

A CALL TO PRAYER + FASTING

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Good reasons to fast:

- + spiritual awakening for yourself and your congregation
- + God's guidance in your life

Before you fast:

- + pray and ask God how he wants you to fast (abstaining from food isn't the only meaningful kind of fast; God may direct you to fast from anything that is important to you)
- + confess and repent of all revealed sin—have a clean heart
- + as the Spirit guides, reconcile and/or restore broken relationships
- + make a written commitment between yourself and God for your fast (see reverse side)

Some things to draw you closer to God as you fast:

- + pray continually and fervently
- + read, study, meditate on, and memorize Scripture
- + reserve a time during the day to be quiet before God
- + keep a journal
- + consider using prayers from the Bible, praying out loud, or worshiping with music or some other way that is meaningful to you

Don't fast:

- + for selfish desires or ambitions
- + to try to manipulate God (God is not obligated by our fasting to meet our expectations or grant our wishes)
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My reason(s) for fasting:

What I will be fasting:

Start date: _____ **End date:** _____

God being my strength and grace being my basis,
I commit myself to the above fast.

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