

# Month of Prayer and Fasting

Sunday 15th January to Sunday 12th February

Bible Reading and Prayer Guide

# **Reading Acts**

Right at the start of the book of Acts we read how Jesus used the time between his resurrection and ascension to teach the Apostles about the Kingdom of God ... the rule and reign of God here on earth. The Gospels tell how the 'Kingdom of God' is what Jesus came to announce, display and make possible. This message was so important that he used his final words to make sure the Apostles really got it.

As you read through the Acts of the Apostles you will see how this message of the Kingdom, by the power of the Holy Spirit, took hold of them and changed the direction of their lives forever. Firstly, they were impacted individually as they personally encountered Christ and were filled with the Holy Spirit. The church was then born as the believers gathered together and organised themselves in such a way as to show the community what it means to be the body of Christ. Then persecution came and the followers of Jesus were scattered to different places... but this didn't stop them, they shared the good news of this coming Kingdom as they went and churches started to pop up throughout the region.

What we see in this book is how God can use ordinary people to do extraordinary things when they are captured by a vision and filled with the Holy Spirit - Peter preached, Stephen laid down his life, Paul embraced the risen Christ as the Jewish Messiah . . . time and time again people encountered the Holy Spirit as they accepted what Jesus had done and they were never the same again.

As you read and reflect on these passages, and pray and fast over the course of the month, ask the Holy Spirit to show you what the advancing Kingdom could look like in your life, family, church and wider community.

### **Launch Event**

**Monday 16th January** | 7.30 pm Moresk Centre, St Austell Street

### **Debrief**

**Monday 13th February** | 7.30pm All Saints, Highertown

# 'Day Break' Prayer

## **Monday to Friday mornings**

from 7 – 7.30am on Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89245425409?pwd=LzZ-VaDlsOFRGbHhOeHpVUDcvODJ4QT09

Meeting ID: **892 4542 5409** | Passcode: **CTT** 

During the month do look out for other prayer events that may be happening in the different churches across the city

Monday 16th January	Acts 1	Lifted Up and Poured Out	Commit the coming month of prayer and fasting to God
Tuesday 17th January	Acts 2	Preaching in the Power	For those who feel abandoned or without hope to find their purpose
Wednesday 18th January	Acts 3	The Healing at the Gate	Those who have come to Truro to find their home
Thursday 19th January	Acts 4	What a Prayer Meeting!	The mentally ill, including the depressed
Friday 20th January	Acts 5	Opposition	For us to love our neighbours
Saturday 21st January	Acts 6	Getting Organised	The hungry & cold to find relief
Sunday 22nd January	Acts 7	Stephen is Killed	For us to bear good witness
Monday 23rd January	Acts 8	The Christians are Scattered	Housing and the homeless
Tuesday 24th January	Acts 9	Saul is Stopped in his Tracks	Political leaders —councillors and MPs
Wednesday 25th January	Acts 10	Peter's Vision	Health services
Thursday 26th January	Acts 11	Chatter as they Scatter	Schools & Education
Friday 27th January	Acts 12	James Killed & Peter Rescued	Police and fire services
Saturday 28th January	Acts 13	Doors Opening	Leisure and the arts in the city
Sunday 29th January	Acts 14	Paul and Barnabas on a Mission	Social services
Monday 30th January	Acts 15	The Big Get Together	Inclusion in work, the unemployed and excluded
Tuesday 31st January	Acts 16	The Macedonian Call	Truro high streets
Wednesday 1st February	Acts 17	To the Unknown God	Chamber of commerce, building positive business community
Thursday 2nd February	Acts 18	Be Bold, Be Strong for the Lord your God is with you	Charities working in the city, and from the city
Friday 3rd February	Acts 19	A City in Turmoil	Those facing bankruptcy
Saturday 4th February	Acts 20	What a Sermon!	New business, small businesses
Sunday 5th February	Acts 21	Back to Jerusalem – Whatever the Cost!	Big businesses in the area
Monday 6th February	Acts 22	Paul's a What?!	Be thankful for God's presence in Truro
Tuesday 7th February	Acts 23	Conspiracy Theory	Be thankful for God sustaining his church
Wednesday 8th February	Acts 24	Paul is Left in Prison	Thankful and prayer for church/council relations in Truro
Thursday 9th February	Acts 25	'To Caesar you have appealed; to Caesar you shall go'	For the courts and whole justice system
Friday 10th February	Acts 26	Testimony Opportunity	For children in the city to know they are loved
Saturday 11th February	Acts 27	Shipwreck	For every situation to be used for the good of those who love Him'
Sunday 12th February	Acts 28	'With all boldness and without hindrance'	For everyone in Truro to hear the gospel from someone who loves them