



# **The Call to Prayer and Fasting**

*40 Days of Prayer and fasting Kickoff*

Mark 9:27-29 and Joel 2:12-19


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## **Mark 9:27–29**

**27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. 28 And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" 29 So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."-- (NKJV)**



## Joel 2:1


<sup>1</sup> Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
sound the alarm on my holy  
hill. Let all who live in the  
land tremble, for the day of  
the LORD is coming. It is close  
at hand—



Joel 2:12–19<sup>12</sup> “Even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.”<sup>13</sup> Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

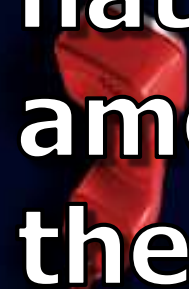


**<sup>14</sup> Who knows? He may turn and have pity and leave behind a blessing— grain offerings and drink offerings for the LORD your God. <sup>15</sup> Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly. <sup>16</sup> Gather the people, consecrate the assembly; bring together the elders, gather the children, those nursing at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her chamber.**

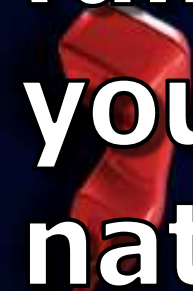




**17 Let the priests, who minister before the LORD, weep between the temple porch and the altar. Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD. Do not make your inheritance an object of scorn, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?' "**



**18 Then the LORD will be  
jealous for his land and take  
pity on his people. 19 The LORD  
will reply to them: "I am  
sending you grain, new wine  
and oil, enough to satisfy you  
fully; never again will I make  
you an object of scorn to the  
nations.**



## Joel 2:26

<sup>26</sup> You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the LORD your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed.





## Joel 2:28

<sup>28</sup> “And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.-  
- (NIV)



A red rotary telephone handset is positioned diagonally across the frame. The background is a deep blue with a subtle gradient and a bright starburst light in the upper right corner. The text "The Call to Prayer and Fasting" is centered over the handset in a bold, cyan font with a black outline.

# **The Call to Prayer and Fasting**

# 1. Consider the Circumstances of Life.

A. We See Unprecedented Circumstances.

Joel 1:2<sup>2</sup> Hear this, you elders; listen,  
all who live in the land. Has anything  
like this ever happened in your days  
or in the days of your forefathers?--  
(NIV)



## **B. We See Devastating Circumstances.**

**Joel 1:17<sup>17</sup> Though we planted fig seeds, they lie dry and dead in the dirt. The barns are empty and falling down. The storerooms for grain have been broken down, because the grain has dried up.-- (NCV)**



## 2. Consider The Character of God.

### A. God Is Gracious.

Joel 2:13<sup>13</sup> Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.-- (NIV)






**B. God Is Good.**

**Joel 2:13b <sup>13</sup> . . . , slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.-- (NIV)**



## **C. God Is Generous.**


**Joel 2:26<sup>26</sup> "You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.-- (ESV)**



### 3. Consider The Call of God.

#### A. God Calls Us To Awaken.

Joel 2:1<sup>1</sup> Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming. It is close at hand --  
(NIV)



## **B. God Calls Us To Assembly.**

**Joel 2:16<sup>16</sup> Gather the people together; prepare them for a sacred meeting; bring the old people; gather the children and the babies too. Even newly married couples must leave their room and come.-- (GNB)**



## **C. God Calls Us To Action.**

**Joel 2:12–13<sup>12</sup> “Even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.”<sup>13</sup> Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God . . . . (NIV)**





1.) A Call To **Repent**\_\_\_\_\_.

2.) A Call To **Pray**\_\_\_\_\_.

3.) A Call To **Weep**\_\_\_\_\_.

4. A Call To **Fast**\_\_\_\_\_.



# ***40 Days of Prayer And Fasting***

## **Top 10 Prayer Needs**

**God's Anointing**

1. \_\_\_\_\_.

**New Sanctuary**

2. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Easter Events**

3. \_\_\_\_\_.

4. **Soul Winning Efforts**\_\_\_\_\_.

5. **Sunday School / Small Groups**\_\_\_\_\_.

6. **Harvest Offering**\_\_\_\_\_.

7. **Mission Trips**\_\_\_\_\_.

8. **Church Leadership**\_\_\_\_\_.

9. **Ministry Involvement**\_\_\_\_\_.

10. **Holy Land Trip**\_\_\_\_\_.

# **40 Days of Prayer & Fasting**

## **February 27 - April 13 • 2017**

**Week 1: 1 Day + No sweets**

**Week 2: 1 Day + (water only for drink)**

**Week 3: 1 Day + No meats (fish allowed)**

**Week 4: 1 Day + Fast one meal a day**

**Week 5: 1 Day + Fast until 2:00 pm**

**Week 6: 1 Day + Fast sun up to sun down**

**Week 7: 1 Day + Fast two meals a day**





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