

OCC Fall 2010 - Forty Day Prayer Guide (Weeks 1 & 2)

WEEK 1

Day 01

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich – 2 Corinthians 8:9

--Ask the Lord to give you a spirit of thankfulness today.

--Pray that Overlake will reflect the generosity of Jesus.

--Pray that all who enter Overlake's doors will be overwhelmed by the spirit of sacrifice.

Day 02

"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life – John 9:3

--Pray that God will give you wisdom to discern his work in your life today.

--Ask the Lord to give our church an enlarged heart for hurting people.

--Pray for a friend struggling with a painful situation.

Day 03

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" – John 13:34-35

--How would you rate yourself on a "love for others" scale? Pray for greater love.

--Pray our church will be known by its love.

--The gospel in one word is "love." Ask God to help you show love to someone who needs it today.

Day 04

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us, 2 Corinthians 5:20

--Pray that God will give you the courage to make his appeal to those who need to hear it.

--Ask the Lord to use Overlake as a place where people will bring their friends to engage in a faith community.

--Pray by name for three people who don't know Jesus. Ask God to begin a work in their hearts and lives.

Day 05

Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God" – Luke 9:62

--Ask the Lord to give you the needed courage and strength to be a faithful follower.

--Seek the Lord on Overlake's behalf; ask him to grow our body into mature Christ-followers.

--Pray that those who visit OCC will meet people who are "sold out" to Jesus.

Day 06

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such

things there is no law – Galatians 5:22-23

--Got fruit? The nine qualities Paul lists are available to every believer. Pick one and ask God to increase it in your life.

--Imagine what Overlake will be like as more and more people put these fruit into play. Pray to that end.

--Seek the Lord for a chance to practice one or more of the “fruit of the Spirit” today.

Day 07

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me’ – Matthew 25:35-36

--Pray God will open your eyes to an opportunity to serve someone in need today.

--Pray for Overlake’s outreach to the needy through our many Serve the World initiatives.

--Do you know a family with a material need? Ask God to give you insight into how to best serve them.

WEEK 2

Day 08

Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus – John 1:40-42

--Who is the Lord prompting you to bring to Overlake this Sunday? Pray for an open door to invite your friend.

--Pray that God will use our worship time and Pastor Mike’s message to draw people to himself this coming weekend.

--Who can you ask to dinner this week to get to know them better? Pray about it.

Day 09

But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night – Psalm 1:2

--Reflect on a favorite passage of Scripture, then offer a “breath prayer” (short prayer) of gratitude for his Word.

--Ask Jesus to give us “ears to hear” and a willingness to respond to his Word as it’s presented this weekend.

--Pray that the Lord will use you to speak godly wisdom into some situation or circumstance today.

Day 10

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone – Colossians 4:5-6

--Since actions often speak louder than words, pray God will work through your deeds as well as your words today.

--Ask the Lord to help our church to be wise in how we share our faith with spiritual seekers.

--Pray Jesus will soften your heart toward someone you may be struggling with. Ask him to love them through you this week.

Day 11

But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him – Luke 10:33-34

--A neighbor is, literally, anyone we're willing to "draw near to." Ask God to open your eyes to someone you can be neighborly to today.

--Pray for Overlake's ministry to the hurting. Ministries like Biblical Counseling and Celebrate Recovery effectively serve scores of people each week.

-- Take a look around your neighborhood. Is there someone who could use your help?

Day 12

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men – Ecclesiastes 3:11

--God put you on earth for a reason. Pray for his perspective on how to live in light of eternity.

--Pray that people entering Overlake this week will sense the enormity of our God.

--Do you know someone battling with an uncertain future? Ask the Lord to use you to give them with a more accurate spiritual perspective.

Day 13

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger – Proverbs 15:1

--Words can make or break us. Ask God to safeguard your conversations today.

--Pray that kind speech will characterize our church family as we seek to build one another up.

--If you're "out of sorts" with your spouse, a family member, or someone at work, ask God to speak healing words through you this week.

Day 14

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it – 1 Corinthians 12:27

-- Thank God today for the spiritual gifts he has uniquely given you.

--Pray that each Overlake member will discover, develop, and deploy their spiritual gifts.

--Do you know a believer who is sitting on the fence, spiritually speaking? If so, ask God to use you to inspire them to "get into the game."