

OUR 21 DAY FAST - JOHN 13:1-35

Seeking the Heart of God for the City of Azusa

A Community of One... A Body of Many

THE CHURCH OF AZUSA



AZUSA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

**From January 2 through January 22 we will
diligently seek God by fasting and prayer.**

BLESSING OUR CITY

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**By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted,
But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked. - Proverbs 11:11(NKJV)**

To bless means to empower for prosperity. The Bible tells us: By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked. The Amplified Bible, Classic Edition renders it: By the blessing of the influence of the upright and God's favor [because of them] the city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked. When we bless our city, we influence the atmosphere of that city. The word of God says our city will then be exalted. Imagine if we did this for every city in America — what would happen? With all cities thus exalted, our nation would rise to what God has called it to be. Today, let's bless our cities and change our nation!

**Unless the LORD guards the city, the watchman
stays awake in vain. - Psalm 127:1 (NKJV)**

I declare a blessing over my city today. I bless my city with the protection of the Lord according to the word of God. Azusa, you are blessed by God this day as He watches over you, 24/7. I declare that the favor of God is upon my city today and forevermore.

**...if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek
My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive
their sin and heal their land. - 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NKJV)**

I release the blessing of healing over my city today. I declare, according to the word of God, that healing is flowing through my city. Healing is being seen in my city. It is a tangible healing that flows through every street and home within the city borders.

**The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the
region and shadow of death, light has dawned. - Matthew 4:16 (NKJV)**

I speak "light be" into my city. I bless my city this day with the light of God. I declare that light has dawned in this city, and it is driving out all darkness, in Jesus' name. The light of God has completely covered my city from corner to corner.

**And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and
pray to the Lord for it; for in its peace you will have peace. - Jeremiah 29:7 (NKJV)**

I bless my city with peace — God's peace, the shalom of God. In my city, great peace reigns. This peace saturates every city government office. This peace saturates our first-responders, our police officers, our officials. This peace covers our schools and our hospitals. This peace runs through our city streets, removing all division, strife, anger, and contention. Peace rules and reigns in my city. In Jesus' name, I bless my city with peace

**For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; But the
Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to
your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. - Isaiah 60:2-3 (NKJV)**

I bless my city with an outpouring of the glory of God. I say: God's glory is being poured out in my city this day. Light has come, and everyone is coming toward that light, which is Jesus Christ. I declare that the light of God is bright in my city and that the darkness cannot and will not overcome it. The abiding glory of God has covered my city from border to border.

BLESSING OUR CITY (continued)

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Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. - Matthew 6:9–10 (NKJV)

I bless my city this day with the favor of God. I declare that Your kingdom will come here in my city, O God. Let Your will be done in my city this day, O God. I declare that everything is now in my city as it is in heaven. We have an outpouring of righteousness in our city; we have an abundance of peace and prosperity in our city; we have a plethora of godly leaders in our city. Our city is like heaven on earth. In Jesus' name.

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! ... For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore. - Psalm 133:1, 3b (NIV)

I bless my city with unity. I declare that the people in my city are in unity with God and His word. They are in unity with one another — we all, as one, seek the face of God and His plan and purpose for our city. I bless my city with unity, and I thank You, O God, that You command the blessing of life forevermore upon my city. Nothing and no one will ever destroy my city, for the hand of God is upon it.

Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. - Joshua 1:7 (NKJV)

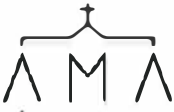
I bless my city with strong, courageous, God-fearing, and Holy Spirit-filled leaders. I declare that these leaders will be strong in the Lord and will carry out His plan for this city. They will not waver, become intimidated, or follow any voice except the voice of God.

Therefore, I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. - 1 Timothy 2:1–2 (NKJV)

I bless my city with quiet and peace. I declare that as we pray over and bless our city, a godly reverence fills it. I say that there will be neither violence by gangs or otherwise, nor disasters in this city, for it is blessed by God. In this city, all the people are blessed to lead a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and reverence to the Lord.

The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance. - Psalm 33:10–12 (NKJV)

I proclaim that God is Lord of this city. We are His chosen people; our city is blessed because it belongs to God. His will and His plan for my city will stand forever. If there be any plans devised anywhere that fail to line up with God's plan for my city, may those plans come to nothing. Only God's plan will succeed in my city. I bless my city with the blessing of Almighty God, Who rules and reigns forevermore — in my city and in my nation.



John 13:1-35 NIV

1 It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2 The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" 7 Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." 8 "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." 9 "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" 10 Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." 11 For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. 12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. 13 "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. 18 "I am not referring to all of you; I know those I have chosen. But this is to fulfill this passage of Scripture: 'He who shared my bread has turned against me.' 19 "I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am who I am. 20 Very truly I tell you, whoever accepts anyone I send accepts me; and whoever accepts me accepts the one who sent me." 21 After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, "Very truly I tell you, one of you is going to betray me." 22 His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant. 23 One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. 24 Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, "Ask him which one he means." 25 Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" 26 Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. 27 As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. So Jesus told him, "What you are about to do, do quickly." 28 But no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him. 29 Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the festival, or to give something to the poor. 30 As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night. 31 When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. 32 If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. 33 "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. 34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."