

 CarePortal

Sound of Hope Prayer Initiative

Uniting in Prayer for Vulnerable Children



In a world where the cries of the vulnerable often go unheard, the Church stands as a beacon of hope and love.



Today, we are calling upon believers across the globe to unite in a powerful and unprecedented prayer initiative: "The Global Sound of Hope Prayer Initiative." This 40-day journey of prayer and fasting, beginning on July 1, is dedicated to interceding for vulnerable children around the world, including the nearly **400,000** anointed children in the foster care system in the United States. Our goal is to mobilize the Church to become the hands and feet of Jesus, reaching out to these children with compassion and love.

THE VISION

The vision for the "Sound of Hope Prayer Initiative" is rooted in the belief that the Church is uniquely positioned to meet the needs of these children. With nearly 400,000 local churches in the United States and countless more worldwide, we have the potential to create a vast network of support, care, and spiritual nurturing. However, a wall of fear often separates the Church from taking action. This initiative seeks to destroy that wall, fostering connections between the Church and these precious children and accelerating a great Care Revival.

A CALL TO GLOBAL UNITY

This is not just a local effort but a global call to action. We are inviting believers from every nation to join us in this mission. Whether you are in North America, Africa, Asia, Europe, or Australia, your prayers and fasting can make a difference. The "Sound of Hope Prayer Initiative" is a global symphony of intercession where every voice matters and every prayer counts.



THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH

The Church is called to be a light in the darkness, a place of refuge and healing. We are asking pastors, church leaders, and congregations to:

Announce the Initiative: During services, share the "Sound of Hope Prayer Initiative" vision and invite everyone to participate.

Organize Prayer Groups: Form and support prayer groups within local churches, small groups, and online communities.

Encourage Fasting: Motivate participants to incorporate fasting into their prayer routine, seeking deeper spiritual breakthroughs.

Host Special Prayer Events: Organize prayer nights or special events dedicated to this cause.

Celebrate Progress: Document and celebrate answered prayers and milestones to encourage continued involvement.

UNIFIED PRAYER AND FASTING

"Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

Matthew 18:19-20 (NKJV)

Unified prayer and fasting are the heartbeats of this initiative. By coming together in one accord, we believe that we can move mountains, tear down strongholds, and release a wave of hope that will transform lives. We encourage all participants to dedicate specific times of the day for personal prayer and fasting, aligning with their prayer groups' schedules.

SOUND OF HOPE: THE STORY OF POSSUM TROT

To further inspire and unite us in this mission, we encourage everyone to watch the movie "Sound of Hope: The Possum Trot Story." This film tells the incredible true story of a small church in Possum Trot, Texas, that answered God's call to care for foster children. Led by their faith and compassion, this congregation adopted 77 foster children, providing them love, stability, and a family. Their story is a powerful testament to what can happen when the Church steps up to care for the most vulnerable among us.

ENGAGING THE WIDER CHURCH COMMUNITY

To maximize the impact, we need to engage the wider Church community:

Announcements and Bulletins: Encourage churches to include the prayer initiative in their bulletins and newsletters.

Social Media: Leverage social media platforms in order to share updates, testimonies, and prayer points.

Regular Meetings: Hold regular updates and encouragement meetings, both in-person and online, to share progress and celebrate victories.

"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NKJV)

DOCUMENTING AND CELEBRATING PROGRESS

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!"

Psalms 105:1 (NKJV)

Keeping a record of prayer requests, answered prayers, and testimonies is crucial. Celebrating these milestones not only glorifies God but also encourages and strengthens our resolve to continue praying.

CONCLUSION

The Sound of Hope Prayer Initiative is a call to the global Church to rise up and intercede for vulnerable children around the world, including those in foster care in the United States. Through prayer and fasting, we can destroy the wall of fear, foster divine connections, and ignite a Care Revival that will resonate worldwide.

Join us as we lift our voices in a symphony of prayer, believing that God will hear our cries and bring healing, hope, and transformation to the lives of these precious children.

P.S.: "Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." - Proverbs 29:18 (NKJV)

Together, let us cast a vision of hope and transformation, united in prayer and action for the sake of these children. Thank you for being willing to lead and inspire others in this journey of faith and compassion.

WHAT IS FASTING?

Fasting is the spiritual discipline of abstaining from food or certain types of food for a specific period, combined with prayer, in order to draw closer to God. It is a practice found throughout the Bible, exemplified by Jesus, Moses, Daniel, and others. Fasting helps to focus our hearts and minds on God, seek His guidance, and intercede for specific needs.

"But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly."

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NKJV)

TYPES OF FASTS

Complete Fast

Description: *Abstaining from all food and drinking only water.*
Duration: *Usually for a short period (e.g., 24 hours, 3 days).*

Partial Fast

Description: *Limiting certain types of food or eating only one meal per day.*

Examples:

- *The Daniel Fast: Eating only fruits, vegetables, and only drinking water.*
- *12-hour Fast: Fasting from sunrise to sunset.*

Intermittent Fast

Description: *Fasting for specific hours of the day (e.g., 16 hours of fasting and an 8-hour eating window).*

Duration: *Can be practiced daily or a few days a week.*

Absolute Fast

Description: *Abstaining from all food and drink.*

Duration: *Usually a very short amount of time (e.g., 1-3 days) and should be done with caution.*

DAILY PRAYER AND FASTING GUIDE

Morning

Scripture Reading: *Start your day with a passage from the Bible that aligns with the daily prayer focus.*

Prayer: *Dedicate the morning to seeking God's presence and guidance.*

Midday

Prayer Break: *Take a break to pray specifically for the daily prayer points. Use this time to intercede for vulnerable children and the Church's role.*

Evening

Reflection and Prayer: *Reflect on the day, giving thanks for any insights or blessings. End your day with prayer, focusing on unity and compassion.*

TIPS FOR FASTING

Preparation

Begin with prayer and ask God for strength and guidance. Gradually reduce your food intake a few days before starting a longer fast.

Stay Hydrated

Drink plenty of water, especially during a complete or partial fast.

Prayer Focus

Use hunger pangs as reminders to pray and seek God's presence.

Health Considerations

If you have any medical conditions or concerns, consult with a healthcare professional before starting a fast.

Spiritual Focus

Remember that fasting is not just about abstaining from food but drawing closer to God through prayer and scripture.



CONCLUSION

By incorporating fasting into our prayer times during the Sound of Hope initiative, we seek deeper spiritual breakthroughs and a more intimate connection with God. Through unified prayer and fasting, we can make a significant impact on the lives of vulnerable children and witness transformative change.

May God bless you as you embark on this journey of faith and compassion.

WEEK 1: Foundation and Unity

Day 1: Call to Prayer

"Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know."
Jeremiah 33:3 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for a spirit of intercession to sweep across the Church.

Prayer Point: Ask for a deep burden to pray for the children in foster care.

Day 2: Unity in the Church

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"
Psalms 133:1 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for unity among churches and believers in this mission.

Prayer Point: Ask for a collective heart and purpose to care for the children.

Day 3: Overcoming Fear

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."
2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray against the spirit of fear that hinders action.

Prayer Point: Ask for courage and boldness to step out in faith.

Day 4: Sound of Hope

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."
Jeremiah 29:11 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray that the release of the film will awaken hearts and minds.

Prayer Point: Ask for the message of hope to penetrate deeply.

Day 5: Breaking Down Walls

"For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation."
Ephesians 2:14 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for the dismantling of the wall of fear between the Church and children.

Prayer Point: Ask for supernatural breakthroughs in understanding and empathy.

Day 6: Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

"And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions."
Joel 2:28 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church and foster care system.

Prayer Point: Ask for signs, wonders, and miracles to accompany this movement.

Day 7: Heart of the Father

"A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy habitation."
Psalms 68:5 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for the Church to reflect God's heart for the fatherless.

Prayer Point: Ask for a deep compassion and commitment to care for the children.

WEEK 2: Mobilization and Empowerment**Day 8: Mobilizing the Army**

"So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another."
Romans 12:5 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for the mobilization of believers to join in prayer and fasting.

Prayer Point: Ask for an awakening in every church to participate in this mission.

Day 9: Faith to Move Mountains

"So Jesus said to them, 'Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, "Move from here to there," and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you."
Matthew 17:20 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for an increase in faith among believers.

Prayer Point: Ask for mountains of fear, doubt, and obstacles to be moved.

Day 10: Armor of God

"Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."
Ephesians 6:11 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for the Church to put on the full armor of God.

Prayer Point: Ask for protection and empowerment in this spiritual battle.

Day 11: Heart of Compassion

"But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd."

Matthew 9:36 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for hearts that are moved with compassion for the children.

Prayer Point: Ask for tangible actions to accompany this compassion.

Day 12: Divine Connections

"And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved."

Acts 2:47 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for divine connections between the Church and the children.

Prayer Point: Ask for supernatural appointments and relationships to be formed.

Day 13: Role of the Church

"Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world."

James 1:27 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for the Church to rise to its calling to care for the vulnerable.

Prayer Point: Ask for a spirit of pure and undefiled religion to prevail.

Day 14: Healing and Restoration

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."

Psalms 147:3 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for healing and restoration for the children in foster care.

Prayer Point: Ask for their broken hearts to be bound up and made whole.

WEEK 3: Adoption and Strength**Day 15: Spirit of Adoption**

"For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father.'"

Romans 8:15 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for the children to experience the Spirit of adoption.

Prayer Point: Ask for them to know God as their Abba, Father.

Day 16: Strength for the Journey

"But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint."
Isaiah 40:31 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for renewed strength for the Church as we continue this mission.

Prayer Point: Ask for perseverance and endurance in prayer and action.

Day 17: Light of the World

"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden."
Matthew 5:14 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for the Church to shine brightly as the light of the world.

Prayer Point: Ask for our actions to illuminate the path to hope and restoration.

Day 18: Wisdom and Discernment

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."
James 1:5 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for divine wisdom and discernment in every decision.

Prayer Point: Ask for clarity and purpose in our actions.

Day 19: Power of Prayer

"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."
James 5:16 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for the effective and fervent prayers of believers.

Prayer Point: Ask for our prayers to avail much and bring about significant change.

Day 20: Faithful Servants

"His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord!'"
Matthew 25:21 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for faithfulness in serving this mission.

Prayer Point: Ask for dedication and diligence in caring for the children.

Day 21: God's Promises

"For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us."
2 Corinthians 1:20 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for confidence in God's promises.

Prayer Point: Ask for His promises to be fulfilled in the lives of the children and the Church.

WEEK 4: Love and Hope**Day 22: Love of Christ**

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another."
John 13:34 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for a deep, Christ-like love to fill our hearts.

Prayer Point: Ask for this love to overflow into our actions toward the children.

Day 23: Hope of Glory

"To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."
Colossians 1:27 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for the hope of glory, Christ in us, to shine brightly.

Prayer Point: Ask for this hope to inspire and uplift the children and the Church.

Day 24: Ministry of Reconciliation

"Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation."
2 Corinthians 5:18 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for effective ministry of reconciliation.

Prayer Point: Ask for unity and harmony between the Church and the children.

Day 25: Endurance and Patience

"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."
Galatians 6:9 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for endurance and patience in doing good.

Prayer Point: Ask for strength to continue faithfully.

Day 26: Peace of God

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for the peace of God to guard our hearts and minds.

Prayer Point: Ask for calm and assurance in our mission.

Day 27: Divine Provision

"And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:19 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for divine provision for the children and the Church.

Prayer Point: Ask for every need to be met according to God's riches in glory.

Day 28: Joy of the Lord

"The joy of the Lord is your strength."

Nehemiah 8:10 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for the joy of the Lord to be our strength.

Prayer Point: Ask for joy to fill our hearts as we serve.

WEEK 5: Guidance and Fruitfulness**Day 29: Walking in Love**

"And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma."

Ephesians 5:2 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for the grace to walk in love.

Prayer Point: Ask for our lives to be a sweet-smelling aroma to God.

Day 30: Word of God

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Psalms 119:105 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for God's word to guide us.

Prayer Point: Ask for His word to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

Day 31: Bearing Fruit

"By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples."
John 15:8 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for our efforts to bear much fruit.

Prayer Point: Ask for our fruitfulness to glorify God.

Day 32: Trusting in God's Plan

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."
Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for complete trust in God's plan.

Prayer Point: Ask for His guidance and direction in every step.

Day 33: Power of Testimony

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death."
Revelation 12:11 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for our testimonies to inspire and encourage others.

Prayer Point: Ask for the power of our stories to draw many to join this mission.

Day 34: God's Faithfulness

"The Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one."
2 Thessalonians 3:3 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for God's faithfulness to be evident.

Prayer Point: Ask for His protection and guidance as we continue.

Day 35: Harvest is Plentiful

"Then He said to them, 'The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.'"
Luke 10:2 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for more laborers to join the mission.

Prayer Point: Ask for a bountiful harvest for God's glory.

WEEK 6: Peace and New Beginnings

Day 36: Peace of Christ

"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

John 14:27 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for the peace of Christ to fill our hearts.

Prayer Point: Ask for His peace to calm our fears and anxieties.

Day 37: Power of the Cross

"But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."

Galatians 6:14 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for the power of the cross to bring transformation.

Prayer Point: Ask for the cross to be central in our mission.

Day 38: God's Unfailing Love

"But I have trusted in Your mercy; My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation."

Psalms 13:5 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for God's unfailing love to be poured out.

Prayer Point: Ask for His love to bring joy and salvation.

Day 39: Great Commission

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 28:19 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for the courage to fulfill the Great Commission.

Prayer Point: Ask for commitment to reach out with the gospel.

Day 40: New Beginning

"Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

Isaiah 43:19 (NKJV)

Prayer Point: Pray for a new beginning as we conclude the 40 days.

Prayer Point: Ask for a powerful move of God's Spirit to unite the Church and children.