



# *Victory Faith*

THE CHURCH IN THE GARDEN

## **21 DAYS PRAYER & FASTING GUIDE**

**12 JANUARY - 01 FEBRUARY 2025**

Happy New Year to you and your family! As we enter 2025 on the Gregorian calendar, we want to do so divinely aligned with God in our whole spirit, soul, and body.

Fasting is a time of deeply devoting ourselves to God, His will, and His purposes. Many people do not see the point of fasting and consider it an old fashioned thing. However, it is a time for deeper devotion and divine discipline that helps us refocus from earthly concerns to align with heaven.

Fasting concerns **HUMBLING OURSELVES** — which is self-abasement — leading to **DEEPER SURRENDER** to the Lord. Every new dimension of the Holy Spirit is preceded by **HUMILITY**.

**KEY: WE ARE PRAYING FOR A STRONG, FIRM PLACE IN GOD'S PLANS AND PURPOSES FOR 2025.**

The Father's purpose in fasting and prayer is that we may **DRAW NEAR TO HIM** so that He can **FELLOWSHIP** with us on a new level and **ADVANCE** us in His plans and purposes.

- He wants to pour out His love in our hearts.
- He wants to adjust our hearts to agree with heaven.
- He wants to reveal new things to us that we have not known.

In fasting, we **ADJUST OUR PRIORITIES**. In other words, we **RETURN TO FIRST PRINCIPLES**, such as:

- Faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.
- Repentance from sin.
- Baptism in water.
- The gift of the Holy Spirit for every believer.
- Stewardship of all God's gifts and graces, including finances.
- Love, which is the greatest of all gifts because **GOD IS LOVE**.
- Forgiveness, which is freely given to us from God through our Lord Jesus Christ, and flows outward from us to others.

In fasting, we receive new disciplines, such as making a commitment to daily Bible reading, prayer, evangelism, tithing, and giving freely from our hearts to be a blessing. We want everything we do to contribute to the love of God, faith, obedience, and **INCREASE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD** in our midst. But it all starts with our personal consecration to God and His will: *"May it be on earth, even as it is in heaven."*

**John 3:30**, *"He must INCREASE, but I must DECREASE."* To truly **INCREASE** in God and His blessings, we must decrease. This is a mystery that the Father very much desires to fulfill in us. Such is the power of fasting and prayer.

In this fast, we are focusing on **INCREASING IN THE LOVE OF GOD**. How much we need this personally and how much the world needs to see and experience God's love through us. We are fasting to walk in **MORE** love. We are fasting to make sure the foundation of everything we say and do is based on the love of God.

All of the Bible is about God's love. In fact, "God is love." **I John 4:8. We cannot truly INCREASE without increasing in the love of God.** Our redemption from sin, hell, death, and the grave is based on the love of God. **Every blessing is based on the love of God.**

**John 3:16**, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

**Galatians 5:6**, "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is **FAITH** expressing itself through **LOVE**."

**I John 4:7-8**, "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."

**Psalms 36:5-7**, "Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, Your justice (judgments) like the great deep. You, Lord, preserve both people and animals. How priceless is Your UNFAILING LOVE, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of Your wings."

**Romans 5:5**, "Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

**Romans 5:7-8**, "Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates HIS OWN LOVE for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

God's Love is far above anything this world offers. If love for God is the chief motivation in our lives, we will be transformed and we will be used by God in His kingdom.

This world is passing away, **but God's love will never pass away.** It is **ETERNAL.** **I Corinthians 13:8**, "...Love never fails."

Following are some areas we are focusing on during this time of fasting and prayer:

- That we may increase in God's love — personally and as a congregation.
- That we may increase in God's grace and anointing to love as He loves.
- That we may increase in giving as an expression of God's love to others through our works.
- That we may increase in the joy of giving. As God's love increases in our hearts, we increase in the **JOY OF GIVING.**
- That we may increase in sharing God's love — in our families, in VF, in our communities, in our works.
- That we may increase in our connection to God and to one another through His love.
- That the **LOVE OF GOD** may from this time forward be poured out of our hearts by God's power.

During these 21 days, we encourage you to:

- Read the Bible and pray daily. Surrender to God as you do so.
- Let your petitions be made known unto God.
- Take time in His presence, offering sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving.
- Read the Word as though your life depends upon it, for it truly does.
- Think upon the Word, meditate, and speak of it day and night.
- Pray in the Spirit, releasing the power of other tongues.
- Keep a writing pad close by, and record the words and impressions God gives you.
- Offer much thanksgiving each day. Let us **COVER THIS FAST WITH THANKSGIVING!**

May you personally experience **SUPERNATURAL INCREASE** in the Love of God during this time of fasting and prayer and throughout 2025.

### **Sunday, 12– Saturday, 18 January –COMMIT TO DEEPEN YOUR LOVE WALK WITH GOD & MAN**

Read, confess, and meditate on **1 Corinthians 13:4-8 AMPC**. We have personalized these Scriptures by paraphrasing them so that they may go deeply into our hearts and keep renewing our minds. We encourage you to confess these Scriptures and then pray in tongues.

*I endure long and I am patient and kind; I am never envious nor do I boil over with jealousy. I am not boastful or vainglorious; nor do I display myself haughtily. I am not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); I am not rude (unmannerly) and I do not act unbecomingly. I (God's love in me does not insist on its own rights or its own way), for I am not self-seeking; I am not touchy or fretful or resentful; I take no account of the evil done to me [I pay no attention to a suffered wrong]. I do not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but I rejoice when right and truth prevail. I bear up under anything and everything that comes, I am ever ready to believe the best of every person, my hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and I endure everything [without weakening]. I never fail [never fade out or become obsolete or come to an end] because I am born of God and the love of God has been shed abroad in my heart by the Holy Spirit.*

**1 Corinthians 13:1-13AMPC, 1 John 1-5.**

### **Sunday, 19– Saturday, 25 January - PRAYING FOR VFC, LIVING FAITH INTERNATIONAL & THE BODY OF CHRIST WORLD WIDE**

Father, we agree with the prayers of Your Son, Jesus Christ for the church around the world that we may be one, as You are in the Son, and the Son is in You. That we also may be ONE in You, that the world may believe that You sent Your Son to the earth. And the glory which You gave to Your Son Jesus, He has given to us, that we may be one Just as You are one: Your Son in us, and You in Him; that we may be made **PERFECT** in one, and that the world may know that You sent Jesus, and have **LOVED** us just as You **LOVED** Him. May the **LOVE** with which You **LOVED** Your Son be with us in the church, and may He be in us."

**John 17:20-26, Ephesians 1:15-23, 3:8-21, John 13:34-35, Acts 4:13-35, Psalm 115:12-15,**

**Sunday, 26 January - Saturday, 1 February - PRAYING FOR ISRAEL & KENYA**

Father, in the name of Jesus, we pray for the peace of Jerusalem and all Israel. We speak PEACE and SAFETY over Israel. May You surround this nation with Your great love and protection. May all Israel be saved. May Israel be the head and not the tail; above and not beneath. May Jesus Christ, Yeshua Hamashiach, be revealed to the Jews so that they may come to You, Father, through Your Son, Jesus Christ. He is Lord of all!

We lift up the nation of Kenya with all prayers, supplications, intercessions, and the giving of thanks. We are THANKFUL for the nation of Kenya. We pray for President William Ruto and all who are in authority, that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all Godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in Your sight, dear Savior.

You desire that all men might be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. It is your will for it to be on earth even as it is in heaven. Therefore, Father, may Your great love be revealed to the people of Kenya. We break every barrier of hatred, division, and animosity. We thank You that Kenya is a SHEEP nation, and not a goat nation, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**Isaiah 25, 1 Timothy 2:1-5, Psalm 2:8-12, Psalm 122, 2 Chronicles 7:14, Romans 11**

**May the Blessing of the Lord be upon this time of Fasting and Prayer. Amen!**



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