

The following 40-day prayer plan invites men to pray simultaneously in unity for God to do a major work in the lives of the men in our nation, denomination, and churches.

How to use this prayer plan:

1. Men can use this as part of their daily devotion and prayer time.
2. Churches and associations can use this prayer plan for 40 days leading up to a men's ministry event or a Built for Significance men's retreat (www.bmen.net/built).
3. Churches can use this prayer plan for 40 days leading up to Father's Day when churches celebrate the role of men in the life of their families and church.
4. Churches can use this prayer plan to complement their BMEN Online (www.bmen.net/online) registration emphasis so that men receive the weekly missions e-newsletter.
5. Churches can use this prayer plan to prepare men for leadership and service leading up to revival services or church renewal weekends.

Recognize God's Plan for Men

1

"Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the animals, all the earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth'" (Genesis 1:26).

Thank God for creating mankind in His image and that we are able to know Him intimately through prayer, study, and mission action. Ask God to teach men how to be stewards of all that He has entrusted to them.

2

"So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to come over the man, and he slept. God took one of his ribs and closed the flesh at that place. Then the Lord God made the rib He had taken from the man into a woman and brought her to the man. And the man said: This one, at last, is bone of my bone, and flesh of my flesh; this one will be called woman, for she was taken from man. This is why a man leaves his father and mother and bonds with his wife, and they become one flesh" (Genesis 2:21-24).

Thank God for the institution of marriage. Pray that God will revive the hearts of men to be fully devoted to their wives and be committed to honoring them more than themselves.

3

"He established a testimony in Jacob and set up a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers to teach to their children so that a future generation—children yet to be born—might know. They were to rise and tell their children so that they might put their confidence in God and not forget God's works, but keep His commandments. Then they would not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not loyal and whose spirit was not faithful to God" (Psalm 78:5-8).

Pray that men are willing to assume their role as spiritual leader within their family and able to teach the truth of Scripture in such a way that their children will embrace it and teach Scripture to the next generation.

4

"And fathers, don't stir up anger in your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

Pray that God will bless the relationship of fathers and their children by removing any enmity that might exist and creating teachable moments as children learn about God from their fathers.

5

"Be alert, stand firm in the faith, be brave and strong" (1 Corinthians 16:13).

Pray for the conviction of Christian men to be so deep that they are steady and strong in their Christian faith, witness, and ministry.

Call to Holiness

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"For I am the Lord your God, so you must consecrate yourselves and be holy because I am holy" (Leviticus 11:44).

Pray that men will submit to God's command to be holy, consecrate themselves, and commit to purity of heart, soul, mind, and actions.

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"... be holy because I am holy" (Leviticus 11:44).

Pray that men will see this passage not just as a command but also as an invitation from God to take on His holiness qualities so their lives truly bring glory to God.

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"... so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints" (1 Thessalonians 3:13, NASB).

Thank God that He desires to establish holiness within us, and pray that men will let down their defenses of resistance so that God can do this work in their lives.

9

"As obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires of your former ignorance but, as the One who called you is holy, you also are to be holy in all your conduct" (1 Peter 1:14-15).

Pray that men will forsake lifestyles and habits that are contrary to the nature of God and seek to be holy in their attitudes and actions.

10

"Let them praise Your great and awe-inspiring name. He is holy. Exalt the Lord our God; bow in worship at His holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy" (Psalm 99:3,9).

Pray that men will freely and gladly worship their holy God as they give praise for the holiness of the Father.

Confession and Repentance

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"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

Pray that men will be contrite for their sins, desire to flee iniquity, and come to God for salvation and the restoration that comes through repentance.

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"The person is to confess the sin he has committed. He is to pay full compensation, add a fifth of its value to it, and give [it] to the individual he has wronged" (Numbers 5:7).

Pray that men will humbly confess their sins before God and those they have wronged, and that they would have the integrity to make restitution when possible.

13

"(If) My people who are called by My name humble themselves, pray and seek My face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

Pray for men to humbly seek the face of God and repent from their sins, so that God will heal our land.

14

"He opens their ears to correction and insists they repent from iniquity" (Job 36:10).

Pray that men will recognize the sin in their lives and hear the Holy Spirit calling them to repent.

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"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe in the good news!" (Mark 1:15).

Pray that men will have a sense of urgency toward repentance and faith in the God of their salvation.

Passion for the Bride of Christ (the Church)

16

"I am jealous for you with the jealousy of God himself. For I promised you as a pure bride to one husband—Christ" (2 Corinthians 11:2, NLT).

Pray for the purity of the body of Christ and for men to have a passion to protect the church as they would protect a bride (daughter/fiancée) from defilement and harm.

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"I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, urge you to walk worthy of the calling you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, accepting one another in love, diligently keeping the unity of the Spirit with the peace that binds us" (Ephesians 4:1-3).

Pray for unity in our churches, that doctrinal integrity would bind that unity, and that men would guard that unity against false teaching.

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"Saul, however, was ravaging the church, and he would enter house after house, drag off men and women, and put them in prison" (Acts 8:3).

Pray that men will be strong when opposition attacks the church, that men would stand guard over the church, and that they would see persecutors as potential converts.

19

"To God's church at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus and called as saints, with all those in every place who call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord—theirs and ours" (1 Corinthians 1:2).

Pray for men to be in a great number when Christ's sanctified saints gather for worship.

20

"According to the grace given to us, we have different gifts: If prophecy, use it according to the standard of faith; if service, in service; if teaching, in teaching; if exhorting, in exhortation; giving, with generosity; leading, with diligence; showing mercy, with cheerfulness" (Romans 12:6-8).

Pray for men to discover and exercise their spiritual gifts within their local church.

Models of Mission Action

21

"When the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had welcomed God's message, they sent Peter and John to them" (Acts 8:14).

Pray for men to have the missionary heart of Peter and John, being willing to go short or long distances to tell all people—even ones who are very different from themselves—about the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

22

"An angel of the Lord spoke to Philip: "Get up and go south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to desert Gaza" (Acts 8:26).

Pray that men would become spiritually aware of God's mission assignment(s) for them near their homes and realize the world can be engaged—even near home—to hear the gospel.

23

"As they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work that I have called them to.' Then, after they had fasted, prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them off" (Acts 13:2-3).

Pray that men would fast and seek the Holy Spirit's wisdom to discern who among them God might call out for a special mission somewhere in the world.

24

"After some time had passed, Paul said to Barnabas, 'Let's go back and visit the brothers in every town where we have preached the message of the Lord, and see how they're doing'" (Acts 15:36).

Pray for men to develop lasting Christian relationships through missions that they can treasure all their lives.

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"This is why I have sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord. He will remind you about my ways in Christ Jesus, just as I teach everywhere in every church" (1 Corinthians 4:17).

Pray for young men who are willing to be mentored in the faith and prepared for mission service. Ask God to prepare their hearts and remove fears about financial support.

The Hearts of Men

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"Son of man, these men have set up idols in their hearts and have put sinful stumbling blocks before their faces. Should I be consulted by them at all?" (Ezekiel 14:3).

Pray that men will recognize the idols of their hearts that steal their allegiance to God. Ask God to remove these stumbling blocks from men's lives.

27

"Instead, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please men, but rather God, who examines our hearts" (1 Thessalonians 2:4).

Pray that as God examines the hearts of men to determine their stewardship of the gospel, men will be convicted of their shortcomings and have a passion to spread the pure gospel.

28

"And he will turn the hearts of fathers to [their] children and the hearts of children to their fathers. Otherwise, I will come and strike the land with a curse" (Malachi 4:6).

Pray for God to bond the hearts of fathers and their children together through mutual confession and forgiveness, tearing down barriers, and uniting families at the foot of the cross.

29

"This is what the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, says: Correct your ways and your deeds, and I will allow you to live in this place. Do not trust deceitful words, chanting: This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord. Instead, if you really change your ways and your actions, if you act justly toward one another, if you no longer oppress the alien, the fatherless, and the widow and no longer shed innocent blood in this place or follow other gods, bringing harm on yourselves, I will allow you to live in this place, the land I gave to your ancestors forever and ever" (Jeremiah 7:3-7).

Pray that God will convict men to change their "ways and deeds" that are contrary to the Father's nature. Pray that men will desire justice and compassion for the downtrodden.

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"If only they had such a heart to fear Me and keep all My commands, so that they and their children will prosper forever" (Deuteronomy 5:29).

Pray that God will give men a heart to fear and obey Him and the realization that this legacy will bless the generations that follow.

Men of Courage

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"When Asa heard these words and the prophecy of [Azariah son of] Oded the prophet, he took courage and removed the detestable idols from the whole land of Judah and Benjamin and from the cities he had captured in the hill country of Ephraim. He renovated the altar of the Lord that was in front of the vestibule of the Lord's [temple]" (2 Chronicles 15:8).

Pray that God would reveal those things that men put above Him. Ask God to give men courage to remove those idols from their lives.

32

"For troubles without number have surrounded me; my sins have overtaken me; I am unable to see. They are more than the hairs of my head, and my courage leaves me" (Psalm 40:12).

Pray that men will discover God's gift of courage that comes from purity of heart, faithfulness, and obedience. Ask God to instill courage in men so they will face up to life's challenges with integrity and honor.

33

"Each one helps the other, and says to another, 'Take courage'" (Isaiah 41:6)!

Pray for fellowship among men that encourages courage, where men stand by one another in Christian fellowship, and that nurtures them to make good decisions and take appropriate actions to honor God.

34

"Just then some men brought to Him a paralytic lying on a stretcher. Seeing their faith, Jesus told the paralytic, 'Have courage, son, your sins are forgiven'" (Matthew 9:2).

Pray that God's work in men's lives will encourage and embolden them to be on mission with Him.

35

"But Christ was faithful as a Son over His household, whose household we are if we hold on to the courage and the confidence of our hope" (Hebrews 3:6).

Pray that in the face of opposition, persecution, and disappointment men will find courage and confidence in the hope we have in Christ.

Workers for the Harvest

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"Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:38).

Pray that God will burden men to be proactively evangelistic and missional with a burning desire to share Christ and make disciples.

37

"The son who gathers during summer is prudent; the son who sleeps during harvest is disgraceful" (Proverbs 10:5).

Pray that men will be alert, willing, and ready to tell others about Christ and gather an eternal harvest that honors God.

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"Harvest has passed, summer has ended, but we have not been saved" (Jeremiah 8:20).

Pray that the hearts of men will be pure and attuned to the work of God around them so that the purpose of the harvest—evangelism resulting in the salvation of lost friends, relatives, neighbors, and associates—will not elude them and cause them to lose hope.

39

"At harvest time he sent a slave to the farmers so that they might give him some fruit from the vineyard. But the farmers beat him and sent him away empty-handed" (Luke 20:10).

Pray that men will treat every human being with dignity and respect, readily sharing Christ with anyone and everyone who God brings their way.

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"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who is wise wins souls" (Proverbs 11:30, NASB).

Pray for men to obtain wisdom from God resulting in evangelism.

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