



40 Days to a New Life
Preparing for Easter at Life Community Church
February 27 – April 6, 2012

Join us for a 40-day journey as we prepare to Celebrate Easter: New Life! You will find yourself growing in Christ as you focus on the new life He brings and being actively involved in helping those you love come to know Him. Here are the five target areas and how action steps in each area will be communicated each week.

PRAYER: A daily prayer emphasis and special prayer events

BIBLE READING: A simple plan to read through the Gospel of John

FASTING: Learn the joy of fasting as you follow a weekly highlight

SERVING: Opportunities to help you show Christ's love in action

INVITING: A clear plan designed to help you succeed in inviting your friends to join you on a journey to new life

Where to Find Each Week's action Steps:

Check the website: lconline.org

Pick up a printed copy at the foyer desk

You will not want to miss a minute of this exciting time of preparation and growth for Life Community. Get started today.

Sharing the Journey!

Pastor Terry

Prayer

a. Daily prayer:

Monday, February 27: Pray about those you should invite to Easter at Life Community Church!

Tuesday, February 28: Pray for the lost to find Christ during this Easter season.

Wednesday, February 29: Pray for healing for those who are sick.

Thursday, March 1: Pray for our Life Community family, that we will be blessed and brought closer to Jesus this Easter season.

Friday, March 2: Pray for the health and strength of our family relationships.

Saturday, March 3: Pray for our country, that we will be a godly nation led by godly leaders.

Sunday, March 4: Pray for lives to be changed at Life Community on Easter!

Monday, March 5: Pray for our missionaries around the world.

Tuesday, March 6: Pray for those serving in the military.

Wednesday, March 7: Pray for the orphans and widows around the world.

Thursday, March 8: Pray for our church leaders: pastors, team members, and elders.

Friday, March 9: Pray for the abused, neglected and marginalized.

Saturday, March 10: Pray for those who are being persecuted for their faith around the world.

Sunday, March 11: Pray that those who are present at our Easter worship gatherings will be blessed.

Monday, March 12: Pray for financial blessings for our church members, and therefore, for our church.

Tuesday, March 13: Pray for ministry growth through Life Community, that our God-given mission will be fulfilled.

Wednesday, March 14: Pray for the senior adults in our church family.

Thursday, March 15: Pray for the babies and children of our church.

Friday, March 16: Pray for the teenagers in our church.

Saturday, March 17: Pray for the young adults in our church.

Sunday, March 18: Pray for marriages in our church.

Monday, March 19: Pray for the upcoming elections, that God's will be done in our nation.

Tuesday, March 20: Pray that our church will be visionary, that we will embrace the very bright future that God has for us, to reach our community and the world for Him!

Wednesday, March 21: Pray for all of our ministry volunteers, those who serve on our campus, in our community and around the world.

Thursday, March 22: Pray that everyone involved at Life Community will grow, connect and serve!

Friday, March 23: Pray that Life Community will be a spiritual lighthouse in our community but that we will not try to contain the light in our building.

Saturday, March 24: Pray for Christian churches around the world – that this Easter season will be an unprecedented time of reaching people for Christ!

Sunday, March 25: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. (Psalms 122:6)

Monday, March 26: Pray for freedom for those in the bondage of addiction.

Tuesday, March 27: Pray for missions teams that are traveling.

Wednesday, March 28: Pray for long-term positive impact and results from our upcoming Easter gatherings.

Thursday, March 29: Pray that hope will be given to the hopeless this Easter season!

Friday, March 30: Pray that the chains of sin will be broken during Holy Week!

Saturday, March 31: Pray that our Palm Sunday Worship Gatherings tomorrow will be an awesome beginning to Holy Week.

Sunday, April 1: Pray that our Good Friday Communion Service will be life-changing!

Monday, April 2: Pray for all of the volunteers serving in ministry this Easter season.

Tuesday, April 3: Pray that the residents of the Town of Winter Springs and surrounding communities will be impacted by our Easter Sunrise Worship Gathering.

Wednesday, April 4: Pray for those you have invited to Life Community Church on Easter.

Thursday, April 5: Pray that God's Spirit will prepare the hearts of the worshippers who will be present on Easter, that we will worship fervently.

Friday, April 6: Pray that people will find New Life in Christ on Easter!

b. Prayer Walks – You are encouraged to participate in a once a week Prayer Walk throughout our 40 Days to New Life (6 walks) You select the location and distance – in the community surrounding Life Community or in your neighborhood. Walk and pray alone, join a friend or invite your Community Group. Walk, ride your bike or skateboard! Simply pray for the residents in our communities to find salvation in Jesus Christ!

c. Group gatherings:

1. Prayer Service: Wednesday evening, April 4, 7:00. Hymns, Scriptures, Prayer.

2. Good Friday Evening Prayer Service.

Bible Reading

Gospel of John in 40 Days

- 2/27 1:1-28
- 2/28 1:29-51
- 2/29 2:1-23
- 3/1 3:1-21
- 3/2 3:22-36
- 3/3 4:1-42
- 3/4 4:43-54
- 3/5 5:1-29
- 3/6 5:30-47
- 3/7 6:1-21
- 3/8 6:22-59
- 3/9 6:60-71
- 3/10 7:1-31
- 3/11 7:32-52
- 3/12 8:1-30
- 3/13 8:31-59
- 3/14 9:1-41
- 3/15 10:1-21
- 3/16 10:22-42
- 3/17 11:1-27
- 3/18 11:28-57
- 3/19 12:1-26
- 3/20 12:27-50
- 3/21 13:1-20
- 3/22 13:21-38
- 3/23 14:1-14
- 3/24 14:15-31
- 3/25 15:1-17
- 3/26 15:18-27
- 3/27 16:1-15
- 3/28 16:16-33
- 3/29 17:1-26
- 3/30 18:1-24
- 3/31 18:25-40
- 4/1 19:1-27
- 4/2 19:28-42
- 4/3 20:1-18
- 4/4 20:19-30
- 4/5 21:1-14
- 4/6 21:15-25

Fasting:

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Week One (February 27 – March 4): Fast at least one meal (or certain elements of a meal: meat, refined sugar and flour, etc.) this week, spend the time in prayer

Week Two (March 5 – 11): Fast media for at least a few hours this week (TV, Internet, Videos, FB, Radio, etc.)

Week Three (March 12 – 18): Fast people for a few hours, spend some quality time with God

Week Four (March 19 – 25): Fast 2 or more meals this week, give what the meal(s) would cost to help feed the hungry

Week Five (March 26 – April 1): What consumes your time the most? Fast that for a set period of time this week.

Week Six (April 2 – April 8): Fast for a full day this week. Spend extra time in prayer.

There is one more way--and only you know what it is. There is something in your life that is good and nourishing and just fine, but that is the very thing you need to sacrifice to God. Maybe you know already--if so, write it down right now. If not, shut down your computer and think for a few moments about what it could be. With a little reflection, you will surely know the path of fasting that you need to choose. It may be something traditional, such as observing the dietary fasts that Christians have done for years. It may be something that is unique to you. Either way, give it up for Lent.

A video about fasting:

http://skitguys.com/videos/item/the-skinny-on-fasting?utm_source=Skit+Guys+News&utm_campaign=5da9c50298-Fasting_for_Lent2_15_2012&utm_medium=email

Serving

March 31st - Easter In Action or Activate Easter

- Neighborhood Egg Hunt
- Paint Your Heart Out (Paint a home for someone in need in our community)
- Work on someone's home in our community
- Lawn Care for those in need in our community
- Neighborhood Clean up- Youth Group
- Water Hand out
- Cookout at church for volunteers following project completion

Inviting

February 26— March 3: Commit to invite at least 1 and pray about who you will invite

March 4—Submit the name(s) of who you will invite (we'll pray with you!)

March 5— 11—Pray about the best way to personally invite

Suggestions for inviting: Invite Card, Mail Postcard, E-vite; follow up with personal invite

March 12— 19 INVITE

March 20—April 2—Pray daily those you invite will come and their hearts will be open to receive

April 3—7— Follow up and encourage your guests to commit to MEET you at a service

April 8—EASTER! (Invite your guests to come back on April 15!)