to Your authority, asking that You would lead us and guide us as the people of faith that are known as Trinity. Help us to value each other as we journey forward. We pray this in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen

Day 28

A PRAYER FOR INCREASED FAITH

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see ." Hebrews 11:1 NIV

"The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.'" Luke 17:5 NIV

"Immediately the father of the child cried out, and said, 'I believe; help my unbelief.'" Mark 9:24 ESV

Lord, so often in our faith we trust You for eternity but are unsure about Your interest in our lives day to day. You have said that not even a sparrow falls without Your knowledge and yet we think we must run our lives. We look away from Your gospel and Christ and trust the works of our own hands as if salvation is in them. Father, remind us that the faith that brought us your sanctifying grace is what we need to walk through life, through the times of uncertainty and confusion. In this season in our church, we ask for the faith to believe that You have plans for Trinity. Help us to walk in faith to the future You have prepared for us. In the name of Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, we pray.

Amen

DAY 29
A PRAYER FOR A HEART FOR MISSION

"And Jesus came and spoke with them, saying "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age'." Matthew 28:18-20 NAS

Lord Jesus, It was Your selfless choice to die on the cross for our sins and those of the whole world that brought us to You. Now You call us to go into our world to make disciples for the transformation of the world. Empower and equip us to be bold in sharing our faith with those we encounter every day. Give us a spirit of gentleness and respect for those who believe differently from us as we seek to introduce them to the Gospel of Christ. Excite us with desire to meet both the physical and the spiritual needs of Ruston and anywhere else in the world that You would have us go.
Amen.

Day 30
A PRAYER FOR HOLY LOVE

""For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love."
Galatians 5:6 NIV

Holy Lord, Your love is seen in creation. We see Your love in the cross and in Your resurrection when out of love for us, You ended the power of death. We celebrate Your love that causes You to gift us with Your power, Your comfort and Your healing. You are Love. Teach us to love, not only those like us and when it is easy, but empower us to love the unlovely and to love in the midst of difficulty and confusion. May we love not with conflict avoidance but with a deep authentic commitment to all people. Our prayer is that Your love will be so obvious in us that those who see us, your disciples, will know we know we have been with Jesus. In Your name we
pray.
Amen.

DAY 31
A PRAYER FOR GROWING WISDOM

"When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

Matthew 6:6 NIV

Father, Your Son told His disciples that when we pray we should go to a private place- our closets- to be with You. There we are surrounded by Your overwhelming love. There, We come in gratitude for all that You have done for us; that You loved us before we loved You. We worship You. We sense the prompting of Your Holy Spirit. We ask that that in Your word, we find Your wisdom and Your guidance. Increase our knowledge of what it means to follow you. Father, we would be holy for You are holy. Show us the how to live the glorious Spirit-filled life that draws others to you.

Amen.

Day 32
A PRAYER FOR UNITY

"For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually member one of another."

Romans 12:4-5 NAS

Holy Father, You have commanded us to be Holy, for You are Holy and so we seek a communal holiness that glorifies You. For we at Trinity are Your Bride- Your church. Help us through this difficult and confusing time. Declare Your will to us so that we will be who You want us to be. Narrow our focus. Show us Your vision.

Show us Your vision. Give us wisdom and discernment. We love You. We are in covenant with You. We ask this, believing that this is Your will for us.

Amen.

DAY 33
A PRAYER TO BE ROOTED IN CHRIST'S LOVE

"...that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."
Ephesians 3:17-19 ESV

O Lord, Your love for us cannot be measured or contained. You have demonstrated that love through the life, death, and resurrection of you Son. Lord Jesus, show us more of You: more of Your love, more of Your goodness and grace so that we can increase our love, grace and goodness to each other and then to those outside of Trinity. Keep us firmly grounded in You and Your Word. Keep us firmly rooted in the assurance of Your great love. Holy Spirit, increase our faith in You and transform us into the likeness of Your Son. Make us vessels of Your unconditional love and fill us daily with the Fullness of God so that You can use us for the good of others. We ask this in the name of the Great Lover of our souls, Jesus.
Amen.

Day 34
A PRAYER TO CONTEND FOR THE FAITH

"Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints."
Jude 1:3 ESV

Most Gracious Lord, we are overwhelmed by the confidence that You have in us. You restrain Your power and ask Us to carry the Truth of the Gospel to each generation. In this time, Lord, give us a vision of Trinity as a bright and shining example of a church grounded in Your love, centered in Your will, and a church in love with Your Word. Prepare us to serve Ruston and any other areas of the world to which You call us. Teach us to serve in the humility of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who first served us by His redemptive death at Calvary. Create in each of us an eagerness to rise as a church, as He rose from the grave, victorious! We ask all of this in His name and for the Glory of our God.
Amen.

DAY 35

A PRAYER SEEKING GUIDANCE FOR DEEP REPENTANCE

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9 NIV

"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish but everyone to come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9 NIV

Holy God, You know us more intimately than we know ourselves. We come before You asking that You make us aware of our failings; open our eyes to our brokenness. We are wandering sheep that have gone our own way. We need Your guidance to show us the path of truth and life, for we are lost without Your grace. You are the anchor amid our fears. Search us, O God, know our hearts. Do your transforming work in us so that we can live as Your redeemed people in this world. Remind us that we are not a people imprisoned by our sins. Help us to live as people of hope, shaped by Your forgiving love.

Amen

Day 36

A PRAYER OF THANKS TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." 2 Corinthians 3:17 NIV

"...The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God." 1 Corinthians 2:10-11 NIV

We thank You, Holy Spirit, that You have come to us. That you reside with us even when we feel far away from God, the Father, and from You. Thank you for Your patience with us. You wait--You do not force us to come to Christ but You prompt us and create a longing in us that can only be filled by Christ. Forgive us for taking Your presence lightly. Forgive us for quenching Your direction when we seek our own way. Make us conscience of where we substitute our will for the will of the Father.

Give us repentant hearts; hearts ready to hear Your direction; hearts eager to be centered in Your will. A heart that says, as our Savior did, "Not my will, but Thine."

Amen

DAY 37
A PRAYER FOR AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common."

Acts 2:42-44 NIV

Holy Father, Redeeming Son, and Empowering Spirit; You live in the perfect community of The Trinity. You created us to live in community and gave us the gift of relationship with You and a family of fellow believers here at Trinity. Fearfully and wonderfully You made us for this fellowship. Forgive us and free us from shallow and ingenuine social interactions--cheap substitutes for the covenant life you designed for us. As we seek to be Your community, to live and love each other well, may our church be known as a genuine community. May we be a holy temple, a bride awaiting the coming of her Groom. Send your Spirit to work powerfully in our midst. Open our eyes to see Your miracles and then to tell of Your wonderful Presence to others who need You. For Your kingdom and in Your name we pray.

Amen.

Day 38
A PRAYER FOR A SPIRIT FILLED CHURCH

"When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished, and they took note that these men had been with Jesus."

Acts 4:13 NIV

Our Lord, fill our hearts and church so full of Your Spirit that there will be no room for animosity, arguing or bitterness. Guard our hearts. Protect our hearts from the work of the Evil One. Surround Trinity with Your protection. Make Your Spirit palatable in our midst as we seek Your will and guidance in the way we should go. Save us from being Your people in name only--a group that lacks the power and desire to do Your will. Make us a people overflowing with desire for Your will and Your desires. Make our desires Yours. In the name of our Savior we pray.

Amen.

DAY 39
A PRAYER FOR HOLY PEACE

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4: 6-7 NIV

Our Savior, our Prince of Peace, teach us to model Your peace. As we seek Your will, remind us that You are a God of peace and Your true servants go in peace. We are not by nature people of peace; We seek our own way. We long for the power to have our ways prevail. We act as if, like our Father, we are all-knowing, able to judge the hearts and motives of our brothers and sisters. Forgive us, Lord. Holy Spirit, prick our hearts. Show each of us where we fail to put others ahead of ourselves. Point out how we fail You as Your peaceful disciples. Break our stubborn hearts with a holy grief over the ways we have replaced Your will with ours and sought to enforce it with power that is self-generated, a power not from You. Oh, Lord, we call on You to render those who do so powerless. We long to see You move among us with Your holy peace, a peace that will bring others to know our Savior as their Lord.

Amen

Day 40
A PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

"And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, Here am I! Send me."

Isaiah 6:8 ESV

Father, We are a people that You have freed from the grip of Satan and from our sins not only for our benefit but also so that we can be Your hands, Your feet, and Your voice in this world. Our Savior calls us "to open your eyes and look at the fields that are ripe for harvest." Father, You are seeking those who are fully surrendered to You. This broken world is filled with those ready to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. Like Isaiah, we say, "Here we are! Send Us!" Holy Spirit, empower us to do Your will, in Your way. Anoint us, Lord Jesus; use us as your agents of healing love. Make us messengers of the Good News-that there is salvation in Jesus Christ no matter the sin or circumstances. We pray this in His beautiful and power name, Lord Jesus.

Amen