

Jan 19-25, 2026

2026 Fireplace Church 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting

SCRIPTURE AND UNIFIED PRAYER FOCUS | Week 3: RESPONDING

During this third and final week of our 21 days of Prayer and Fasting, we move from a scripture and prayer focus of being *rooted* in Christ and *renewed* by His Spirit, to living empowered by the Holy Spirit for His purposes. God's transforming power in our lives changes how we live and love. The Holy Spirit fills us so that our lives would point to Jesus, reflect His heart to the world, and bring people to Him.

After Jesus' resurrection and just before His ascension, Jesus told the disciples that they would receive power by the Holy Spirit to be His witnesses. This is the work of the Spirit: forming Christ in us and sending us out in obedience and love.

The power of the Holy Spirit in us transforms our hearts, renews our minds, and enables us to commune with God in prayer and worship (**Romans 8:9-11, John 14:16-17**). This same power equips us to bear witness to Jesus, build up the body of Christ, and live fully for God's glory (**Acts 1:8, Ephesians 3:14-21**)! The Holy Spirit that lives in us also moves through us.

In **1 Corinthians 12:1-11**, Paul explains that spiritual gifts come from the same Holy Spirit and are given according to God's will. These gifts are given to each believer for the profit of all (**Also see 1 Peter 4:10**). As we yield to the Holy Spirit, He grows our love for people, deepens community in our local church, and teaches us how to walk together in unity and humility (**Romans 12:4-11; Ephesians 4:15-16**).

The Holy Spirit empowers us to be sent! He gives boldness to share the gospel (**Acts 4:31, Matthew 28:18-20**), and grace to live as witnesses of Jesus throughout everyday life (**Colossians 4:5-6**).

"Here I am, Lord. Send me." (**Isaiah 6:8**).

On the back are scriptures that we can return to throughout the week as we posture our hearts to be *sent*. Feel free to read one to two passages each day, all passages in one day (and then again and again), or any combination of this. Also feel free to read the entire chapter, read and meditate on these individual verses, or read these verses in addition to another bible plan.

Journal recommended! We trust that God speaks through His Word and by His Spirit. He will meet us in His Word (**Isaiah 55:10-11, Matthew 4:4, Hebrews 4:12**).

- **1 Corinthians 13:1-7**
- **Acts 1:4-8**
- **Acts 2:1-4, 42-47**
- **1 Corinthians 12:1-11**
- **Romans 12:4-11**
- **Matthew 9:35-38**
- **Matthew 28:18-20**
- **Isaiah 6:1-8**

Lord, thank You for the gift of Your Spirit. Fill us afresh. Teach us to walk in humility, to serve one another well, and to operate in spiritual gifts in wisdom and grace. Give us a burden for the lost. *Jehovah Rohi: The Lord Our Shepherd, Jehovah Sabaoth: The Lord of Hosts, El Gibbor: Mighty God*. We praise You. Empower us, Holy Spirit. All is for Your glory, Lord! Amen.

Week 3: RESPONDING: Global Prayer Focus: Pray for our missionaries around the world and ask God to strengthen and protect them as they carry the gospel to the nations. Pray for boldness for believers living in persecuted nations, that they would stand firm in their faith and be a light in the darkness. Ask the Lord to advance the gospel across every nation, tribe, and tongue, and for the global Church to operate in unity to make disciples of all peoples.