



# 21 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING

**MARCH 11-APRIL 3**

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## **ST. JOHN CHURCH 21 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING**

### **2026 THEME**

**“Faith That Sticks in 2026: Get Connected.”**

**John 15:1-8**

### **SJC 2026 PRAYER FOCUS**

*Staying Connected, Progressing in Faith*

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## SJC 21 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING 2026

The St. John Church 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting begins Wednesday, March 11 and ends Friday, April 3 (Good Friday). As we stay connected and progress in faith during our 21 days of prayer and fasting together as a church family, let us pray to draw closer to God, strengthen our faith and advance God's kingdom in 2026.

Our theme this year is "Faith that Sticks 2026: Get Connected" (John 15:1–8). This is a year of connectivity. God has given us a grace year of opportunity to get and stay connected—connected to Him, connected to His Word, and connected to one another. During our 21 days of prayer and fasting, we are seeking divine revelation, spiritual revival, and spiritual breakthroughs as we abide in Christ and allow our faith to grow deeper and stronger.

Our devotions this year are based on the book, "Pardon My Progress" by Dr. Darrell Fielder. Although it is not necessary to purchase the book to join in our daily devotions, it is recommended for supplemental information and greater understanding. This book can be purchased in the SJC Growing in the Spirit Book Store. In addition, there will be daily live video devotion presentations available on all SJC social media sites.

As we enter the season of prayer and fasting as a church, let us purify and consecrate ourselves. As we go forward, we must pray for one another, the church, our community and the world. We trust God to lead, guide and sustain us during our 21 days of prayer and fasting.

### Important Dates:

- March 11 – April 3 (Good Friday) – **SJC 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting (SJC 21DPF)**
- March 11 – April 5 (Resurrection Sunday) – **6:00 AM Daily Prayer Call**
- Sat. March 28 – **Eggstravaganza**, 11:00AM – 1:00PM Southlake Campus
- Sun. March 29 – **Palm Sunday**
- Mar. 31 – Apr. 1 – **Holy Week Revival**, 7:00 PM Grand Prairie Campus
- Fri. April 3 – **Good Friday Service**, 12:00 Noon Grand Prairie Campus
- Sun. April 5 – **Resurrection Services**, 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM Grand Prairie Campus and 10:30 AM Southlake Campus

### There are five components of SJC 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting:

- Personal Quiet Time
- Church-wide Prayer Call
- Personal Fast
- 21-Day Devotional (based on the book, "Pardon My Progress" by Dr. Darrell Fielder.)
- Personal Journal

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### **(1) Personal Quiet Time:**

Daily personal devotion or quiet time is simply time set apart to spend with God. Plan to spend more time with God daily and be consistent during this season. Quiet time is an integral part of a Christian's everyday life. This time should allow one to draw closer to God without distractions. Quiet time should incorporate the practice of the spiritual disciplines of prayer, worship, listening, journaling, reading scripture and meditating on God's Word. We must desire to know God better and be willing to obey the Lord God that we seek to know. Every believer must intensify their commitment to living in accordance and obedience to the Word of God to experience the glory of the Lord like never before!

### **(2) Church-wide 6:00 AM Prayer Call:**

Join the SJC Family for a 6:00 AM prayer call that begins Wednesday, March 11 (including and Sunday) and ends April 5 (Resurrection Day). Pastor Davis or SJC representative will lead devotion and prayer each morning. **PRAYER LINE: 530-881-1212 / CODE: 291-359-153**

### **(3) Personal Fast:**

Your fast should be so impactful that in your sacrifice you are constantly reminded of the power and presence of God in your life.

Choose your fast:

- Food - Abstain from certain foods (for example, Daniel Fast, eliminating meats, dairy, sugars, junk foods, fried foods, etc.)
- Technology - Minimize the use of technology/television/social media
- Financial - Eliminate non-essential spending (example: Financial Liberation Fast (see the attached addendum- Covenant of Financial Liberation))

Divine cleansing and renewal of our bodies are some of the benefits of a personal fast. Pray for God's wisdom to make appropriate choices during this time of fasting.

You should consult with your physician before beginning a food fast. Remember to drink plenty of water and get sufficient rest.

### **(4) 21-Day Devotional** (based on the book, "Pardon My Progress" by Dr. Darrell Fielder.)

Refer to the book for daily devotions. This guide includes Sundays and Holy Saturday devotions. Each morning Pastor Davis or SJC representative will lead devotion and prayer each morning.

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### **(5) 21-Day Journal – journal your 21 days of fasting and prayer journey**

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### DEVOTIONALS AT-A-GLANCE

*“Yea though I walk through the valley of death, I will fear no evil for Thou are with me” Psalm 23:4*

DAY	WEEKLY FOCUS	DAILY FOCUS	PAGE	ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE
Day 1, WED Mar. 11	THOUGH	Acknowledge	Page 3	Proverbs 3:5–6
Day 2, THU Mar. 12		Accept	Page 5	Romans 15:7
Day 3, FRI Mar. 13		Adjust	Page 7	Romans 12:2
Day 4, SAT Mar. 14		Access	Page 9	Hebrews 4:16
SUN Mar. 15		Rooted in Love: Growing Together in Christ		John 15:1–8
Day 5, MON Mar.16	THOUGH	Acquire	Page 11	Proverbs 4:5
Day 6, TUE Mar. 17		Apply	Page 13	James 1:22
Day 7, WED Mar. 18		Amend	Page 15	Matthew 3:8
Day 8, THU Mar. 19	THROUGH	Small Steps Go A Long Way	Page 18	Zechariah 4:10
Day 9, FRI Mar. 20		Step With Wisdom	Page 20	James 1:5
Day 10, SAT Mar. 21		Step Faithfully	Page 22	2 Corinthians 5:7
SUN Mar. 22		Growing in Christ: Progressing in Faith and Wisdom		John 15:1–8, Psalm 23
Day 11, MON Mar. 23	THROUGH	Step Patiently	Page 24	Romans 8:25
Day 12, TUE Mar. 24		Step With Accountably	Page 26	1 Thessalonians 5:11
Day 13, WED Mar. 25		Step Gratefully	Page 28	1 Thessalonians 5:18
Day 14, THU Mar. 26		Step Purposefully	Page 30	Ephesians 2:10

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Day 15, FRI Mar. 27	THOU	God's Faithfulness	Page 34	Lamentations 3:23
Day 16, SAT Mar. 28		God's Comfort	Page 36	2 Corinthians 1:3-4
Palm Sunday, Mar. 29		Hosanna and the Vine		Matthew 21:9, Matthew 21:1-11, John 15:1-8, Psalm 118:25-26
Day 17, MON Mar. 30	THOU	God's Guidance	Page 38	Isaiah 58:11
Day 18, TUE Mar. 31		God's Provision	Page 40	Philippians 4:19
Day 19, WED Apr. 1		God's Love	Page 42	1 John 3:1
Day 20, THU Apr. 2		God's Peace	Page 44	Philippians 4:7
Day 21, FRI Apr. 3 GOOD FRIDAY		God's Presence	Page 46	Hebrews 13:5
Holy Saturday, Apr. 4			Abiding in the Waiting	
Resurrection Sunday, Apr. 5		Alive Because We Are Connected		John 15:5, John 14:19, John 15:1-8, Luke 24:5-6

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**Sunday, March 15, 2026**

Rooted in Love: Growing Together in Christ

John 15:1–8

Imagine a grapevine in a garden. The vine gives life to the branches, and the branches grow grapes. If a branch breaks off, it can't grow anything. That's how it is with us and Jesus. He gives us strength, love, and purpose. When we stay close to Him—through prayer, worship, and love—we grow good things like kindness, patience, and joy.

Think about how a branch depends entirely on the vine for nourishment and support. Without the vine, the branch withers and cannot produce fruit. Similarly, our spiritual lives depend on staying connected to Jesus. When we spend time with Him, reading the Bible, praying, and loving others, we receive the nourishment we need to grow in faith and character.

As a family, we are like a little vineyard. Each person is a branch, and together we grow fruit that blesses others. When we stay connected to Jesus and to each other, we become a strong, loving family that reflects God's heart. This connection helps us face challenges with patience and kindness, and it fills our home with joy and peace.

Remember, staying connected to Jesus is not just about what we do individually, but how we support and encourage one another in our faith journey. Together, rooted in Him, we can grow and bear much fruit that blesses our family and those around us.

### PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank You for being our true vine and for giving us life and strength. Help us to stay deeply connected to You every day, so that we may grow in love, patience, kindness, and joy. Teach us to support one another as a family, encouraging each other to bear good fruit that blesses those around us. When we face challenges, remind us to lean on You and trust Your care. Fill our hearts with Your peace and guide our steps in Your ways. May we be strong branches, rooted in Your love, shining Your light, and sharing Your grace with everyone we meet. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.

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**Sunday, March 22, 2026**

Growing in Christ: Progressing in Faith and Wisdom

John 15:1-8 and Psalm 23

A life of faith grows one small, steady step at a time. John 15:1–8 reminds us that Jesus is the “True Vine”, and we are the branches—designed to grow, stretch, and bear fruit, but only as we stay connected to Him. Progress in the Kingdom is rarely loud or dramatic. It often looks like quiet obedience, daily choices, and small acts of love that slowly shape us into who God is calling us to be.

Psalm 23 echoes this same truth. The Shepherd does not rush His sheep. He leads, guides, restores, and walks with us through every valley and every victory. Progress is not measured by speed but by staying close to the One who knows the way.

The Christian life flourishes with every step of faith when prayer is chosen over worry, forgiveness over frustration and service over comfort. Seeking God's voice while learning from His Word provides a foundation of peace and confidence to navigate the world. Progress is not perfection; it is “remaining in Christ”, trusting that every step—no matter how small—moves us closer to His purpose. As we walk together, may we celebrate growth, honor the process, and stay rooted in the Vine who makes all things flourish.

### PRAYER

Father God, thank you for your love and guidance as I grow in my Christian faith. Help me to see my every day interactions as opportunities to grow in faith and wisdom. I pray that I will stay close to You as I navigate the twists and tangles of life. You are my Shepherd, I place my trust in You.

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### Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026

Hosanna and the Vine

*"Hosanna... Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord."*

Matthew 21:9, KJV

Additional scriptures: Matthew 21:1–11; John 15:1–8; Psalm 118:25–26

Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The people wave palms and cry, "Hosanna!"—Save us now. They praise Him as King, yet many do not understand that the same Savior they celebrate will soon be rejected, pruned, and crucified.

In John 15, Jesus prepares His disciples for what is coming. He tells them, *"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser."* Palm Sunday is the public celebration; Holy Week reveals the cost. The cross will look like the vine is being cut down—but it is actually the way God will release new life.

The crowd praises Jesus for what they hope He will do. Jesus calls His followers to abide with Him for who He is. True praise is not just waving palms; it is remaining connected when the cheering stops and the pruning begins.

Palm Sunday asks us: **Will we stay connected to the Vine when obedience leads to sacrifice?** Abiding faith remains faithful when praise turns into pressure and celebration gives way to the cross.

### PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we welcome You as our King and Savior. As we shout Hosanna, help us to remain connected to You. When the palms are laid down and the cross is lifted up, give us the faith to abide and trust the Father's hand. Prepare our hearts to walk with You through Holy Week. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026

Abiding in the Waiting

*“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in Me.” — John 15:4*

Holy Saturday is the day of waiting—the quiet space between the sorrow of the cross and the victory of the resurrection. The disciples had witnessed Jesus’ crucifixion, and now all seemed still. Their hopes appeared buried in a tomb.

Yet even in the silence, the invitation to abide remained.

Jesus had already taught His followers that their strength and life would come from staying connected to Him, just as branches remain connected to the vine. Though they did not yet understand it, their hope was not gone—it was simply hidden for a moment behind the stone.

Holy Saturday reminds us that abiding in Christ is not only for moments of celebration but also for seasons of uncertainty. There are times when God’s promises seem delayed and when answers feel distant. In those moments, abiding means staying rooted in Christ—trusting His word, holding on to faith, and remaining connected to Him even when we cannot see what He is doing.

The disciples did not yet know that resurrection morning was coming. But their relationship with Jesus would soon prove that death, silence, and waiting never have the final word.

When we abide in Christ, we can rest in the assurance that even in the quiet, God is working. The same power that would raise Jesus from the grave is already moving behind the scenes.

So today, in the stillness of Holy Saturday, we choose to remain connected to the Vine—trusting that new life is on the way.

### PRAYER

Gracious Father, Thank You for inviting us to abide in Christ in every season of life. In moments when we feel like we are waiting in silence, help us remain rooted in You. Strengthen our faith so that we stay connected to the true Vine and trust Your work even when we cannot see it. Teach us to rest in Your presence and to hold on to the hope of resurrection. In Jesus’ name, Amen

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### Resurrection Sunday, April 5, 2026

Alive Because We Are Connected

*"I am the vine, ye are the branches... because I live, ye shall live also."* (John 15:5; cf. John 14:19)

Additional scriptures: John 15:1–8; Luke 24:5–6

Resurrection Sunday proclaims one powerful truth: **Jesus is alive**. The empty tomb declares that death could not hold Him and the grave could not keep Him. But John 15 reminds us that resurrection life does not stop at the empty tomb—it flows into us.

Jesus says, *"I am the true vine."* A dead vine cannot give life to its branches. The fact that Jesus rose from the dead means the Vine is alive—and because the Vine lives, the branches live also. Resurrection power is the life of Christ flowing through those who abide in Him.

The cross looked like the end, but it was really the pruning. The burial looked like loss, but it was preparation for new growth. On Resurrection morning, God proved that what looks cut down is not cut off. When we abide in the risen Christ, even seasons of loss and suffering cannot stop the life God is producing in us.

Resurrection Sunday invites us to examine our connection. Are we truly abiding in the living Vine, or merely attached in name? The risen Christ calls us to remain in Him so that His resurrection life—hope, obedience, love, and faith—can bear fruit through us.

### PRAYER

Risen Lord, we thank You that You are the true and living Vine. Because You rose from the grave, life flows through us today. Prune what is dead, restore what is broken, and revive what is dormant in our lives. Help us to abide in You and bear fruit that glorifies the Father. We declare that because You live, we live also. Amen!

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### ADDENDUM

#### COVENANT OF FINANCIAL LIBERATION

In an effort to achieve financial liberation, to increase the capacity for stewardship, and to build transgenerational wealth, we enter into covenant one with the other. We engage therefore to refrain from purchasing the items in the following categories:

1. Clothing – suits, dresses, shoes, hats, sports coats, coats, shirts, blouses, skirts, ties, and sweaters
2. Electronics – computers, televisions, dvd players, surround sound systems, and other gadgets
3. Motor Vehicles – including suv's, sedans, sports cars, trucks, motorcycles, and boats
4. Accessories – pens, briefcases, purses, bags, jewelry, and sports equipment
5. Decorative Furnishings and Art

We further engage to honor God with the first fruit of our increase being the tithe/tenth, apply ten percent of each paycheck and all additional income, into a savings account. All monies saved from spending reductions are to be applied to debt liquidation.

As we achieve financial liberation, we also will seek and pursue investment and other capital formation opportunities.

While gifts may be purchased for others, said purchases should take the intent and spirit of this covenant into consideration.

This we do as a witness to others for the glory of God.



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