Prayer and Fasting

So we fasted and petitioned our God about this, and he answered our prayer.

-Ezra 8:23

We are calling our church to a day of prayer and fasting on the first day of every month. If health concerns do not allow you to abstain from food you may choose to fast from something else such as TV, the Internet, or a certain hobby. The important thing is that we take time to pray and seek God in Scripture and prayer.

Scripture Reading
- Begin your time with Bible reading. If you already have a set plan for Bible reading you can continue with that plan. If you do not have a Bible reading plan you can find one at www.bible.com.
- As you are reading, take time to ponder and write down what God is saying in His word. What does this Scripture teach about God, you, and the world? Is there a promise to believe? Is God convicting you of a sin to repent of? Is there a command God is giving you to obey?

Kingdom Focused Prayers
1. Pray God will draw each of us to powerful intimacy with Him and show us anything in our lives that might hinder that intimacy. (John 15:5)
2. Pray we will be grounded in God's word and continually changed by it. (Psalm 1:2)
3. Pray God will make us hungry for prayer and grant us power in our prayers. (Matthew 7:7-11)
4. Pray God will create deeply spiritual men and women in His church. (Colossians 1:28)
5. Pray we will experience a drenching and anointing of God's Spirit and power. (Acts 4:23-31)
6. Pray God gives us passion, enthusiasm, and fire for Him and His Kingdom. (Matthew 6:33)
7. Pray God will break our hearts for friends, coworkers, neighbors, and family members who don't have a personal relationship with Jesus. (Romans 10:1)
8. Pray God would make our hearts unified with each other and have a genuine love for one another with a pure heart. (Philippians 2:1-2)
9. Pray our people will give generously and enthusiastically to the cause of Christ. (2 Corinthians 9:6-14)
10. Pray God will call people into ministry and missions from our church. (Acts 13:2-3)