

# LAUNCH WEEK FAST & DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

**Theme**: *Prepare* the House, *Position* the People, *Pursue* the Harvest

August 4–8, 2025

Fasting Discipline: No food; only water or juice until 1 PM after our noon day prayer.

Feel free to join us in person for prayer from 12 PM – 1 PM at the church.



### Prepare the House — A Place for His Presence

### Scripture: 2 Chronicles 7:1–2

"When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple."

#### **Points to Ponder**

- God responds to consecrated places with His presence.
- Surrender and reverence are prerequisites for glory.
- We invite God before we invite guests.

## Devotional Thought

Before anyone walked into Solomon's temple, the glory of God filled it. The power wasn't in the structure—it was in the surrender. As we prepare to open the doors of our new facility, we're not just creating a building; we're preparing holy ground where God will dwell.

- Consecrate the new building as holy ground.
- Pray for God's presence to dwell richly in every room.
- Invite the Holy Spirit to saturate the atmosphere.

## Prepare the House — A Place for His Presence Reflection Questions

- 1. How am I personally preparing my heart as a vessel of worship?
- 2. In what ways can I help set a spiritual atmosphere in our church?
- 3. How does this passage help me prepare to reflect Jesus more clearly?
- 4. In what ways can I align myself with Antioch's mission to build people to reflect Jesus?
- 5. What did God speak to me personally through today's Scripture?

### **Prayer Declaration**

"Lord, we prepare this house for Your presence. Fill every space with Your glory, every heart with Your Spirit, and every service with Your power. This is Your house—come and dwell here."

### Position the People — Unity for the Mission

### Scripture: Ephesians 4:16

"From him the whole body... grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

#### **Points to Ponder**

- God has a role for each person in the Body.
- Unity is essential for forward movement.
- Submission to God's order brings strength.
- Effective ministry requires Spirit-filled laborers with shared vision and heart.

### **Devotional Thought**

The strength of the church is not just in its leaders but in its unity. Every member, every gift, every act of service matters. When God positions people, He doesn't do it randomly—He does it purposefully. We must align ourselves under His leadership for maximum impact.

We pray for laborers to be added to the work—not just more people, but the right people. Just as God took of the Spirit that was on Moses and placed it upon others to help carry the weight of leadership (Numbers 11:16–17, 25), we ask God to do the same for our Pastors. May He raise up leaders who have the same spirit and the same heart—men and women who will walk in humility, carry the vision, and serve with excellence.

## Position the People — Unity for the Mission Prayer Focus

- Pray for alignment in leadership and congregation.
- Pray that each person discovers and embraces their role.
- Pray against confusion, division, or stagnation.
- Pray against the spirit of competition and comparison, and ask God to release a spirit of collaboration, honor, and mutual support in the body.
- Pray for laborers with the same spirit and heart as our pastors to be added to the team.

### **Reflection Questions**

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### **Prayer Declaration**

"Father, position us for Your purpose. Let every gift be activated, every heart be submitted, and every servant be aligned. Raise up laborers who carry the same Spirit You've placed on our pastors and unite us in heart and vision to lead together."

### Pursue the Harvest — A Heart for the Lost

Scripture: Matthew 9:37-38

"Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

#### **Points to Ponder**

- The harvest is diverse—so must be our reach.
- Evangelism begins with intercession.
- The church is God's answer to a broken world.

## Devotional Thought

God is not just launching us into a new building—He's launching us into a new harvest. The community around us is full of people searching for hope, healing, and belonging. As laborers in God's harvest field, we are called to pursue souls with love, compassion, and boldness. Our church must be a place where people from every background, every generation, and every culture feel welcome and find Jesus.

- Pray for a fresh burden to reach the lost in our city.
- Pray for divine encounters and bold witnesses.
- Pray that people of all races, cultures, and generations will feel welcomed, represented, and loved at Antioch Christian Church.

## Pursue the Harvest — A Heart for the Lost Reflection Questions

- 1. Who are the people in my life or neighborhood that need Jesus?
- 2. How can I help make Antioch a welcoming place for all people, regardless of race, age, or background?
- 3. How does this passage help me prepare to reflect Jesus more clearly?
- 4. In what ways can I align myself with Antioch's mission to build people to reflect Jesus?
- 5. What did God speak to me personally through today's Scripture?

## **Prayer Declaration**

"Lord of the Harvest, send us. Let our church be a lighthouse of hope in our city. Draw the broken, the searching, the hurting. We call forth people of every race, age, and background to find family and faith at Antioch. Use us to pursue the harvest with love and boldness."

## Build by Faith — Trusting God for the Next

### Scripture: Hebrews 11:8-10

"By faith Abraham... obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going."

#### **Points to Ponder**

- Faith requires movement before manifestation.
- Trusting God involves releasing control.
- We are not called to comfort but to calling..

## Devotional Thought

Faith built this house—not just money or manpower. Like Abraham, we are moving into a future we have not seen, trusting the God who holds it. Launching forward means leaving fear behind. It means walking by faith, not by sight.

- Pray for unwavering faith in God's provision and timing.
- Pray against fear, anxiety, and doubt.
- Pray for supernatural momentum.

## Build by Faith — Trusting God for the Next Reflection Questions

- 1. What area of my life is God calling me to step out in faith?
- 2. How am I releasing control and trusting God in this launch?
- 3. How does this passage help me prepare to reflect Jesus more clearly?
- 4. In what ways can I align myself with Antioch's mission to build people to reflect Jesus?
- 5. What did God speak to me personally through today's Scripture?

### **Prayer Declaration**

"God, we walk by faith into this next season. We trust You as our builder, our provider, and our guide.
We declare our confidence is in You alone."

### Dedicate the Future — Generations to Come

### Scripture: Psalm 102:18

"Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the Lord."

#### **Points to Ponder**

- Legacy requires intentional dedication.
- We are building for those we may never meet.
- Our obedience now creates blessings later.

## Devotional Thought

This launch is not just for us—it's for the next generation. What we build today will bless tomorrow. Our faith, our prayers, and our sacrifice will echo in the lives of children, teens, and families yet to walk through our doors.

- Pray for children, youth, and young adults.
- Pray for generational faith transfer and spiritual inheritance.
- Pray that Antioch becomes a legacy church.

## Dedicate the Future — Generations to Come Reflection Questions

- 1. How am I investing in the next generation spiritually?
- 2. What legacy of faith do I want to leave behind?
- 3. How does this passage help me prepare to reflect Jesus more clearly?
- 4. In what ways can I align myself with Antioch's mission to build people to reflect Jesus?
- 5. What did God speak to me personally through today's Scripture?

## **Prayer Declaration**

"Lord, we dedicate this house for generations to come. May every seed sown today bear fruit for decades. Let praise rise from future voices because of what You did through us."

Sunday, August 10, 2025

## WE believe and declare

that Launch Day at Antioch Christian Church will be a divine appointment with destiny. As we walk into our new facility, we walk in faith, unity, and great expectation.

#### We affirm the following:

- The glory of God will fill the house from the moment the doors open.
- Every seat will be filled with people hungry for God.
- People of all ages, races, and backgrounds will find a spiritual home at Antioch.
- Souls will be saved, healed, delivered, and discipled.
- The atmosphere will be charged with worship, joy, and supernatural breakthrough.
- Antioch will be known as a house of love, excellence, and impact.
- Our leadership will be strengthened, and our people will be empowered.
- God's provision will exceed every need.

## **WE declare:**

- "Our eyes will see what we've prayed for."
- "This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes."
- "What begins on Launch Day will only be the beginning of revival."

Let this be the beginning of a movement that advances the Kingdom of God—starting with us, starting here, *starting now.* 

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12-1pm Daily



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Mon 8/4

- Assigned Leader: Pastor Jason & Kay
- Theme: Prepare the House A Place for His Presence
- Scripture: 2 Chronicles 7:1–2 "The glory of the Lord filled the temple."



#### **Prayer Focus:**

- Sanctification and spiritual cleansing of the new building
- God's presence to dwell richly in the sanctuary
- Anoint every chair, wall, and door with glory

#### **Prophetic Declaration:**

"This house is holy ground. The glory of the Lord shall fill it before the people ever arrive!"

Tues 8/5

- Assigned Leader: Senior Pastor
- Theme: Position the People A Unified, Prepared Team
- Scripture: Numbers 11:16–17 "I will take of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them..."



#### **Prayer Focus:**

- Laborers with the same heart and spirit as the leaders
- Unity among all ministry teams
- Prayer against the spirit of competition; release a spirit of collaboration

#### Prophetic Declaration:

"God is raising up laborers with the same heart and spirit—who will lead, love, and serve together in unity!"

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Wed 8/6

- Assigned Leader: Pastor Nero
- Theme: Pursue the Harvest Souls Are Coming
- Scripture: Matthew 9:37–38 "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few..."



#### **Prayer Focus:**

- Prepare for an influx of souls: the lost, broken, and ready to receive
- Evangelistic boldness among the members
- Follow-up and discipleship systems to receive the harvest well

#### **Prophetic Declaration:**

"Souls are coming from the north, south, east, and west—and we are ready to receive them with joy!"

Thurs 8/7

- Assigned Leader: Pastor Tonya
- Theme: Build a Multigenerational, Multicultural Church
- Scripture: Acts 2:17 "I will pour out My Spirit on all people..."

#### **Prayer Focus:**

- Diversity in age, ethnicity, and background to be represented
- Bridge-building between generations
- A Spirit-filled culture that reflects heaven on earth



"Antioch will look like heaven—every generation, every race, every story welcomed and transformed by Jesus!"



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- Assigned Leader: Senior Pastor and Executive Pastor
- Theme: Declare Victory Before We See It
- Scripture: Joshua 6:2 "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands..."



#### **Prayer Focus:**

- Declare what God has already done in the Spirit
- Final preparations for Launch Sunday
- Peace, protection, and power over every service area

#### **Prophetic Declaration:**

"Victory is already ours! We go into Launch Sunday with joy, power, and full expectation of the miraculous!"