

## PREPARING FOR THE GREAT DAY OF THE LORD

In preparation for the Priesthood gathering in Kirtland September 22-24, 2023, we would like to provide the following daily devotional for the month of September. 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.

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Day 1	Friday Hymn Prayer Thought:	September 1 486 May we hear your call.	D&C 43:5a “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”
Day 2	Saturday Hymn Prayer Thought:	September 2 141 Help us as we change direction and return unto you.	D&C 43:5d-g “Prepare Ye”
Day 3	Sunday Hymn Prayer Thought:	September 3 474 Lord, may you marshal your army.	Joel 2:11 “Soldiers of Christ, Arise”
Day 4	Monday Hymn Prayer Thought:	September 4 171 Tear down Babylon and let your people be free from its bondage.	Zephaniah 1:14-18 “Admonition”
Day 5	Tuesday Hymn Prayer Thought:	September 5 179 Turn our hearts to our fathers.	Malachi 4:1-6 “The Floodgates Are Lifting”
Day 6	Wednesday Hymn Prayer Thought:	September 6 426 Give us your words to a wicked generation.	D & C 33:1-2 “Hasten Great Father”
Day 7	Thursday Hymn Prayer Thought:	September 7 124 Lord, may your kingdom reign in our hearts so it may spread to the nations.	D & C 45:6 “Joy to the World”
Day 8	Friday Hymn Prayer Thought:	September 8 459 Please come in our midst.	D & C 49:5 “Hail to the Brightness”

Day 9	Saturday Hymn Prayer Thought:	September 9 314 (verse 4) Let us not slumber.	D&C 108:3d, 5a-e, 11a "Let Us Pray for One Another"
Day 10	Sunday Hymn Prayer Thought:	September 10 81 You call us in so many ways, O Lord, may we heed your Word given in promise.	D&C 43:6a-c "Jesus Calls Us"
Day 11	Monday Hymn Prayer Thought:	September 11 422 Help us, by your Spirit, to be a light to our brothers and sisters, that they may know your word.	Alma 11:25-28 "Brightly Beams Our Father's Mercy"
Day 12	Tuesday Hymn Prayer Thought:	September 12 470 Thou art Faithful...Strengthen us through our trials.	D&C 102:5, 9 "God Is Marshalling His Army"
Day 13	Wednesday Hymn Prayer Thought:	September 13 219 Thank You, Father, for the forgiving message of your Gospel.	Alma 10:18-25 "I Have Found the Glorious Gospel"
Day 14	Thursday Hymn Prayer Thought:	September 14 169 May our hearts be tuned to Thee.	Helaman 2:31 "Rise Up, O Saints of God"
Day 15	Friday Hymn Prayer Thought:	September 15 166 Open our ears and our eyes to recognize and discern your will toward us.	Alma 19:25-27 "Angels Sought Thee"
Day 16	Saturday Hymn Prayer Thought:	September 16 139 We are blessed to claim Christ as our Advocate with the Father...that the Lamb has taken upon Himself our sins. Praise the Lord.	D&C 28:2 "Come, O Thou King of Kings"
Day 17	Sunday Hymn Prayer Thought:	September 17 219 Father, enlighten me that I might choose wisely those things I entertain in my mind.	Joshua 24:15; Psalm 5:7 "I have found the glorious gospel"

Day 18	Monday Hymn Prayer Thought:	September 18 391	Jeremiah 26:14; Psalm 17:15 "My times are in thy hand" Help me to reflect your love and righteousness to a dark and lost world.
Day 19	Tuesday Hymn Prayer Thought:	September 19 488	Zephaniah 1:14; John 6:45 "Lead on O King Eternal" You have led thy people in every dispensation of time and those who have followed and endured to the end, have found their rest in paradise. Father helps us to closely follow you.
Day 20	Wednesday  Hymn  Prayer Thought:	September 20  Not in Hymnal	D&C 45:6a; Helaman 2:111; Read the last paragraph on page 33 of "Seek and Listen for Christ's calling in your life" regarding clean vessels and perfection. "Fill My Cup Lord" Fill my cup Lord, I lift it up Lord, come and quench the longing of my soul. Bread of heaven, fill me till I want no more, fill it up – fill it up and make me whole. Father forgive us our debts and search us that our hearts might be ready to receive a greater portion of your Holy Spirit.
Day 21	Thursday Hymn Prayer Thought:	September 21 124	II Nephi 6:41-48 "Joy to the World" Thank you Father for the promise of your Kingdom for all those who endure the crosses of this world and despise the shame of it. Help us to carry our cross to your glory.
Day 22	Friday Hymn Prayer thought:	September 22 336	II Nephi 3:50-66 "Trust and Obey" Thank you Father for the promise of your Kingdom for all those who endure the crosses of this world and despise the shame of it. Help us to carry our cross to your glory.
Day 23	Saturday Hymn Prayer Thought:	September 23 442	IV Nephi 1:17; Alma 11:26; D&C 22:23b "Zion's Victory Song" Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Lord help us to maintain our vision of Zion and the kingdom you are willing to give to your children.

Day 24	Sunday	September 24	III Nephi 8:39-49; D&C 41:2a-b; Moroni 7:3
	Hymn	183	"How firm a foundation Ye Saints of the Lord"
	Prayer Thought:	Father, guide our worship that we might practice your presence daily until we can rest with you in your kingdom.	
Day 25	Monday	September 25	2 Kings 6:15-17
	Hymn	208	"Open My Eyes, That I May See"
	Prayer Thought:	Lord, I pray thee, open our eyes and let us see that we are not in this battle alone.	
Day 26	Tuesday	September 26	Luke 24:2-5
	Hymn	169	"Rise Up, O Saints of God"
	Prayer Thought:	Father, everything Jesus said you fulfilled. Help us to trust in you and bring life to your church.	
Day 27	Wednesday	September 27	D&C Section 140:5c&d
	Hymn	447	"Onward to Zion"
	Prayer Thought:	Thank you God for your grace and your mercy. Help us to be the spiritual people you called us to be that we might see your promises fulfilled in each of our lives.	
Day 28	Thursday	September 28	D&C Section 142:5
	Hymn	485	"Work for the Night Is Coming"
	Prayer Thought:	Forgive us Lord for the many times we have set other goals ahead of the goal of Zion. Help us realize the urgency of the hour we are living in that will labor in all of our might mind and strength to that end.	
Day 29	Friday	September 29	Galatians 6:7-10
	Hymn	497	"Workers for the Master"
	Prayer Thought:	Heavenly Father, help us to find joy in serving others.	
Day 30	Saturday	September 30	II Nephi 13:27-30
	Hymn	268	"With a Steadfast Faith"
	Prayer Thought:	Father, give us endurance. We are nearing the end of the race, many are tired, strengthen us dear Lord.	