

# Walking with Jesus

IN EVERY SEASON OF LIFE COME FOLLOW ME

## 21 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING

### PRAYER POINTS

#### DAY 1 RESTORATION

"The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire."  
(Nehemiah 1:3)

A city without walls or gates was the ultimate sign of vulnerability and helplessness during Nehemiah's time. Ask God for restoration, and acknowledge our need of God, and our helplessness without him.

#### DAY 2 GOD'S FAITHFUL COVENANTAL LOVE

"Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments."  
(Nehemiah 1:5)

God's covenant love is rooted in his faithfulness and cannot be broken or destroyed. Take some time today to reflect on his steadfast love for us. Pray that we will encounter his love afresh and that we will have an increasing desire to love him with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength; and keep his commandments.

#### DAY 3 GOD'S FORGIVENESS

"We have acted very wickedly towards you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses."  
(Nehemiah 1:7)

Pray for repentance and ask God for forgiveness. God is merciful and forgiving, because of who he is and regardless of who we are.

#### DAY 4 PETITION

"The king said to me, 'What is it you want?'"  
(Nehemiah 2:4)

Nehemiah envisioned about the future. It is important to have a vision of hope for the future. As you pray today, spend some time dreaming and imagining in his presence. What does it mean to become fully alive in Christ? What do you long to see change in your life?

#### DAY 5 PROTECTION

"If it pleases the king, may I have letters to the governors... so that they will provide me safe-conduct until I arrive in Judah?"  
(Nehemiah 2:7)

Pray that the church will gain favour from the local authorities and protection from resistance and opposition as we engage in God's mission to the world.

#### DAY 6 PROVISION

"And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the royal park, so he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel"  
(Nehemiah 2:8)

Nehemiah had a vision from God to rebuild the wall, but he also had a plan to achieve it. Write down the vision of our church and the vision God has given you. Make a list of all the things and steps that would need to happen for that vision to come true. Then, ask God for provision.

#### DAY 7 LIMITATION

"Then I moved on towards the Fountain Gate and the King's Pool, but there was not enough room for my mount to get through."  
(Nehemiah 2:14)

The wall of Jerusalem used to be an impressive feat of engineering. But by Nehemiah's time it was a mess of rubble, blocking the way so no one can get through. When you reflect on your life, business, ministry, etc, what blockages do you see? What is limiting you or your people from moving forward? Examine, pray and ask God to break the limitation.

#### DAY 8 OPPOSITION

"But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked and ridiculed us."  
(Nehemiah 2:19)

When God's Spirit begins a work of renewal and rebuilding, it is always opposed in the form of intimidation and discouragement. Pray for courage and strength in every circumstance that we will not be fearful or intimidated, for the Lord our God will be with us wherever we go.

#### DAY 9 THE PROMISE OF VICTORY

"I answered them by saying, 'The God of heaven will give us success.'  
(Nehemiah 2:19)

Pray for new hope to complete the assignment which God has given you, being certain that the victory belongs to God.

#### DAY 10 APPRECIATION OF TEAMS

"Eliashib the high priest and his fellow priests went to work and rebuilt the Sheep Gate... The men of Jericho built the adjoining section, and Zakkur son of Imri built next to them."  
(Nehemiah 3:1-2)

Pray for our various ministries and teams, thanking God for them, and praying for provision and protection upon them.

#### DAY 11 GOD'S PEOPLE IN WORKPLACES

"Uzziel son of Harhaiah, one of the goldsmiths, repaired the next section; and Hananiah, one of the perfume-makers, made repairs next to that."  
(Nehemiah 3:8)

God has strategically placed his people in every area of society for a purpose. Pray that believers will discover their purpose in building God's Kingdom wherever they are.

#### DAY 12 CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE

"The Fountain Gate was repaired by Shallun son of Kol-Hezeh, ruler of the district of Mizpah."  
(Nehemiah 3:15)

Nehemiah's story is a great reminder that we're all building God's Kingdom together, no matter what our role. Pray that there will be a growing number of local leaders who will influence every part of our city and God will strengthen them for the work of the Lord.

#### DAY 13 UNITY OF THE CHURCH

"The repairs next to him were made by the priests from the surrounding region."  
(Nehemiah 3:22)

Pray for the churches in our nation as they build the Kingdom of God together in unity and wisdom.

#### DAY 14 OVERCOMING DOUBT

"Will they restore their wall?... Will they finish in a day? Can they bring the stones back to life from those heaps of rubble — burned as they are?"  
(Nehemiah 4:2)

Doubting our own abilities is a human trait. Yet the relevant question is not 'can we?', but 'can God?' Pray against the spirit of doubt and stir up a conviction that God is able to do all things.

#### DAY 15 OVERCOMING FEAR

"After I looked things over, I stood up and said... 'Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.'  
(Nehemiah 4:14)

Pray for courage and strength in every circumstance that we will not be fearful or intimidated for the Lord our God will be with us and he will fight for us.

#### DAY 16 FULL ARMOUR OF GOD

"From that day on, half of my men did the work, while the other half were equipped with spears, shields, bows and armour..... and each of the builders wore his sword at his side as he worked."  
(Nehemiah 4:16, 18)

Nehemiah knew the importance of building the wall, as well as defending the work. What practical step could you take to remind yourself to put on the full armour of God? Ask God to give you an alertness and ways to defend against the spiritual enemies.

#### DAY 17 THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

"Some were saying, 'We and our sons and daughters are numerous; in order for us to eat and stay alive, we must get grain.'  
(Nehemiah 5:2)

Nehemiah's approach to the rebuilding project is holistic and integrated. The rebuilding of the wall isn't more important than ensuring that the poor are fed physically and spiritually. Pray for God's wisdom and justice in responding to the practical needs of our community.

#### DAY 18 FINANCIAL BREAKTHROUGH

"Still others were saying, 'We have had to borrow money to pay the king's tax on our fields and vineyards.'  
(Nehemiah 5:4)

Pray for God's provision, wisdom, and creative thinking for financial breakthrough. Pray that God will continue to bless others through us as each one faithfully sows towards the work of His Kingdom.

#### DAY 19 SPIRIT OF DISCERNMENT

"Sanballat and Geshem sent me this message: 'Come, let us meet together in one of the villages on the plain of Ono.' But they were scheming to harm me."  
(Nehemiah 6:2)

Nehemiah had the intuition for knowing what his enemies were up to. It's what the New Testament later calls 'the gift of discernment'. Pray that we will grow in spiritual discernment. By his Spirit, we can know whether we are in a spiritual battle, or just having a bad day.

#### DAY 20 DIVINE STRENGTH

"They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, 'Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed.' But I prayed, 'Now strengthen my hands.'  
(Nehemiah 6:9)

We won't be able to complete a God-given task without God-given strength. Even Jesus himself needed divine strength to face the ordeal of the cross. Pray for divine strength in overcoming life challenges.

#### DAY 21 THE JOY OF THE LORD

"This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength"  
(Nehemiah 8:10)

Spend some time in worshipping and honouring God for who he is, and giving thanks and being grateful and joyful for all that he will do in us and through us.