

Tuesday, Oct. 1

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 1

Prayer changes us to be more in line with God's will. Pray today that God will change your desires from what you love to more of what He loves. Let's be in tune with our Lord.

Psalm 66:16

Come and hear, all who fear God, and I will tell of what He has done for my soul.

Wednesday, Oct. 2

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 2

Pray for five minutes today, thanking God for who He is. Use the phrase "Lord you are..." Example: Lord you are kind; Lord you are merciful; Lord you are powerful.

Isaiah 43:10

"You are My witnesses," declares the Lord, "and My servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe Me and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, and there will be none after Me.

Thursday, Oct. 3

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 3

Pray for your walk to be consistent. That you are the same person in private you are in public. For us to be a strong witness it starts with our character.

Isaiah 44:8

"Do not tremble and do not be afraid; Have I not long since announced it to you and declared it? And you are My witnesses. Is there any God besides Me, or is there any other Rock? I know of none."

Friday, Oct. 4

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 4

Pray about that "secret" sin in your life that hinders you from being the authentic believer God will use to bring others to Himself. Surrender yourself to Him.

1 Timothy 6:12

Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Saturday, Oct. 5

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 5

Pray for a passion for His Word, that you love the Gospel even more than you did when you first responded to it. If you don't love the good news why would they?

1 Timothy 4:10

For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have set our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all mankind, especially of believers.

Sunday, Oct. 6

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 6

Write out a prayer today expressing your gratitude for your own salvation. Keep it somewhere you can read it several times over the next few weeks.

Colossians 2:6-7

Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.

Monday, Oct. 7

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 7

If able, walk around the block and pray for your neighbors as you pass their house. Pray for them by name if you know them or by house if you don't. For us to be warriors for their salvation it starts with us being prayer warriors on their behalf.

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth."

Tuesday, Oct. 8

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 8

Pray today for someone who needs healing and reach out to them through a visit, text, or note. Try to think of someone who doesn't know Christ who might be sick and show them care.

James 5:16

Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. A prayer of a righteous person, when it is brought about, can accomplish much.

Wednesday, Oct. 9

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 9

Pray for a way you can do an act of kindness today for someone you encounter, expecting nothing back in return. Many times our best witness comes without words.

Ephesians 4:32

Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

Thursday, Oct. 10

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 10

Pick three churches in the area besides our church and pray for them, that they might be salt and light to our community, a voice of the Gospel to the lost.

Hebrews 10:23-24

Let's hold firmly to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let's consider how to encourage one another in love and good deeds.

Friday, Oct. 11

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 11

Sing your favorite worship song as a prayer back to God asking Him to renew in you the joy of your salvation.

Psalm 7:17

I will give thanks to the Lord according to His righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.

Saturday, Oct. 12

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 12

Pray specifically for a lost family member by name. Ask God to give you courage and opportunity to share your faith with them.

Acts 26:18

to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.'

Sunday, Oct. 13

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 13

Pray specifically for a lost coworker. Ask God to give you courage and opportunity to share your faith with them.

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Monday, Oct. 14

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 14

Pray specifically for a lost acquaintance (someone you know enough to say hi to but don't have a real connection with). Look for a way to connect with them and show them the grace of Christ.

Acts 4:33

And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all.

Tuesday, Oct. 15

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 15

Spend ten minutes praying out loud through these verses: Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Matthew 5:3-16. Praying scriptures is a powerful way of declaring the truth of God's Word.

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Wednesday, Oct. 16

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 16

Take a prayer walk and specifically pray for your city. Pray for its leaders, churches, Christian influencers, and for the thousands who don't know Christ.

2 Chronicles 7:14

and My people who are called by My name humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Thursday, Oct. 17

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 17

Pray for our church services, that the Holy Spirit will convict of sin and bring people to their knees in repentance and faith. Pray for revival and a massive outpouring of God's Spirit through us, His church.

Isaiah 40:31

Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.

Friday, Oct. 18

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 18

Pray for boldness to be a light in the darkness. Where is one place you can be more bold in speaking grace and truth where darkness prevails?

Hebrews 12:1

Therefore, since we also have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let's rid ourselves of every obstacle and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let's run with endurance the race that is set before us.

Saturday, Oct. 19

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 19

Pray for God to burden your heart for the lost. The more we are burdened for the need the more urgent we will be.

Psalms 70:4

May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; and may those who love Your salvation say continually, "May God be exalted!"

Sunday, Oct. 20

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 20

Pray for a broken relationship in your life. Pray how you can do your part to make it right. Specifically pray for an opportunity to share your faith in the healing of the relationship.

Ephesians 4:32

Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

Monday, Oct. 21

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 21

Pray specifically today for that ONE person on your heart who needs Jesus. Pray that God might make them restless until they find their rest in Him.

Matthew 11:28

Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Tuesday, Oct. 22

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 22

Prayerfully write out your five priorities in life. Instead of just putting "God" try to be more specific. If sharing your faith is not in the top five priorities right now, ask the Lord to help you make it more of a priority.

Matthew 6:33

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided to you.

Wednesday, Oct. 23

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 23

Pray the armor of God on so that you won't buy into the lies that you don't know enough or aren't spiritually strong enough to share your faith.

Ephesians 6:10-11

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

Thursday, Oct. 24

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 24

Pray about three people who you can ask this week how you can pray for them. And then actually pray for them! Let them know a few days later that you have been praying and see how they are doing with their needs. Look for ways to share the hope of the Gospel with them.

Psalms 66:19

But God has heard; He has given attention to the sound of my prayer.

Friday, Oct. 25

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 25

Pray for your thoughts, behaviors, and actions to glorify God as you seek to be like Christ.

Colossians 3:2

Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord and not for people.

Saturday, Oct. 26

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 26

Pray for your passion to be seeing people come to the Lord more than rooting them on for earthly success.

Romans 15:13

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sunday, Oct. 27

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 27

Pray about the one thing in your life that is hindering you from being the witness God wants you to be. Ask God to help you conquer it.

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we also have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let's rid ourselves of every obstacle and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let's run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking only at Jesus, the originator and perfecter of the faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Monday, Oct. 28

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 28

Pray today that you have spiritual eyes to see the brokenness and hurt around you at work, in the grocery store, and even with your friends and family.

1 Peter 5:7

Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you at the proper time, having cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares about you.

Tuesday, Oct. 29

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 29

Pray like Isaiah who said "Here I am. Send me." Don't leave witnessing to others when God is wanting to send you.

Isaiah 6:8

Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Wednesday, Oct. 30

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 30

Pray for open eyes for someone you know who doesn't know Christ. Pray for them to be open to their need for something greater than themselves.

Romans 8:24

For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees?

Thursday, Oct. 31

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 31

Pray for open doors that today you might share your testimony with someone over coffee or at lunch or in your home. Find an opportunity to share your story of coming to know Christ.

1 Peter 3:15

but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, but with gentleness and respect;

Friday, Nov. 1

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 32

Pray specifically today for a single mom, widow, the unemployed. Someone who faces challenges right now and could use encouragement. Lift them up and then pray for an opportunity to show them the love of Christ.

Ephesians 1:18

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints

Saturday, Nov. 2

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 33

Pray for the upcoming efforts of churches within our denomination to go door to door and share the Gospel to our city. Pray for ways you can be involved to help.

Acts 9:31

So the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria enjoyed peace, as it was being built up; and as it continued in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it kept increasing.

Sunday, Nov. 3

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 34

Pray for someone who is de-churched. This is someone who used to go to church but has fallen away. Be a listening ear and see what they have to say about why they no longer attend and then ask to pray with them about it.

Hebrews 10:25

not abandoning our own meeting together, as is the habit of some people, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

Monday, Nov. 4

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 35

Pray today that you would be ministry minded, looking for opportunity to share the Gospel through the interactions that happen in your life today. Maybe it's not giving a dirty look or honking the horn when someone pulls in front of you, or maybe it's praying for a coworker whose marriage is hurting. Show Jesus today.

Hebrews 10:23

Let's hold firmly to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

Tuesday, Nov. 5

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 36

What is God revealing to you through this prayer journey? Pray specifically about what He is revealing and ask Him to guide you further into His truths.

Psalm 119:116

Sustain me according to Your word, that I may live; and do not let me be ashamed of my hope.

Wednesday, Nov. 6

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 37

Pray specifically for an atheist (one who doesn't believe that God exists) or agnostic (one who doesn't know if God exists or not and doesn't really care). Pray that instead of seeing them as the enemy that your heart would be burdened for them. Pray God will reveal truth in the midst of their deception.

Romans 5:2

through whom we also have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we celebrate in hope of the glory of God.

Thursday, Nov. 7

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 38

Pray for someone in the area who you went to school with or used to live by but have lost touch with. Reach out to them and let them know you prayed for them (pray for them first so you can mean it) and see where God leads.

Hebrews 6:19

This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and reliable and one which enters within the veil.

Friday, Nov. 8

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 39

Pray for someone you don't really like very much. Pray for God to show them mercy and grace and to save them. Pray also for your heart to be softened to them not because they deserve it but because God has shown you mercy too.

Matthew 5:44

But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you

Saturday, Nov. 9

Hope for West KY - 40 Days of Prayer - Day 40 (wrap up)

Pray that God will reap a harvest from the prayer and witnessing efforts that have come through this journey. Pray for a mighty movement of God in our city, region, country, and world. Pray for us to do our part in making the name of Jesus known.

Psalm 5:11

But rejoice, all who take refuge in You, sing for joy forever! And may You shelter them, that those who love Your name may rejoice in You.