

**NXTGEN**  
INTERCEDE

**PRAYER:**  
**EXPERIENCING**  
**GOD'S LOVE**  
FOR AGES 8 - 12



# DEAR PARENTS & KIDS

We are thrilled to come alongside you and join hands with our CCF Family as we embark on a special time of prayer and fasting with our little ones. We pray that this time will be a week of meaningful, joy-filled, and full of God's amazing love for each one of you.

Here are some simple guide and reminders to help you out:

- ♥ **Read aloud this NXTGEN Intercede Booklet.** Talk about the meaning of prayer and fasting.
- ♥ **Accomplish the fasting guide together.** **Parents,** guide the kids on what activities they may fast. Allow them to think about what fruitful time with God they will do to replace their chosen activity. **Kids,** heed your parent's instruction on what you can or cannot fast.
- ♥ **Read aloud the assigned passages together.** But older kids may work independently.
- ♥ **Mark and emphasize the keywords** in the assigned passages.
- ♥ **Answer the suggested reflective questions** to make connections and deepen the understanding of the passage.
- ♥ **Reinforce** by doing the suggested activities assigned on each day.

Most importantly, ask God's help and be patient. Always remember the redemptive work of the Gospel whenever you feel frustrated, discouraged, or impatient. Let's all remember that only through Jesus can we all get through and **EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE** this week.

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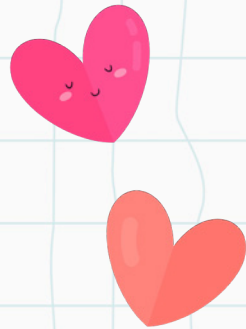
# WHAT IS PRAYER?

**Prayer is talking and listening to God.** It's like having a conversation with someone who loves us very much and wants to help us. We pray to tell God how much we love Him and to ask for His help. We pray in Jesus' name and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. When we pray, we tell God how thankful we are for everything He's done for us, share our worries and needs, and ask Him to help us live the way He wants us to (Matthew 6:9-13; 1 John 5:14-15; John 16:23-24; Jude 20).

# WHAT IS FASTING?

**Fasting is choosing to stop doing an activity to enjoy God's presence.** When fasting, we decide not to do activities such as eating a meal, using gadgets, playing games, watching movies, or doing any other activity for a while. **But we replace these activities with fruitful times with God, such as praying, reading the Bible, and worshipping Him.** While most people stop eating food for fasting, it is best to talk with your parents and guardians about what you will fast so they can guide you well.

**When we fast and pray, we talk to God and listen to Him.** We think about our actions, ask for His forgiveness and turn away from sin. We seek His answers to our questions and pray for His provisions, healing, victory, and a deeper understanding of His Word. It shows our dependence on God. It shows that God is more important than our activities and what sustains our physical bodies.



# WHY DO WE FAST?

## **GOD EXPECTS US TO FAST.**

*“When you give up eating, don’t put on a sad face like the hypocrites. They make their faces look strange to show people that they are giving up eating. I tell you the truth, those hypocrites already have their full reward. So when you give up eating, comb your hair and wash your face. – Matthew 6:16-17 ICB*

Jesus said, “Whenever you fast,” not “If you fast.” This means that fasting, like prayer, is not an option. Fasting is part of the Christian life.

## **JESUS FASTED.**

*Jesus ate nothing for 40 days and nights. After this, he was very hungry.– Matthew 4:2 ICB*

Before Jesus’ ministry, He fasted for forty days. He knew He needed spiritual strength to accomplish His purpose. Fasting makes us physically weak but spiritually stronger and more prepared to do God’s work.

## **THE EARLY CHURCH FASTED.**

*So they gave up eating and prayed. They laid their hands on Barnabas and Saul and sent them out. – Acts 13:3 ICB*

The Church fasted for Paul and Barnabas. Later, Paul and Barnabas appointed leaders in various churches, fasting and praying before commending these leaders to the Lord.

## **FASTING SHOWS OUR HUMILITY BEFORE GOD.**

Fasting shows that we recognize our need for God. It shows that we cannot do anything on our own. It shows how small and weak we are before our Big God.

# FASTING GUIDE

## BEFORE FASTING

- ♥ **TALK TO YOUR PARENTS & GUARDIANS.** Not all people are allowed to fast. It is best to talk to them about what you plan to fast so they can guide you.
- ♥ **COMMIT TO A FASTING PLAN.** What activities will you stop doing? What fruitful time with God will you do instead?
- ♥ **READ, REFLECT ON, AND REINFORCE** the assigned passages. Dig deeper into God's Word and apply what God revealed through the assigned passages.

## DURING FASTING

### LET'S READ

Let's discover who God is and His will through His Word. **READ ALOUD** the assigned passages. **MARK** the words and phrases that must be remembered and thought about.

### LET'S REFLECT

Let's develop a habit of digging deeper into God's Word by answering reflective questions. You may write or draw your answers.

### LET'S REINFORCE

Let's seek ways to apply what God has shown to us through His Word and our prayers. Write down your "I Will" application statements. What do you plan to do as a result of what you've learned from God's Word? Be specific with your actions. Next, do an activity with your family to process and apply each lesson. Most importantly, pray for the assigned focus of the day.

# FASTING PLAN

**PRAY AND TALK TO YOUR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS ABOUT THE THINGS YOU WANT TO FAST.** Then, write or draw the activities you want to fast on each day. Keep in mind that you will replace these activities with fruitful times with God (ex. praying, singing, reading the Bible, and worshipping).

## DAY 1

I WILL FAST FROM

TO SPEND TIME WITH GOD THROUGH

## DAY 2

I WILL FAST FROM

TO SPEND TIME WITH GOD THROUGH

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# DAY 4

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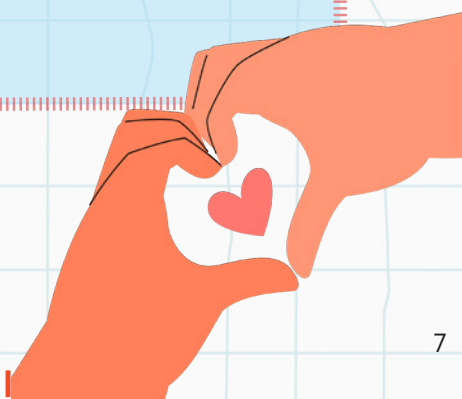
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# DAY 6

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TO SPEND TIME WITH GOD THROUGH



## DAY 1

# GOD'S LOVE FOR OUR FAMILIES

## LET'S READ

**DRAW HEARTS ON THE WORDS THAT SHOW  
HOW WE CAN LOVE OUR FAMILY.**

### **EPHESIANS 5:1-2, 18-21 <sup>NIV</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; <sup>2</sup> and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

<sup>18</sup> ... but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; <sup>20</sup> always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; <sup>21</sup> and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

## LET'S REFLECT

1. What are the instructions given by Paul in verses 1-2?
2. Draw or write one way the passage describes how we can show love in our daily life (verses 18-21)?



# LET'S REINFORCE

## APPLICATION

Write **I WILL APPLICATION STATEMENTS** that you plan to do as a result of what you've learned from God's Word. These statements must be specific actions with a set timeframe.

*Example:*

*With God's help, I will show my love to [cite a person's name] every week by [cite an action].*

**WITH GOD'S HELP,**

**I will** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

**I will** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

## FAMILY ACTIVITY

### LOVE NOTES

Provide colorful paper, markers, and stickers to the kids. Instruct each member of the family to write or draw messages of love and encouragement for each one. Throughout the week, encourage everyone to secretly leave these notes in unexpected places for each other to find.



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# MY PRAYER FOR MY FAMILY



## SPECIFIC THINGS YOU CAN PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY THIS WEEK.

- ♥ Praise and thank God for your family members.
- ♥ Pray for unity and harmony within the family.
- ♥ Pray for the health and safety of each family member.
- ♥ Pray for wisdom and strength for your parents and guardians.
- ♥ Pray for opportunities to spend time together as a family.
- ♥ Ask God to help each one of you grow closer to Jesus and understand His love for each one of you.
- ♥ Ask God to help each one of you love, forgive, help, and support one another.
- ♥ Ask God to guide each one in school and work.

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## DAY 2

# GOD'S LOVE FOR OUR CHURCH

## LET'S READ

**DRAW HEARTS ON THE WORDS:  
COMMAND, LOVE, & FOLLOWERS.**

**JOHN 13:34-35** <sup>ICB</sup>

"I give you a new command: Love each other. You must love each other as I have loved you. All people will know that you are my followers if you love each other."

## LET'S REFLECT

1. What was Jesus' command in these verses?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How should we show love to one another? Who should we copy?

# LET'S REINFORCE

## APPLICATION

Write **I WILL APPLICATION STATEMENTS** that you plan to do as a result of what you've learned from God's Word. These statements must be specific actions with a set timeframe.

### Example:

*With God's help, I will help my NXTGEN teacher to [cite an action] on Sunday.*

## WITH GOD'S HELP,

I will \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

I will \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

## FAMILY ACTIVITY

### PRAYER CHAIN

Help children create a prayer chain by cutting strips of paper and writing short prayers on each one. These prayers can be for the church leaders and workers, church members, ministry leaders, missionaries, and NXTGEN teachers. As a family, connect the strips to form a chain. Commit to praying for the church each week.



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# MY PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH



## SPECIFIC THINGS YOU CAN PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH THIS WEEK.

- ♥ Praise and thank God for our Church and the members.
- ♥ Pray for wisdom for our pastors and church leaders as they make decisions for our church.
- ♥ Ask God to give our NXTGEN teachers love, lots of energy and patience as they teach us about Jesus' love.
- ♥ Pray that everyone in our church love, help, and forgive one another.
- ♥ Ask God to keep all the families in our church healthy and strong.
- ♥ Ask God to fill the hearts of our volunteers with love and joy as they serve and help at church.
- ♥ Pray for our missionaries all over the world.

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## DAY 3

# GOD'S LOVE FOR THE COMMUNITY

## LET'S READ

**DRAW HEARTS ON THE WORDS:  
JESUS, TRAVELED, HEALED, HARVEST,  
MORE WORKERS.**

**MATTHEW 9:35-38** <sup>ICB</sup>

<sup>35</sup> Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages. He taught in their synagogues and told people the Good News about the kingdom. And he healed all kinds of diseases and sicknesses. <sup>36</sup> He saw the crowds of people and felt sorry for them because they were worried and helpless. They were like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to his followers, "There are many people to harvest, but there are only a few workers to help harvest them. <sup>38</sup> God owns the harvest. Pray to him that he will send more workers to help gather his harvest."

## LET'S REFLECT

1. How did Jesus show His love for the community?
2. How can you show your love for the people in your community?

# LET'S REINFORCE

## APPLICATION

Write **I WILL APPLICATION STATEMENTS** that you plan to do as a result of what you've learned from God's Word. These statements must be specific actions with a set timeframe.

**Example:**

*With God's help, I will pray for our neighbor, [cite a person's name], every night for the next 14 days.*

## WITH GOD'S HELP,

**I will** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**I will** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## FAMILY ACTIVITY

### PRAYER WALK IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Take a prayer walk around the neighborhood, pray for each house you pass by and its residents. Encourage kids to pray for the well-being of their neighbors. Alternatively, you may visit or drive along government establishments and pray for your local leaders.



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# MY PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY



**SPECIFIC THINGS YOU CAN  
PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY THIS  
WEEK.**

- ♥ Praise and thank God for our country and your community.
- ♥ Pray for wisdom for our government and community leaders as they make decisions for our country and communities.
- ♥ Ask God to help our government and community leaders to be kind and caring for all people and give them strength and love in their hearts.
- ♥ Ask God to fill the hearts of our government and community leaders with His love and joy as they serve and help our country.
- ♥ Pray for love and guidance for our teachers and school workers. Ask God to bless them with wisdom, joy and grow in Jesus every day.

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## DAY 4

# GOD'S LOVE FOR OUR ENEMIES

## LET'S READ

**DRAW HEARTS ON THE WORDS:  
LOVE, GOOD, REWARD, & KIND.**

**LUKE 6:35-36** <sup>ICB</sup>

<sup>35</sup> So love your enemies. Do good to them, and lend to them without hoping to get anything back. If you do these things, you will have a great reward. You will be sons of the Most High God. Yes, because God is kind even to people who are ungrateful and full of sin. <sup>36</sup> Show mercy just as your father shows mercy.

## LET'S REFLECT

1. What was Jesus' command in these verses?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How should we show love to one another?  
Who should we copy?

# LET'S REINFORCE

## APPLICATION

Write **I WILL APPLICATION STATEMENTS** that you plan to do as a result of what you've learned from God's Word. These statements must be specific actions with a set timeframe.

### Example:

*With God's help, I will pray for [cite a person's name] every night for the next 14 days.*

## WITH GOD'S HELP,

I will \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I will \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## FAMILY ACTIVITY

### FORGIVENESS ROCK

Have each child find a small, smooth rock. Ask them to write the name of someone they need to forgive or show love to. Encourage them to keep the rock as a reminder to pray for that person and show kindness.



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# MY PRAYER FOR OUR ENEMIES



## SPECIFIC THINGS YOU CAN PRAY FOR OUR ENEMIES THIS WEEK.

- ♥ Pray that they feel God's love in their hearts.
- ♥ Pray that they may know Jesus and experience God's love.
- ♥ Ask God to help them when they are sad or lonely.
- ♥ Pray that God will help you forgive and do good to them.
- ♥ Pray that they learn to forgive others and do good to others.
- ♥ Ask God how you can show God's love to them.
- ♥ Ask God to protect your minds and take captive of your thoughts in obedience to Jesus.

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## DAY 5

# GOD'S LOVE FOR OUR WHOLE BEING

## LET'S READ

**DRAW HEARTS ON THE WORDS:  
HELP, LORD, HEALED, BELIEVED, PRAISED.**

### LUKE 18:35-43 ICB

<sup>35</sup> Jesus was coming near the city of Jericho. There was a blind man sitting beside the road, begging for money. <sup>36</sup> When he heard the people coming down the road, he asked, "What is happening?" <sup>37</sup> They told him, "Jesus, the one from Nazareth, is coming here." <sup>38</sup> The blind man cried out, "Jesus, Son of David! Please help me!" <sup>39</sup> The people who were in front, leading the group, told the blind man to be quiet. But the blind man shouted more and more, "Son of David, please help me!" <sup>40</sup> Jesus stopped and said, "Bring the blind man to me!" When he came near, Jesus asked him, <sup>41</sup> "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, I want to see again." <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to him, "Then see! You are healed because you believed." <sup>43</sup> At once the man was able to see, and he followed Jesus, thanking God. All the people who saw this praised God.

## LET'S REFLECT

1. What was Jesus' question to him? (verse 41)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How would you answer Jesus' question in verse 41?

# LET'S REINFORCE

## APPLICATION

Write **I WILL APPLICATION STATEMENTS** that you plan to do as a result of what you've learned from God's Word. These statements must be specific actions with a set timeframe.

### Example:

*With God's help, I will pray that I will be able to [cite an action or an aspiration] so I can bring praise to God.*

### WITH GOD'S HELP,

I will \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

I will \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

## FAMILY ACTIVITY

### GRATITUDE JOURNALING

Keep a family gratitude journal, note three things each family member is thankful for each day. This helps each member recognize and experience God's love and blessings they receive each day.



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# MY PRAYER FOR WHOLE BEING



## SPECIFIC THINGS YOU CAN PRAY FOR YOURSELF THIS WEEK.

- ♥ Praise and thank God for the love and support of family and friends.
- ♥ Pray that you will experience God's love each day.
- ♥ Thank God for your god-given qualities and abilities.
- ♥ Pray for opportunities to use your talents to help others and glorify God.
- ♥ Thank God for your bodies and the ability to play, learn, and experience life. Pray for good health and the wisdom to make choices that keep your bodies strong.
- ♥ Ask God for understanding and wisdom in school, relationships, and decision-making.
- ♥ Pray for joy and peace in your heart, even when things are difficult.

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## DAY 6

# GOD'S LOVE FOR THE WORLD

## LET'S READ

**DRAW HEARTS ON THE WORDS:  
GOD, LOVED, WORLD, GAVE, SON, ETERNAL LIFE.**

### **JOHN 3:16-17** <sup>ICB</sup>

<sup>16</sup> “For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. God gave his Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world guilty, but to save the world through him.

## LET'S REFLECT

1. What did God do to show His love for the world?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What should your response be to God's love?

# LET'S REINFORCE

## APPLICATION

Write **I WILL APPLICATION STATEMENTS** that you plan to do as a result of what you've learned from God's Word. These statements must be specific actions with a set timeframe.

**Example:**

*With God's help, I will pray for [cite a country or a place] every night for the next 14 days.*

## WITH GOD'S HELP,

**I will** \_\_\_\_\_

**I will** \_\_\_\_\_

## FAMILY ACTIVITY

### GLOBAL PRAYER MAP

Create a world map and mark areas affected by conflicts. Let the kids use markers to mark places on the map where there are conflicts or wars. Talk briefly about why those areas need prayers. Give each child some sticky notes. Ask them to write or draw a simple prayer for peace on each note. Use string or yarn to attach the prayer notes to the marked regions on the map. Set a time each day for a short family prayer. Choose one or more places on the map to focus on, using the prayer notes as a guide.



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# MY PRAYER FOR THE WORLD



## SPECIFIC THINGS YOU CAN PRAY FOR THE WORLD THIS WEEK.

- ♥ Pray for families around the world to experience and share God's love.
- ♥ Ask God for peace and courage for kids facing challenges and fears.
- ♥ Pray for God's help for children and families who don't have enough food, safe home, or clean water.
- ♥ Ask God's love to fill the hearts of children who may feel sad or lonely.
- ♥ Ask for wisdom and courage for world leaders to make good choices for their countries.
- ♥ Pray that those affected by wars and calamities will experience God's love despite their situation.
- ♥ Pray for safety and provision for families (refugees) who had to leave their homes because of wars and conflicts.
- ♥ Ask God how you can show God's love to the world in simple ways.

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# LET'S FIND OUT HOW WE CAN



# EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE!



PRAYER:  
**EXPERIENCING  
GOD'S LOVE**



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