

40 Day Kirtland Gathering Preparation Devotion
Aug 12 – Sept 20 **New Wine In New Bottles**
“Neither do men put new wine into old bottles; else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish; but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.” – Matthew 9:23

In preparation for the Priesthood Gathering in Kirtland on September 20-22nd, 2024, we would like to provide the following forty daily devotional for your study, prayer, and meditation times leading up to the gather at the House of the Lord.

The Saints are encouraged to fast and pray especially Wednesday evening and Sunday morning. This is for **all of us** to prepare together whether we are going or not. Inasmuch as possible, please gather on Wednesday September 18th in a group to partake of the emblems in the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper as a measure of final preparations to enter in His House in Kirtland.

*Devotions preparations prepared by the Aaronic Council of the CRE. May these scriptures, hymns, and brief thoughts aid you in your daily walk with Him who is Mighty to Save!
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Day 1	Monday	August 12	Romans 12:1-2
	Hymn	(P)352 / (B) 312	“Consecration”
	Prayer Thought:	Lord, in what ways am I yet conforming to the world? Lord help me be aligned in your perfect will!	

Day 2	Tuesday	August 13	Gen 9:21-24
	Hymn	(P)476 / (B) 259	“We Have an Anchor”

Scripture Thought: The whole story of Noah is one of transforming events. The sin throughout the world, the flood over the whole earth. This signifies the sin in our own life, that if left unchanged destroys the whole body. The baptism we step into symbolizes our change to a new state of being, dead to the old man and risen anew. The truth spoken in verse 22 is one of continuing in the upward walk we all desire. We should all be engaged in a good work as new creatures and be looking for the blessings that are promised to all who strive.

Prayer Thought: Lord, prepare my life for the change you have for it, and help me see the continuing promise of strength each day.

Day 3	Wednesday	August 14	Alma 8:108
	Hymn	(P)368 / (B) 285	“With a Steadfast Faith!”

Scripture Thoughts: Zeezrom came with his own agenda, but still asked questions with a sliver of an open mind. He obviously was pricked in his heart because of the words of Amulek. It says that he trembled. It goes on to say that he was “under a consciousness of his guilt”. He knew truth, he allowed that to work in him and it changed his heart toward God. We sometimes have an idea of what we want from God or from our brothers. But we have to take the time to inquire and be open to the change the answers to our questions can bring. Be open to the will of God.

Prayer Thought: Lord, bless me to be open to all the promptings of the Your Spirit in all aspects in my life.

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- Day 8** **Monday** **August 19** **D&C 4**
Hymn (P)169 / (B)262 “Rise Up O Saints of God!”
Prayer Thought: Dear Heavenly Father, please help us serve you with all our heart, might, mind, and strength. In Jesus Christ's Name Amen.
- Day 9** **Tuesday** **August 20** **John 15:1-8**
Hymn (P)413 / (B)291 “Higher Ground”
Prayer Thought: Dear Heavenly Father, please help us to follow and abide in You and Your Son Jesus Christ. In His Name Amen.
- Day 10** **Wednesday** **August 21** **II Nephi 1:27 & 36-39**
Hymn (P)171 / (B)180 “Admonition”
Prayer Thought: Dear Heavenly Father, please help us to awake, arise, shake off, and put on the armor of righteousness. In Jesus Christ's Name Amen
- Day 11** **Thursday** **August 22** **D&C 16:4e-g**
Hymn (P)77 / (B)314 “Jesus is Calling O Hear Him Today!”
Prayer Thought: Dear Heavenly Father, please help us to take upon us The Name of Your Son Jesus Christ. I'm Jesus Christ's Name Amen.
- Day 12** **Friday** **August 23** **D&C 83:1b-c**
Hymn (P)454 / (B)70 “We’re Marching to Zion!”
Prayer Thought: Father, please help us to march towards Zion. In the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.
- Day 13** **Saturday** **August 24** **D&C 65:1d-f**
Hymn (P)447 / (B)402 “Onward to Zion!”
Prayer Thought: Father, please help us build up The Kingdom of God, that The Kingdom of Heaven may come. I'm Christ's Name. Amen.
- Day 14** **Sunday** **August 25** **Moroni 7:49-53**
Hymn (P)508 / (B)366 “Loving Each Other!”
Prayer Thought: Father, please help us to live in charity towards one another. In The Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.
- Day 15** **Monday** **August 26** **Revelation 3:20-21**
Hymn (P)82 / (B)317 “Behold the Savior at Your Door”
Prayer Thought: Father, please come in and sup with us and guide us. In Christ's Name Amen.

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- Day 16** **Tuesday** **August 27** **Ephesians 4:1-7**
Hymn (P)221 / (B)247 “The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning”
Prayer Thought: Father, please help us become of one heart and one mind. In Christ's Name Amen.
- Day 17** **Wednesday** **August 28** **Jeremiah 6:16**
Hymn (P)226 / (B)302 “There’s an Old, Old Path”
Prayer Thought: Lord, help me to have a love for your old path and to stand firm within your old path that is sure and true!
- Day 18** **Thursday** **August 29** **Colossians 3:9-10**
Hymn (P)81 / (B) 328 “Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”
Prayer Thought: Lord, help me to hear your call to me. May my ears be opened to hear your still, small voice.
- Day 19** **Friday** **August 30** **II Corinthians 5:17-19**
Hymn (P)499 / (B)324 “A Charge to Keep I Have”
Prayer Thought: Lord, I desire a new life. A life filled with your Holy Spirit within and around me.
- Day 20** **Saturday** **August 31** **Mosiah 11:188**
Hymn (P)297 “Let Children Hear Thy Mighty Deeds”
Prayer Thought: Lord, help me to be as a child, yearning to learn, desirous to serve, and full of love for all.
- Day 21** **Sunday** **September 1** **Alma 3:11-13, 27-29**
Hymn (P)84 / (B)358 “Give Me Thy Heart”
Prayer Thought: Lord, I trust you, you have died for me, I make full surrender to you. Here’s my heart, take and seal it for thy courts above!
- Day 22** **Monday** **September 2** **III Nephi 5:92**
Hymn (P)451 / (B)434 “Fulfillment”
Prayer Thought: Lord, fulfill your purpose in me and may I be ready to experience the fulfillment of all things. Help me Lord to be perfect, even as your son Jesus showed the example!
- Day 23** **Tuesday** **September 3** **Alma 3:46-48**
Hymn (P)312 / (B) 64 “Pass, Me Not O Gentle Savior”
Prayer Thought: Lord, truly, pass me not O gentle Savior, do hear my humble cry. As I kneel in deep contrition, help my unbelief. Prepare me for thou which thou hast for me.

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- Day 24** **Wednesday** **September 4** **Alma 3:38-40 / Isaiah 1:19**
Hymn (P)324 / (B) 315 “Father When in Love to Thee”
Prayer Thought: Lord, I Love you Lord, and I lift up my voice to you in the spirit of repentance for the things of lesser good, for the stewardship of time I’ve spent unlinked with thine. Through the power of the sacrifice of your son, I believe in your ability and lay trust to change us! As my sins are a scarlet, you can make it as white as snow. Reconcile me through your love!
- Day 25** **Thursday** **September 5** **Ether 1:106-108**
Hymn (P)378 / (B) 307 “He Leadeth Me”
Prayer Thought: Lord, lead me this day in each step, that I may serve you in all ways!
- Day 26** **Friday** **September 6** **John 16:13**
Hymn (P)74 / (B) 336 “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”
Prayer Thought: Lord let me hear your voice that I may be guided to know all truth.
- Day 27** **Saturday** **September 7** **III Nephi 12:3-4**
Hymn (P)197 / (B) 170 “Book of Mormon Testimony”
Prayer Thought: Lord, may the belief in these words allow the greater manifestations to be made known unto me.
- Day 28** **Sunday** **September 8** **Ether 5:7**
Hymn (P)270 / (B) 433 “Draw Near in Faith”
Prayer Thought: Lord, may my faith continue to grow!
- Day 29** **Monday** **September 9** **I Nephi 2:18**
Hymn (P)20 / (B) 146 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”
Prayer Thought: Lord, may I have no doubt in your power and what you can do for your children.
- Day 30** **Tuesday** **September 10** **III Nephi 2:79 / Alma 16:215**
Hymn (P)3 / (B)232 “Great and Marvelous!”
Prayer Thought: Lord, may we always remember to praise our Lord with joy unto gushing! Truly Great and Marvelous is Your Plan!
- Day 31** **Wednesday** **September 11** **D&C 1:3a / D&C 115:1e**
Hymn (P)239 / (B) 271 “The Voice of God is Calling”
Prayer Thought: Lord, help us to hear your voice.

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- Day 32** **Thursday** **September 12** **II Nephi 14:12 / Mosiah 7:8**
Hymn (P)524 / (B)47 “Abide with Me”
Prayer Thought: Lord, may we always remember to pray always and pray with real intent of heart.
- Day 33** **Friday** **September 13** **Alma 16:200**
Hymn (P)176 / (B)446 “Follow Me”
Prayer Thought: Lord, may our steps follow in the footsteps of the Master.
- Day 34** **Saturday** **September 14** **III Nephi 7:10-11**
Hymn (P)406 “Open my eyes, O Lord.”
Prayer Thought: Lord, as our lips speak your praise, may our actions of love and obedience speak even louder.
- Day 35** **Sunday** **September 15** **Jacob 3:13-15**
Hymn (P) 405 “Open our eyes, Lord.”
Prayer Thought: Lord, not our will, but thine be done.
- Day 36** **Monday** **September 16** **Helaman 2:118-121**
Hymn (P)511 / (B) 189 “Awake Ye Saints of God, Awake”
Prayer Thought: Lord, our covenant with you, Lord, makes us one with you and with all who are of the Church of the Firstborn. Help us to value every soul and invite all to come unto you.
- Day 37** **Tuesday** **September 17** **Psalms 25:4-5**
Hymn (P)404 “Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord”
Prayer Thought: Lord, help me to walk more by faith and less by sight.
- Day 38** ***Wednesday** **September 18** **D&C 38:6d / D&C 129:8d-8e**
Hymn (P)159 / (B) 241 “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”
(additional verse from the “Gray Hymnal”)
 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, No sudden rending of the veil of clay,
 No angel visitant, no opening skies, But take the dimness of my soul away.
Prayer Thought: Lord, Put your peace in our hearts and minds, so that we might know and hear and recognize your voice. May we be a people ready to receive your word and your guidance.
- *Remember, inasmuch as possible gather in groups, on this night, to take the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper in a measure to ready our Spirits to enter His House.***

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Day 39

Thursday

September 19

D&C 102:3 (particularly 3d-e)

Hymn

(P)433 / (B)350 “Hasten Great Father the Day of Endowment”

Hasten, Great Father, the day of Endowment, Hasten the day when Thy Spirit shall shine out from the lives and the words of Thy servants, sweeping the world with a power Divine. Speed thou the day of the last dispensation, Raising the warning of Judgment to come. Pleading with men to repent of their evils, pricking their hearts as of old thou hast done.

Give Thou Thy servants the power of their calling, help them envision Thy plan. Touch Thou their tongues with a Heavenly fervor, through them make plain Thy high covenant with man. Take Thou the weak and the humble and trusting, through them break down all the strong and the proud. Through them throw down all the strongholds of Satan, make bare Thine arm through a priesthood endowed!

Let Thy Son come, suddenly to His temple, Let Him be seen by those watching for Him. Oh, let us hear His clear voice and His counsel, Wisdom we lack, and our vision is dim. Send Thou Thy Son from Thine own holy Presence, transform our lives, and make them thy own. Then send us forth in the last great evangel, Blest with a power that the world has not known! Amen.

Prayer Thought: Lord, we travel to your house in Kirtland. We remember your words to Joseph and Oliver, “The beginnings of your blessings shall go forth from this place...” We remember the history and experience of the dedication service when the saints praised you with the singing of “The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning!” This year, we come, together, with our hearts softened ready to hear your voice as best as we are able. Bless our travels and open the way for us to meet You in Your House!

Day 40

Friday

September 20

Luke 6:34-37 / D&C 20

Hymn

(not in hymnal)

“I Surrender All”

All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give; I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live. All to Jesus I surrender, Humbly at His feet I bow, Worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me, Jesus, take me now.

All to Jesus I surrender, Make me, Savior, wholly Thine, Let me feel the Holy Spirit, truly know that Thou art mine.

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee.

Fill me with Thy love and power, Let Thy blessing fall on me.

Refrain: I surrender all, I surrender all, All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

Prayer Thought: Lord, as we come to your House, may our preparations have been pleasing in Thy sight, O Lord. Father, let Thy will, not ours, be done. We come humbly before you seeking to be new bottles for you to pour your new wine into!