



Compassion In Action 40-Day Prayer Guide

Week 1 – August 23-29

Pray that God will be glorified in our city.

Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is heaven. (Matthew 5:16) Pray that the churches of Metro Atlanta will unite so that the community might see the love of Christ in action. Pray that the community would be amazed (Acts 3:12) by the unity and the service of the church, and that we would shine as a bright light revealing the love of Jesus Christ. Pray that God would be glorified as the people of our community see the love of Christ lived out through the church.

Week 2 – August 30-September 5

Pray for Leaders.

Pray for pastors, church leadership teams, project coordinators and the citywide Unite! Leadership team. Ask for protection, wisdom, strength, and servant attitudes. (1 Timothy 2:12) Pray that God would give all leaders vision and skill as they provide leadership to the Saturday and Sunday workdays. Pray that they will remain focused on their relationship with Christ, and walk in humility as they lead.

Week 3 – September 6-12

Pray for Families, Schools and Neighborhoods.

Pray for all participating churches, that scores of new disciples will take up their light and illuminate the lives of children and adults throughout our cities. (Matthew 5:13-16) Pray for God's favor on all the children and schools in our community. Ask God to mobilize His people in large numbers to mentor, provide spiritual direction, and work to ensure a good education for all children in the community. Pray for God's protection and blessing for your neighborhood and the neighborhoods we will serve. (Malachi 4:6, Mark 12:29-31)

Week 4 – September 13-19

Pray for Families, Schools and Neighborhoods.

Pray for unity of heart, mind, and purpose for all churches and individuals who participate in Compassion In Action (Philippians 2:14). Pray that we will work together as one body in the Lord. (1 Corinthians 12:12-31) Pray that as the church comes together, the world would know how much God loves them and that He sent His Son. (John 17:20)

Week 5 – September 20-26

Pray for Food, Shoes, and Coat Collections.

Pray that we will have a huge gathering of food, shoes, and coats, and that we will have a love offering worthy of our Master. (James 2:14-17) Ask God to provide wisdom, strength, and encouragement to those who will receive and distribute the food, shoes, and clothes.

Week 6 – September 27-October 4

Pray for the Days of Service.

Pray for good weather and safety for all workers. Pray that every service project will offer opportunities to develop personal relationships that will lead to new spiritual life. Pray that our service and our conversations will sow spiritual seeds and cultivate opportunities for spiritual harvest. Pray for school leaders, the children and their families, for each neighborhood resident we are able to touch with Christ's love, and opportunities to share the gospel. (1Timothy 6:18) Pray that our service will be not only life-changing for those we serve, but for all who serve. Pray that God would be glorified as we come together for the Friday night Volunteer Rally to worship, pray for the community and be commissioned as we go out to visibly demonstrate the unity of the body of Christ.

Unite!/Compassion In Action Prayer Ideas

*"Call to me, and I will answer you, and I will tell you
Great and mighty things, which you do not know." Jeremiah 33:3*

*"Without prayer we get what man can do.
With prayer we see what GOD can do."*

- **MOBILIZING PRIMARY INTERCESSORS**

1. **40-Day Prayer Guide (attached)**

2. **Prayer walking: Praying on site with insight**

Prayer walking is praying in the places that we expect God to bring forth His answers. Prayer walking is not really about walking or moving around. It's simply drawing nearer in order to pray clearer. Consider scheduling at least one prayer walk in the area where you will serve.

- **MOBILIZING CORPORATE PRAYER**

1. Pastor led corporate prayer in conjunction with Unite! promotions.
2. Encourage Unite!/Compassion In Action prayer during existing activities (Sunday School, small groups, etc.)
3. Some suggested areas for prayer:
 - The Unite! Leadership Team
 - Compassion In Action volunteers
 - Increasing number of participating churches
 - Church leadership team
 - Selection and organization of Service Projects
 - Worship Rally
 - New and Growing relationships between churches
 - Abundant generosity of the churches in the food, shoes, coats, and toy drives; and other sharing opportunities
 - Schools and educators in the community
 - Increasing unity among churches

- Favorable media coverage which glorifies God
- Development of new and existing relationships in the community
- Pray for school staff and facilities by name
- Pray for neighborhoods by name