NEHEMIAH ALLIANCE · 52-DAY REBUILD INITIATIVE

52 DAYS OF PRAYER

A daily guide of Scripture, prayer, and declaration for fifty-two days of united fasting and rebuilding — one state at a time.

SUNDOWN, SEPTEMBER 10 — SUNDOWN, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

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REBUILD. RESTORE. RENEW.

Before You Begin

Fifty-two days. Fifty states. One hundred nations. One God who is already at work.

In the year 445 BC, a cupbearer named Nehemiah heard that the wall of Jerusalem was broken down and its gates burned with fire. He sat down and wept. He fasted and prayed. Then he went and rebuilt the wall —and it took exactly fifty-two days. Everyone who watched had to admit that the work had been done with the help of God.

That is the story this guide follows. From sundown on September 10 to sundown on November 1, believers across every state and more than a hundred nations are giving fifty-two days to united prayer, fasting, and repentance for this nation, gathering for a Sacred Assembly on the National Mall on October 31, and carrying it home to their local churches on November 1. Each day of this guide walks one step further through Nehemiah's story, and each day lifts up one state by name.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Each day has five parts. **Read** the Scripture slowly—twice if you can. **Reflect** on the short devotional. **Pray** the prayer out loud, in your own words if you prefer. **Declare** the one-line declaration—say it like you mean it. Then read the day's **state fact** and spend a moment praying specifically for that state: its churches, its leaders, its families, its next generation. If you live there, pray with extra weight. If you know someone who does, send them the day's page.

Ten minutes is enough. Twenty is better. The goal is not to finish a page; it is to meet with God and build something that lasts.

A WORD ABOUT FASTING

Nehemiah fasted before he built. Fasting is simply telling your body that God matters more than comfort, and it can take many forms: one meal a day, a Daniel fast of fruits and vegetables, sundown to sundown one day a week, or a fast from screens, media, or sugar. Choose what is honest for your life and your health, and decide before Day One. If you have a medical condition, are pregnant, or take medication, talk with your doctor first and choose a form of fasting that is safe for you.

TOGETHER

Do not do this alone. Find two or three people and pray through the fifty-two days together—in a group chat, over coffee, or on a weekly call. Nehemiah's wall was built by families standing side by side, each repairing the section in front of their own house. Find your section. Find your neighbor. Let us start rebuilding.

God is moving. Step into it.
— Tyler

The 52 Days at a Glance

One state each day, in the order they entered the Union — beginning with Pennsylvania on September 11 and ending on the National Mall on October 31. Sundays are in bold.

EVE	Sep 10	Sundown — the fast begins	1	Sep 11	Pennsylvania	2	Sep 12	Delaware
3	Sep 13	**Hawaii**	4	Sep 14	New Jersey	5	Sep 15	Georgia
6	Sep 16	Connecticut	7	Sep 17	Massachusetts	8	Sep 18	Maryland
9	Sep 19	South Carolina	10	Sep 20	**New Hampshire**	11	Sep 21	Virginia
12	Sep 22	New York	13	Sep 23	Rhode Island	14	Sep 24	North Carolina
15	Sep 25	Vermont	16	Sep 26	Kentucky	17	Sep 27	**Tennessee**
18	Sep 28	Ohio	19	Sep 29	Louisiana	20	Sep 30	Indiana
21	Oct 1	Mississippi	22	Oct 2	Illinois	23	Oct 3	Alabama
24	Oct 4	**Maine**	25	Oct 5	Missouri	26	Oct 6	Arkansas
27	Oct 7	Michigan	28	Oct 8	Florida	29	Oct 9	Texas
30	Oct 10	Iowa	31	Oct 11	**Wisconsin**	32	Oct 12	California
33	Oct 13	Minnesota	34	Oct 14	Oregon	35	Oct 15	Kansas
36	Oct 16	West Virginia	37	Oct 17	Nevada	38	Oct 18	**Nebraska**
39	Oct 19	Colorado	40	Oct 20	North Dakota	41	Oct 21	South Dakota
42	Oct 22	Montana	43	Oct 23	Washington	44	Oct 24	Idaho
45	Oct 25	**Wyoming**	46	Oct 26	Utah	47	Oct 27	Oklahoma
48	Oct 28	New Mexico	49	Oct 29	Arizona	50	Oct 30	Alaska
51	Oct 31	Washington, D.C. & U.S. Territories	52	Nov 1	**Every state · every church**			

October 31 — Sacred Assembly, National Mall, Washington, D.C. In person and streamed live. **November 1** — pastors across the nation lead their congregations in intercession as the fast ends at sundown. Details and sign-up at na52.org.

THE EVE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 · SUNDOWN

Before Day One

THE FAST BEGINS TONIGHT

The Wall Is Broken

> *Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire.*
> NEHEMIAH 1:3

Everything in the book of Nehemiah starts with a report. A man a thousand miles from home asks his brother how things are going back in Jerusalem, and the answer breaks him open: the wall is down, the gates are ash, the people are ashamed. Nehemiah does not launch a program. He sits down. He weeps. He fasts. He prays. Fifty-two days of rebuilding began with one man who let the truth about his city reach his heart.

Tonight, before you do anything else, let the report in. Not the headlines—the real condition of your own heart, your family, your church, your state, this nation. Then do what Nehemiah did. Sit down before you stand up.

PRAY

Father, I have heard the report. Break my heart for what breaks Yours. Before You send me to build, teach me to weep, to fast, and to pray. Meet me in these fifty-two days.

DECLARE

I will not look away. I will let the truth reach my heart, and I will bring it to God.

DAY 1

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

PENNSYLVANIA

EST. 1787 · 2ND STATE

Sit Down Before You Stand Up

> *When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.*
> NEHEMIAH 1:4

Our instinct when something is broken is to move fast. Nehemiah's first move was to stop. He sat down. He wept. He stayed there "for some days." That is not weakness; it is the beginning of every real rebuild. Tears are how a burden becomes a calling. Fasting is how we tell our bodies that God matters more than comfort. Prayer is how a private grief becomes a public assignment.

Today is a day of remembrance in this nation—a day we already know how to grieve. Let that tenderness open you. Pray for the families still carrying loss, and let God show you the broken places He is asking you to feel before He asks you to fix them.

PRAY

Lord, I stop today. I sit down before You. Give me tears for what You weep over—in my life, my city, and my country. Turn my grief into a burden I can carry to You in prayer.

DECLARE

I will be still before I build. My burden is becoming my assignment.

DID YOU KNOW William Penn called his colony a "Holy Experiment"—a place where people of different faiths could live together by "what love can do." And on Christmas Eve 1741, Moravian settlers sang a hymn in a stable and named their new town Bethlehem. It is still called "Christmas City, USA."

DAY 2

Delaware

EST. 1787 · 1ST STATE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Great and Awesome God

> *Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments...*
>
> NEHEMIAH 1:5

Before Nehemiah asks for anything, he tells God who God is. Great. Awesome. Covenant-keeping. Loving. That order matters. When we lead with our problems, the problems look enormous. When we lead with God's character, the problems shrink to their real size.

Worship is not a warm-up for prayer; it is the foundation the prayer stands on. A nation cannot be rebuilt by people who have forgotten how big God is. Start today with your eyes up. Name His greatness out loud. Remember what He has done—for you, for your family, for this land. Then, and only then, bring the list.

PRAY

You are the God of heaven, great and awesome, and You keep Your promises. Before I ask You for anything, I worship You. You are bigger than every broken wall in this nation.

DECLARE

My God is great and awesome.
Nothing broken is beyond His reach.

DID YOU KNOW Holy Trinity "Old Swedes" Church in Wilmington was dedicated on Trinity Sunday, 1699, and is described by the National Park Service as the oldest church in the United States still standing as built and still used for worship. It also holds the oldest known pulpit in America.

DAY 3

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Hawaii

EST. 1959 · 50TH STATE

Let Your Ear Be Attentive

> *Let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your people Israel.*
> NEHEMIAH 1:6

"Day and night." Nehemiah did not pray once and move on. He prayed until the prayer became a rhythm—morning and evening, waking and sleeping. He was not trying to get God's attention; he was aligning his whole life with a burden God already carried.

It is Sunday. Somewhere near you, the people of God are gathering to sing. The Hawaiian state motto says the life of the land is preserved in righteousness—a truth spoken in 1843 on a day marked by a thanksgiving service in a church built from coral hauled by hand. Righteousness is not a political slogan. It is people who keep showing up before God until He answers. Be one of them today.

PRAY

Lord, let Your ear be attentive to the prayers rising from every state today. Make me a day-and-night prayer, not a once-and-done pray-er. Preserve this land in righteousness.

DECLARE

I will pray day and night. God's ear is open to me.

DID YOU KNOW Kawaiaha‘o Church in Honolulu, founded in 1820, was built from 14,000 coral blocks hauled by Native Hawaiian believers. Hawaii's motto—"The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness"—was spoken by King Kamehameha III in 1843 on a day marked by a thanksgiving service at that church.

DAY 4

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

New Jersey

EST. 1787 · 3RD STATE

I and My Father's House

> *I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's family, have committed against you. We have acted very wickedly toward you.*
> NEHEMIAH 1:6–7

Nehemiah was not in Jerusalem when the wall fell. He was serving a king far away. He could have prayed, "Lord, forgive them." Instead he prayed, "Forgive us. Including me." That is the difference between commentary and intercession. Commentators point. Intercessors kneel.

A nation is not changed by people who diagnose everyone else's sin. It is changed by people who own their part—their silence, their compromise, their coldness—and repent first. Today, refuse to pray from the balcony. Step onto the floor. Confess what is yours. Then confess what belongs to your family, your church, your state, as if it were yours. Because in God's eyes, it is.

PRAY

Father, I confess: we have sinned, and I have sinned. I bring the failures of my own house before I mention anyone else's. Forgive us. Cleanse us. Begin the rebuilding with me.

DECLARE

I will own my part. Repentance starts in my house.

DID YOU KNOW Princeton University was chartered in 1746 by ministers of the Great Awakening whose "great intention," in their own words, was "to erect a seminary for educating ministers of the Gospel." Its first classes met in a parsonage in Elizabethtown.

DAY 5

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

GEORGIA

EST. 1788 · 4TH STATE

Remember Your Word

> *Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses... if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there.*
>
> NEHEMIAH 1:8–9

Nehemiah prays the Bible back to God. He reaches for a promise God made centuries earlier and says, in effect, "You said this. I am holding You to it." That is not arrogance; it is faith. God loves to be reminded of His own Word, because His Word is the blueprint He builds from.

When you pray for this nation, do not pray from your fears. Pray from His promises. "If my people... will humble themselves and pray... I will heal their land." "I will pour out my Spirit on all people." "Repairer of broken walls." Find the promise. Say it out loud. Let it do the talking.

PRAY

Lord, remember Your Word. You promised that if we return to You, You will gather us—even from the farthest horizon. I return today. Gather Your people in this state and this nation.

DECLARE

I pray God's promises, not my fears. His Word is the blueprint.

DID YOU KNOW In 1740, evangelist George Whitefield founded Bethesda—"House of Mercy"—an orphanage near Savannah. It still operates today as Bethesda Academy and calls itself the oldest continuously operating child-caring institution in America. John Wesley compiled America's first Anglican hymnal for his Savannah congregation in 1737.

DAY 6

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Connecticut

EST. 1788 · 5TH STATE

I Was Cupbearer to the King

> *Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man. I was cupbearer to the king.*
> NEHEMIAH 1:11

The last line of Nehemiah's prayer is almost an afterthought: "I was cupbearer to the king." He was not a prophet, priest, general, or governor. He poured drinks. And yet God placed him exactly where a word in the right ear could change a nation.

You may feel ordinary. Good. God has a long habit of using cupbearers, shepherds, fishermen, and tentmakers. The question is not whether your position is impressive; it is whether you will pray for favor and be ready when the moment comes. Wherever you are planted—a classroom, a job site, a kitchen, an office—God transplanted you there, and He sustains you there. Ask Him for favor today. Then watch for the door.

PRAY

Lord, give Your servant success today. Grant me favor with the people in front of me. I am not important, but I am available. Use my ordinary position for Your extraordinary purpose.

DECLARE

I am planted on purpose. God gives me favor where I stand.

DID YOU KNOW Connecticut's motto, "Qui Transtulit Sustinet"—"He Who Transplanted Still Sustains"—echoes Psalm 80:8. Its Fundamental Orders of 1639, inspired by a sermon from Rev. Thomas Hooker, were written to "maintain and preserve the liberty and purity of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus"—which is why it is called the Constitution State.

DAY 7

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

MASSACHUSETTS

EST. 1788 · 6TH STATE

Then I Prayed to the God of Heaven

> *The king said to me, "What is it you want?" Then I prayed to the God of heaven, and I answered the king...*
>
> NEHEMIAH 2:4

Four months of prayer came down to one sentence. The king noticed Nehemiah's sad face, asked what he wanted, and there was no time for a prayer meeting. So Nehemiah prayed the shortest prayer in the Bible—a breath between the question and the answer—and then he spoke.

That is what the long prayers are for. They prepare us for the short ones. The people who change history in a moment are the people who have been with God in the months before it. Today is Constitution Day, the anniversary of a document that opens with "We the People." Long before it, a smaller group signed a compact "for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith." Keep praying in private. The public moment is coming.

PRAY

God of heaven, prepare me in secret for the moments You will give me in public. When the door opens, let my first breath be a prayer and my first word be wise.

DECLARE

I am ready for the moment, because I have been with God before the moment.

DID YOU KNOW The Mayflower Compact, signed on November 11, 1620, declares that the voyage was "undertaken for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith." And Old Ship Church in Hingham, built in 1681 by ship carpenters, is the oldest church building in the U.S. used continuously for worship.

DAY 8

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

MARYLAND

EST. 1788 · 7TH STATE

The Gracious Hand of My God

> *And because the gracious hand of my God was on me, the king granted my requests.*
> NEHEMIAH 2:8

Nehemiah asked a pagan king for time off, safe passage, and lumber from the royal forest—and got all of it. His explanation was not "I negotiated well." It was "the gracious hand of my God was on me." Favor is not something you manufacture. It is something God places on people who have prayed, humbled themselves, and shown up ready.

Maryland's state seal carries a line from Psalm 5: "With favor You will surround us as with a shield." That is a good prayer for a state and a better one for a life. Ask boldly today—for open doors, for resources, for the right people to say yes. Then give God the credit when they do.

PRAY

Lord, put Your gracious hand on me. Surround Your people with favor as with a shield. Open doors no one can shut, and let every yes be traced back to You.

DECLARE

The gracious hand of my God is on me. Favor surrounds me like a shield.

DID YOU KNOW The reverse of Maryland's Great Seal carries Psalm 5:12 in Latin—"With favor wilt thou compass us as with a shield." And in 1649, Maryland's Toleration Act protected Christians of different traditions from religious insult—a legal protection with no precedent elsewhere in the colonies.

DAY 9

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

SOUTH CAROLINA

EST. 1788 · 8TH STATE

Examining the Walls

> *By night I went out... examining the walls of Jerusalem, which had been broken down, and its gates, which had been destroyed by fire.*
> NEHEMIAH 2:13

Before he said a word to anyone, Nehemiah rode out at night and looked. He did not rebuild from a rumor. He inspected the rubble himself—every gap, every burned gate. Honest assessment is not negativity. It is love with its eyes open.

Most of us either exaggerate the damage ("everything is lost") or minimize it ("it's fine"). Nehemiah did neither. Take a night ride today. Look honestly at your own walls: your marriage, your habits, your finances, your friendships, your local church. Where is the gap? Where did the fire get in? Write it down. You cannot rebuild what you refuse to see.

PRAY

Lord, give me eyes to see what is really broken—without exaggeration and without excuses. Show me the gaps in my own walls first. I will look, and I will not look away.

DECLARE

I see clearly. I name the broken places so God can rebuild them.

DID YOU KNOW Charleston is nicknamed "the Holy City" for its skyline of church steeples. St. Philip's Church, founded in 1680, is the oldest congregation in the United States south of Virginia, and First Baptist Church of Charleston, organized in 1682, is the earliest Baptist church in the South.

DAY 10

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

New Hampshire

EST. 1788 · 9TH STATE

Come, Let Us Rebuild

> *"Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace." … They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So they began this good work.*
>
> NEHEMIAH 2:17–18

Notice what Nehemiah did not say. He did not say, "You people should fix this." He said, "Come, let us rebuild." He put himself in the sentence. Then he told them what God had done and what the king had said—and something shifted in the room. "Let us start rebuilding." The same people who had lived in the rubble for years picked up tools.

It is Sunday. You are probably sitting in a room full of people who could build. Most of them are waiting for someone to say "us" instead of "you." Be that voice today. Tell someone what God has been doing in your fifty-two days. Invite them in. Good work begins when one person says, "Come."

PRAY

Lord, make me a "let us" person, not a "you should" person. Give me the words to invite others into what You are building. Let the good work begin in my church today.

DECLARE

I say "us," not "them." Let us start rebuilding.

DID YOU KNOW In 1770, a New Castle sailmaker named Benjamin Randall heard George Whitefield preach in Portsmouth and was converted. Ten years later, in 1780, he organized a church in New Durham that became the birthplace of the Free Will Baptist movement—a denomination born from one sermon and one changed life.

DAY 11

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

VIRGINIA

EST. 1788 · 10TH STATE

The God of Heaven Will Give Us Success

> *The God of heaven will give us success. We his servants will start rebuilding.*
> NEHEMIAH 2:20

The moment the people picked up tools, the mockers showed up. Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem laughed: "What is this you are doing?" Nehemiah did not argue with them, and he did not stop. He answered with a sentence every builder should memorize: "The God of heaven will give us success. We his servants will start rebuilding."

Ridicule is a sign you are building something real. Nobody mocks rubble. Today, expect the voices—online, at work, maybe in your own head—that say it is foolish to pray for a nation. Do not debate them. Declare who gives success, and get back to work. The first English settlers in this land planted a cross on the shore and prayed before they built anything. Start there.

PRAY

God of heaven, You give the success. I refuse to be silenced by mockery or slowed by cynicism. I am Your servant, and I will keep building.

DECLARE

The God of heaven gives me success. I will not stop for mockers.

DID YOU KNOW On April 29, 1607—before ever reaching Jamestown—the English settlers planted a cross at Cape Henry and, led by Rev. Robert Hunt, prayed in thanksgiving for a safe arrival. It was the first recorded act of the colonists on Virginia soil.

DAY 12

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

New York

EST. 1788 · 11TH STATE

Next to Him

> *Eliashib the high priest and his fellow priests went to work and rebuilt the Sheep Gate... The men of Jericho built the adjoining section, and Zakkur son of Imri built next to them.*
> NEHEMIAH 3:1–2

Nehemiah 3 is the chapter most people skip—a long list of names and gates. But read it slowly and you will see the secret of the whole rebuild: "next to him... next to them... next to him." Nobody built the whole wall. Everybody built a section, shoulder to shoulder. Priests. Perfume-makers. Goldsmiths. Fathers and daughters. Rulers of half-districts. Ordinary people, side by side.

A nation is not rebuilt by a hero. It is rebuilt by neighbors. In 1857, one layman in Manhattan opened a noon prayer meeting and six people came. Within months, ten thousand were praying across the city, and it spread across the country. Six people, next to each other, was enough. Find your section. Find your "next to."

PRAY

Lord, show me my section of the wall and the people You have placed next to me. Deliver me from waiting for a hero. Make me a faithful neighbor who builds.

DECLARE

I have a section. I have a neighbor. I will build next to them.

DID YOU KNOW On September 23, 1857, a layman named Jeremiah Lanphier opened a noon prayer meeting at the North Dutch Church on Fulton Street in Manhattan. Six people showed up. Within months, some 10,000 New Yorkers were praying daily, and the revival spread to cities across the nation.

DAY 13

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Rhode Island

EST. 1790 · 13TH STATE

In Front of Their Own House

> *Above the Horse Gate, the priests made repairs, each in front of his own house.*
> NEHEMIAH 3:28

Six times in Nehemiah 3 we read some version of "in front of his own house." It was brilliant strategy—no one guards a wall like the family living behind it—and it was also a spiritual principle. The rebuild of a nation begins at your own front door.

It is tempting to pray about Washington and ignore your own kitchen table. But the wall that protects your children, your marriage, your integrity, and your local church is the section God has assigned to you. Rhode Island's motto is a single word: Hope—an anchor for the soul. Anchor your own house first. Repair what is in front of you. The city gets stronger one household at a time.

PRAY

Lord, I take responsibility for the wall in front of my own house. Rebuild my family's faith, my own integrity, my prayer life. Anchor my home in hope.

DECLARE

I build in front of my own house. My home is anchored in hope.

DID YOU KNOW Roger Williams named his 1636 settlement "Providence" in gratitude for "God's merciful providence unto me in my distress," and founded the First Baptist Church in America there in 1638. Rhode Island's motto, "Hope," with its anchor, is believed to come from Hebrews 6:19—"hope... as an anchor of the soul."

DAY 14

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

North Carolina

EST. 1789 · 12TH STATE

A Mind to Work

> *So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart.*
>
> NEHEMIAH 4:6

Halfway. That is where most rebuilds die—too far in to quit easily, too far from done to feel it. The novelty is gone, the critics are louder, and the pile of rubble looks exactly as high as it did last week. Nehemiah's people made it past halfway for one reason: they "worked with all their heart."

Half-hearted prayer produces half-built walls. Today, check your heart, not just your schedule. Are you going through the motions of this fast, or are you in it? The Moravians of Salem have gathered before dawn every Easter since 1772—more than 250 years of showing up with their whole heart. Wholeheartedness is not a feeling. It is a decision you make again this morning.

PRAY

Lord, I give You my whole heart, not the leftovers. Renew my zeal at the halfway point. Let me pray and build with everything I have.

DECLARE

I work with all my heart. I will not quit at half height.

DID YOU KNOW Moravians in Old Salem (Winston-Salem) have held an Easter Sunrise Service every year since 1772—the longest continuous observance in the nation. And Billy Graham, born on a dairy farm in Charlotte in 1918, preached the Gospel to some 215 million people in more than 185 countries.

DAY 15

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

VERMONT

EST. 1791 · 14TH STATE

Remember the Lord

> *Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.*
> NEHEMIAH 4:14

When the threats got specific, Nehemiah stood the people up by families and gave them two commands: Remember the Lord, and fight for your homes. Fear shrinks the world to the size of the threat. Remembering enlarges it back to the size of God.

Much of what passes for courage today is really just anger. Nehemiah's courage was different—it was rooted in memory ("great and awesome") and aimed at love ("your sons and your daughters"). Fight for your family today, not against your neighbor. In Vermont, five denominations once pooled their money to build one round church they could share. That is what fighting for your home looks like: God's people, standing together, refusing to be afraid.

PRAY

Lord, I remember You—great and awesome. I will not be afraid. I stand up for my family, my children, and my home today, and I stand next to my brothers and sisters.

DECLARE

I remember the Lord. I fight for my family, not against my neighbor.

DID YOU KNOW The Old Round Church in Richmond, Vermont (1812–13) is a sixteen-sided meetinghouse funded by selling pews to five different Protestant denominations who agreed to share it. And Old First Church in Bennington, organized in 1762, is the oldest church in the state—poet Robert Frost is buried in its churchyard.

DAY 16

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

KENTUCKY

EST. 1792 · 15TH STATE

Wherever You Hear the Trumpet

> *Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, join us there. Our God will fight for us!*
> NEHEMIAH 4:20

The wall was long and the workers were scattered, so Nehemiah kept a trumpeter beside him. When the sound went out, everybody dropped what they were doing and ran toward it. "Join us there. Our God will fight for us." It was a rallying cry and a promise in one sentence.

God has a way of sounding a trumpet in a place nobody expected. In 1801, it was a log meetinghouse in Bourbon County, Kentucky, where as many as twenty thousand people gathered and an awakening swept the frontier. When you hear of God moving somewhere—a church, a campus, a small town—do not analyze it from a distance. Run toward the sound. That is where He fights for us.

PRAY

Lord, sound the trumpet in this state and in this nation. When I hear of You moving, give me the humility to run toward it, not the pride to critique it. Fight for us.

DECLARE

I run toward the sound of God moving. Our God fights for us.

DID YOU KNOW In August 1801, the Cane Ridge Revival in Bourbon County drew as many as 20,000 people to a log meetinghouse—the high-water mark of the Second Great Awakening. Kentucky's official Latin motto, adopted in 2002, is "Deo gratiam habeamus"—"Let us be grateful to God."

DAY 17

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Tennessee

EST. 1796 · 16TH STATE

Trowel and Sword

> *Those who carried materials did their work with one hand and held a weapon in the other.*
> NEHEMIAH 4:17

One hand built. One hand guarded. Nehemiah's workers did not get to choose between construction and protection; they had to do both at once. That is the posture of anyone serious about rebuilding a nation. You build with worship, generosity, hospitality, and the Word. You guard with prayer, discernment, and holiness. Drop either one and the wall fails.

In Nashville, a riverboat captain was converted at a tent revival in 1885 and built a tabernacle so that no one would have to stand outside to hear the Gospel. That is the trowel. But the same man had to guard what he built. It is Sunday: build something today —invite someone, give something, serve somewhere. And stand guard over your own heart while you do it.

PRAY

Lord, teach me to build with one hand and guard with the other. Make me generous and discerning, open-handed and watchful. Protect what You are building in me.

DECLARE

I build and I guard. I will not put down either the trowel or the sword.

DID YOU KNOW Nashville's Ryman Auditorium began as the Union Gospel Tabernacle. Riverboat captain Thomas Ryman was converted at evangelist Sam Jones's tent revival in 1885 and built the hall (opened 1892) so no one would have to stand outside to hear the Gospel. And in 1871, the Fisk Jubilee Singers—named for the biblical Year of Jubilee—left Nashville to save their school and introduced spirituals to the world.

DAY 18

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Ohio

EST. 1803 · 17TH STATE

With God, All Things Are Possible

> *Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."*
> MATTHEW 19:26

Ohio's state motto is a Bible verse—the only one in the country taken straight from Scripture. It got there because a ten-year-old boy wrote to his local newspaper and suggested his mother's favorite verse. A child, a mom, and a verse changed what a state says about itself.

We are now in the third week of the rebuild. This is where the size of the task starts to feel impossible. Good. "Impossible" is not a verdict; it is an invitation. Jesus said those words to disciples who had just asked, "Who then can be saved?" The answer was never "try harder." It was "look at God." Pray impossible prayers today—for someone you have given up on, for a city, for a nation. With God.

PRAY

Lord, I bring You the impossible today—the person, the place, the problem I stopped praying for. With man this is impossible. But You are God. Do what only You can do.

DECLARE

With God, all things are possible. I will pray impossible prayers.

DID YOU KNOW Ohio's motto, "With God, All Things Are Possible" (Matthew 19:26), became official in 1959 after ten-year-old Jimmy Mastronardo of Cincinnati wrote to a newspaper proposing his mother's favorite verse. Ohio's first church, school, and Christian settlement were all at Schoenbrunn Village, founded in 1772 by a Moravian missionary and Lenape Christian families.

DAY 19

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

LOUISIANA

EST. 1812 · 18TH STATE

Walk in the Fear of Our God

> *What you are doing is not right. Shouldn't you walk in the fear of our God...? Give back to them immediately their fields, vineyards, olive groves and houses.*
>
> NEHEMIAH 5:9, 11

In the middle of the rebuild, Nehemiah discovered the enemy inside the wall: God's people were exploiting God's people. The wealthy were charging interest to the poor and taking their children as collateral. Nehemiah stopped everything, called a public meeting, and said the hardest sentence a leader can say: "What you are doing is not right." Then he made them give it back.

Revival that does not touch how we treat the vulnerable is not revival. A nation cannot be rebuilt on prayer and injustice at the same time. Today, ask God to show you where you have benefited at someone else's expense—and what "give it back" looks like. In New Orleans in 1727, a group of sisters opened a school and offered classes to enslaved and free women of color when almost no one else would. That is walking in the fear of God.

PRAY

Lord, search my life for anything gained at another's expense. Show me who is being crushed in my city and what You want me to restore. Let Your people be known for justice and generosity.

DECLARE

I walk in the fear of God. I restore; I do not exploit.

DID YOU KNOW Ursuline Academy in New Orleans, founded in 1727 by sisters who sailed from France, is the oldest continuously operating school for girls in the United States. It offered some of the region's first classes for enslaved and free women of color and Native Americans. St. Louis Cathedral, nearby, traces its roots to 1718.

DAY 20

INDIANA

EST. 1816 · 19TH STATE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Out of Reverence for God

> *But the earlier governors... placed a heavy burden on the people... But out of reverence for God I did not act like that.*
>
> NEHEMIAH 5:15

Nehemiah was entitled to a governor's food allowance—forty shekels of silver plus the right to tax the people. He refused it for twelve years. He fed a hundred and fifty people at his own table and never charged them. His reason was not politics. "Out of reverence for God I did not act like that."

The rebuilding of a nation needs leaders who take less than they are owed. Fathers, pastors, bosses, elected officials—anyone with a table. Reverence for God shows up in what you refuse to take. A twenty-eight-year-old priest arrived on a snow-covered field in Indiana in 1842 with almost nothing and built a university. A pair of high-school teachers in a small Indiana town wrote "Because He Lives." Serve from your table today. Ask nothing back.

PRAY

Lord, make me a leader who takes less and gives more. Out of reverence for You, deliver me from entitlement. Let my table be open and my hands be clean.

DECLARE

Out of reverence for God, I serve. My table is open.

DID YOU KNOW On November 26, 1842, a 28-year-old French priest named Edward Sorin and seven brothers arrived at a snow-covered tract of land and founded the University of Notre Dame. And in tiny Alexandria, Indiana, two high-school teachers named Bill and Gloria Gaither wrote more than 700 gospel songs together, including "Because He Lives."

DAY 21

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

MISSISSIPPI

EST. 1817 · 20TH STATE

I Am Carrying On a Great Project

> *I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and go down to you?*
>
> NEHEMIAH 6:3

When the enemy cannot stop you with fear, he tries distraction. Four times Sanballat invited Nehemiah to a "meeting" on the plain of Ono. Four times Nehemiah sent the same answer: "I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down."

You will be invited to Ono this week. It will look like a controversy that needs your comment, an argument that needs your opinion, a scroll that needs your thumb. The invitation will feel important. Ask one question: "Why should the work stop?" Prayer is the great project. Your family is the great project. The Gospel in your city is the great project. You do not have to attend every meeting you are invited to. Stay on the wall.

PRAY

Lord, I am carrying on a great work and I cannot come down. Guard me from every distraction dressed up as urgency. Keep my hands on the wall and my eyes on You.

DECLARE

I am carrying on a great work. I will not come down.

DID YOU KNOW As a boy in Tupelo, Elvis Presley first sang gospel at First Assembly of God, where a neighbor remembered "sweet gospel singing continuing until late into the night." All three of his Grammy Awards were for gospel recordings. Mississippi's state flag, adopted in 2021, carries the words "In God We Trust" beneath a magnolia.

DAY 22

Illinois

EST. 1818 · 21ST STATE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

Now Strengthen My Hands

> *They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, "Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed." But I prayed, "Now strengthen my hands."*
>
> NEHEMIAH 6:9

The enemy's whole strategy is in one sentence: make their hands too weak to finish. Not to stop them outright—just to wear them down until they quit on their own. Nehemiah's response is a four-word prayer: "Now strengthen my hands."

Three weeks into a fast, hands get weak. Enthusiasm fades and endurance has to take over. This is not the time for a new plan; it is the time for a short prayer, prayed often. A Chicago shoe salesman named Dwight Moody once heard that "the world has yet to see what God will do with a man fully consecrated to Him"—and decided to be that man. The world is still finding out. Pray it now, out loud: "Strengthen my hands." Then pick up the trowel.

PRAY

Now strengthen my hands, Lord. When I am tired, when the work feels endless, when the critics are loud—strengthen my hands. Let me finish what You started.

DECLARE

God strengthens my hands. I will finish the work.

DID YOU KNOW In 1886, a former shoe salesman turned evangelist named Dwight L. Moody founded what became Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, a pioneer of Christian radio and publishing. And Holy Family Church in Cahokia—a log church consecrated in 1799—is the oldest church building west of the Alleghenies and is still in use.

DAY 23

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

ALABAMA

EST. 1819 · 22ND STATE

Should a Man Like Me Run Away?

> *But I said, "Should a man like me run away? Or should someone like me go into the temple to save his life? I will not go!"*
> NEHEMIAH 6:11

The last trap was the most subtle. A hired prophet told Nehemiah to hide in the temple because assassins were coming. It sounded spiritual. It sounded safe. Nehemiah saw through it: "Should a man like me run away?" He knew who he was, so he knew what he would not do.

Fear will always offer you a religious-sounding reason to retreat. Identity is what keeps you on the wall. You are a child of God, a citizen of heaven, a builder. People like that do not run. In Cullman, Alabama, a monk spent forty years building tiny shrines out of cement, seashells, and cold-cream jars—an unglamorous, daily, stubborn faithfulness. That is what not running away looks like over a lifetime.

PRAY

Lord, remind me who I am so I will know what I will not do. When fear offers me a spiritual excuse to retreat, give me the courage to say, "I will not go."

DECLARE

I know who I am. A person like me does not run away.

DID YOU KNOW At St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, a Benedictine monk named Brother Joseph Zoettl spent some forty years building 125 miniature shrines from cement, marbles, seashells, and cold-cream jars—the Ave Maria Grotto, which still draws around 20,000 visitors a year. Samford University was chartered by Alabama Baptists in 1841.

DAY 24

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

MAINE

EST. 1820 · 23RD STATE

Ask for the Ancient Paths

> *Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.*
> JEREMIAH 6:16

Rebuilding is not inventing. Nehemiah rebuilt on the old foundations—the same gates, the same line of the wall. Jeremiah told a drifting nation to stand at the crossroads and ask for the ancient paths. Not because old is automatically good, but because God has been faithful for a long time, and His ways have a track record.

On a river mouth in Maine in 1607, thirteen years before the Pilgrims, a chaplain preached to a small band of colonists—the first recorded Protestant service in New England. The path is older than we think. It is Sunday: stand at the crossroads. Ask an older believer how they prayed through a hard season. Open a psalm your grandparents knew. Walk in the good way, and rest.

PRAY

Lord, I stand at the crossroads and I ask for the ancient paths. Show me the good way—the way of Your Word, Your presence, Your people—and I will walk in it.

DECLARE

I walk the ancient paths. I will find rest for my soul.

DID YOU KNOW On August 19, 1607, colonists of the short-lived Popham Colony at the mouth of the Kennebec River heard a sermon from chaplain Richard Seymour—the first recorded Protestant worship service in New England, thirteen years before the Pilgrims landed. Maine's constitution gives thanks to "the Sovereign Ruler of the Universe."

DAY 25

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

MISSOURI

EST. 1821 · 24TH STATE

Pray Continually

> *Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*
>
> 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16–18

The Potawatomi people gave a French nun who had planted her first school in Missouri a name that should belong to every believer: "Woman Who Prays Always." By then she was in her seventies, could not learn their language, and could barely walk. So she prayed. Children would sneak up to see if she was still kneeling. She always was.

You may feel that you have little to offer this rebuild—no platform, no position, no strength. You can pray. And prayer is not the consolation prize for people who cannot do anything else; it is the engine underneath everyone who does. Rejoice. Pray. Give thanks. Again. Again. Somebody in this state today is going to become known as the one who prays always. Let it be you.

PRAY

Lord, make me a person who prays always—not in bursts, but in rhythm. When I have nothing else to give, I give You my prayers. Let them be enough, because You are enough.

DECLARE

I am one who prays always. My prayers are never wasted.

DID YOU KNOW In 1818, a French nun named Rose Philippine Duchesne opened the first free school west of the Mississippi in a log cabin in St. Charles. Late in life, serving among the Potawatomi, she was given the name "Woman Who Prays Always." Springfield, Missouri, has been the world headquarters of the Assemblies of God since 1918.

DAY 26

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

ARKANSAS

EST. 1836 · 25TH STATE

In Fifty-Two Days

> *So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid... because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.*
>
> NEHEMIAH 6:15–16

Today is the midpoint of our fifty-two days. It is a good day to remember why fifty-two. A wall that had been rubble for nearly a century and a half was rebuilt in fifty-two days—not because the workers were extraordinary, but because "this work had been done with the help of our God." Even their enemies could see it.

That is the goal of this campaign. Not that America notices how disciplined the church is, but that the watching world says, "God did that." Twenty-six days in, take inventory. What has God already done in you? What has shifted in your home, your church, your city? Write it down. Thank Him. Then keep building—the second half is where walls get finished.

PRAY

Lord, we are halfway. Thank You for everything You have already done. Finish what You started in these fifty-two days, and let even those who doubt You say, "This was done with the help of God."

DECLARE

This work is being done with the help of my God. The wall will be finished.

DID YOU KNOW In April 1914, about 300 Pentecostal ministers and laypeople met in an opera house in Hot Springs and founded the Assemblies of God—now one of the largest Christian fellowships in the world. Bishop Charles H. Mason of the Church of God in Christ preached at the gathering and blessed the new fellowship across the racial lines of that era.

DAY 27

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

MICHIGAN

EST. 1837 · 26TH STATE

The City Was Large, but the People Were Few

> *Now the city was large and spacious, but there were few people in it, and the houses had not yet been rebuilt.*
>
> NEHEMIAH 7:4

The wall was finished, and Nehemiah looked around and noticed a problem: a strong wall around an empty city. Structures are not the point. People are. So the next chapter is a list of families—names, numbers, who belongs—because a rebuilt wall exists for the sake of a repopulated city.

It is possible to build impressive things—ministries, buildings, platforms—and have few people actually living inside them. Ask the harder question: who is coming home? Who is being restored to their family, their church, their faith? Two brothers in a Michigan farmhouse started a Bible publishing company in 1931; today the Bible they publish is in millions of homes. Pray today for people, not projects. Pray the city fills up.

PRAY

Lord, fill the city. Bring the prodigals home, restore the scattered, and repopulate Your church with people who belong. Let everything we build be full of people who know You.

DECLARE

The wall is for the people. I pray the city fills up.

DID YOU KNOW Ste. Anne de Detroit was founded on July 26, 1701—two days after the city itself—and holds some of the oldest continuous parish records in the nation. And in 1931, brothers Pat and Bernie Zondervan started a Bible business in a farmhouse near Grand Rapids; Zondervan became the publisher of the NIV Bible.

DAY 28

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

FLORIDA

EST. 1845 · 27TH STATE

In God We Trust

> *Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.*
> PSALM 20:7

Florida's motto is four words the whole nation prints on its money: In God We Trust. It is easy to print and hard to practice. Trust is revealed by what you reach for when you are afraid. Chariots and horses were the military technology of David's day—the things that looked strong. "But we trust in the name of the Lord our God."

A nation that trusts in God is made of people who trust in God when the chariots are on the horizon—in an election year, in a diagnosis, in a downturn. In 1565, the first thing settlers did on the Florida coast was give thanks. Do the same today. Name the chariot you have been trusting. Then say the motto like you mean it.

PRAY

Lord, I confess the chariots I have trusted—money, influence, safety, my own strength. Today I trust in Your name. Let this nation's motto become this nation's practice, starting with me.

DECLARE

I do not trust in chariots. In God I trust.

DID YOU KNOW Florida's official motto is "In God We Trust"—on its state seal since 1868 and made official by law in 2006. On September 8, 1565, settlers landing at St. Augustine celebrated a Mass of thanksgiving, the first recorded parish Mass in what is now the United States. A 208-foot cross marks the spot.

DAY 29

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

TEXAS

EST. 1845 · 28TH STATE

Bring Out the Book

> *All the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book... and all the people listened attentively.*
> NEHEMIAH 8:1, 3

Once the wall was up, the people did something remarkable: they asked for the Bible. Nobody scheduled it. "They told Ezra... to bring out the Book." Then they stood and listened from daybreak until noon. Rebuilt walls made room for a rediscovered Word.

Hunger for Scripture is one of the surest signs that God is moving. If you want to know whether a revival is real, watch what happens to Bibles. Texas is the birthplace of the oldest university in the state, chartered by Baptists who believed a republic needed people who knew the Book. Today, read longer than you usually do. Read out loud. Read with someone. Ask God for a hunger you cannot manufacture.

PRAY

Lord, give this nation a hunger for Your Word. Bring out the Book in our homes, our schools, our churches, our capitols. Let us listen attentively, and let Your Word do what we cannot.

DECLARE

I am hungry for the Word. Bring out the Book.

DID YOU KNOW Ysleta Mission near El Paso, built in 1682 by Tigua people and Franciscan friars, is the oldest continuously operating parish in Texas. And Baylor University was chartered on February 1, 1845, by the Congress of the Republic of Texas—the oldest continually operating university in the state.

DAY 30

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

Iowa

EST. 1846 · 29TH STATE

Amen! Amen!

> *Ezra praised the Lord, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.*
> NEHEMIAH 8:6

Before the reading, there was worship. Ezra blessed the Lord, and the people lifted their hands, shouted "Amen!" and fell on their faces. This was not a polite congregation. It was a people who had rebuilt a wall with their hands and now lifted those same hands to God.

Worship is the response of people who have seen God do something. In 1857, a young music teacher walked through a wooded valley in Iowa and wrote a song about a church that did not exist yet. Seven years later the church was built, and his students sang the song at its dedication. Faith sings before it sees. Today, lift your hands somewhere—your car, your kitchen, your church—and say "Amen" to what God is doing. Then bow.

PRAY

Great God, I lift my hands and say Amen to everything You are doing in these fifty-two days. I bow before You. Be praised in every state and every home.

DECLARE

Amen and amen. I lift my hands and I bow my face.

DID YOU KNOW

In 1857, music teacher William Pitts, passing through Bradford, Iowa, imagined a church in a wooded valley and wrote "The Church in the Wildwood." The Little Brown Church was actually built there in 1864, and his students sang the hymn at its dedication. Pella, Iowa, was founded in 1847 by Dutch believers jailed for worshiping freely and was named for the ancient city of refuge where Jerusalem's Christians fled.

DAY 31

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

WISCONSIN

EST. 1848 · 30TH STATE

The Joy of the Lord Is Your Strength

> *Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.*
> NEHEMIAH 8:10

The people wept when they heard the Law—and Nehemiah told them to stop. Not because grief was wrong (this whole campaign began with tears), but because there is a time for it to give way to joy. "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared." Joy that shares is holy.

It is Sunday, the thirty-first day. Some of you are weary. Weariness is a sign that you have been running on your own strength. The joy of the Lord is a different fuel: not the absence of hard things, but the presence of God in the middle of them. Missionaries paddled into Wisconsin's wilderness in the 1600s with nothing but that joy. Feast today. Share. Let joy be your strength.

PRAY

Lord, fill me with Your joy today—not a mood, but Your presence. Let me feast, share, and rest. Let the joy of the Lord be my strength for the days ahead.

DECLARE

The joy of the Lord is my strength. I will not grieve; I will rejoice and share.

DID YOU KNOW In 1669, Jesuit missionary Claude Allouez founded the Mission of St. Francis Xavier near Green Bay, the hub of early missions in Wisconsin. From there, in 1673, Jacques Marquette and Louis Jolliet paddled up the Fox River, portaged to the Wisconsin, and followed it down to the Mississippi. Wisconsin's constitution begins "grateful to Almighty God for our freedom."

DAY 32

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

California

EST. 1850 · 31ST STATE

I Will Pour Out My Spirit

> *In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.*
> ACTS 2:17

In April 1906, a Black preacher named William Seymour, blind in one eye, began holding meetings in a former stable on Azusa Street in Los Angeles. Within two years the outpouring had reached fifty nations. Nobody planned it. Nobody could stop it. It was the Spirit, poured out on all people—Black and white, rich and poor, young and old—in a building nobody would have chosen.

Rebuilt walls make room for outpoured Spirit. That was Nehemiah's story, and it was the story of Acts 2, and it can be ours. Do not just pray for good behavior in this nation. Pray for the Spirit. Pray for sons and daughters who prophesy, young people who see visions, old people who dream again. Pray for a stable to become a doorway.

PRAY

Holy Spirit, pour Yourself out on all people—on my children, my church, my city, this nation. Give visions to the young and dreams to the old. Do again what You did on Azusa Street.

DECLARE

God is pouring out His Spirit on all people. I make room for the outpouring.

DID YOU KNOW In April 1906, William J. Seymour began holding meetings in a former stable at 312 Azusa Street, Los Angeles. The interracial Azusa Street Revival spread to fifty nations within two years and is regarded as the birth of modern Pentecostalism. In 1949, Billy Graham's tent crusade in Los Angeles ran eight weeks and drew about 350,000 people.

DAY 33

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

MINNESOTA

EST. 1858 · 32ND STATE

They Stood and Confessed

> *They stood in their places and confessed their sins and the sins of their ancestors... for a quarter of the day, and spent another quarter in confession and in worshiping the Lord their God.*
> NEHEMIAH 9:2–3

Two days after the feast came the fast. The people gathered in sackcloth, read Scripture for a quarter of the day, and spent another quarter confessing—their own sins and the sins of their ancestors. This was not a pep rally. It was a nation getting honest.

America is very good at celebrating and very bad at confessing. But there is no rebuild without repentance, and there is no repentance without honesty about what our ancestors did as well as what we do. Today, take real time—not two minutes—to confess. Your sins. Your family's patterns. Your church's compromises. Your state's history. Then worship. Confession that ends in worship is not shame; it is freedom.

PRAY

Lord, I stand and confess—my sins and the sins of those who came before me. I will not hide them or excuse them. Forgive us, cleanse us, and receive our worship.

DECLARE

I confess honestly and I worship freely. Repentance leads to freedom.

DID YOU KNOW Minnesota's capital is named after a log chapel: in 1841, Father Lucien Galtier dedicated a tiny church to St. Paul and hoped the river settlement then called "Pig's Eye" would take the name. It did. And in 1950, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association was founded in Minneapolis.

DAY 34

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

OREGON

EST. 1859 · 33RD STATE

You Are a Forgiving God

> *But you are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Therefore you did not desert them.*
>
> NEHEMIAH 9:17

The longest prayer in Nehemiah is a history lesson—generation after generation that God rescued and that turned away again. And the refrain that holds the whole thing together is this: "But you are a forgiving God." Every time the people failed, the story did not end, because God's character did not change.

That is the ground under this entire campaign. We are not praying for America because America deserves it. We are praying because God is gracious, compassionate, slow to anger, and abounding in love. In the 1830s, Native delegations traveled nearly two thousand miles asking for "the Book," and a Methodist preacher answered by starting a mission in Oregon. God does not desert people who ask. Ask today.

PRAY

You are a forgiving God—gracious, compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in love. Do not desert this nation. We have failed You, but You have not changed. Forgive us and stay with us.

DECLARE

My God is forgiving. He has not deserted us, and He will not.

DID YOU KNOW In 1834, Methodist missionary Jason Lee—responding to reports of Native delegations who had traveled to St. Louis asking for "the white man's Book"—founded the Willamette Mission. His mission school became Willamette University, the oldest university in the West. Oregon placed his statue in the U.S. Capitol in 1953.

DAY 35

Kansas

EST. 1861 · 34TH STATE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

Not by Might, Nor by Power

> *"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the Lord Almighty.*
> ZECHARIAH 4:6

Zechariah spoke these words to a governor named Zerubbabel who was staring at an unfinished temple. The mountain in front of him was real. But the answer was not more manpower; it was the Spirit.

On the first day of 1901, in a mansion in Topeka, Kansas, a Bible-school student named Agnes Ozman asked for prayer and began to speak in a language she had never learned. Five years before Azusa Street, in the middle of the country, the Spirit came. A few years earlier, a Topeka pastor read a story to his Sunday-night congregation that gave the world a question: What would Jesus do? The Spirit moves in unlikely rooms. Stop trying to rebuild by might. Ask for the Spirit.

PRAY

Lord Almighty, I lay down my might and my power. Rebuild this nation by Your Spirit. Move in the unlikely rooms—the small churches, the Bible studies, the living rooms—and let the mountain become a plain.

DECLARE

Not by might, not by power, but by the Spirit of the Lord.

DID YOU KNOW On New Year's Day 1901, at Charles Parham's Bethel Bible School in Topeka, student Agnes Ozman spoke in tongues after prayer—an event widely regarded as the birth of modern Pentecostalism, five years before Azusa Street. In 1896, Topeka pastor Charles Sheldon read his congregation the story that became In His Steps, the source of "What would Jesus do?"

DAY 36

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

West Virginia

EST. 1863 · 35TH STATE

We Will Not Neglect the House of Our God

> *We will not neglect the house of our God.*
> NEHEMIAH 10:39

After confession came commitment. The people put it in writing—a binding agreement, signed by name, with specific promises: we will keep the Sabbath, we will bring the firstfruits, we will support the priests. The last line sums it up: "We will not neglect the house of our God."

A revival that stays a feeling fades. A revival that becomes a covenant lasts. Thirty-six days in, it is time to decide what changes when the fast ends. Write it down. Be specific: a weekly hour of prayer, a tithe, a Sabbath, a seat in a local church every week. In 1908, a daughter in Grafton, West Virginia, honored her mother's twenty-five years of service to one church—and Mother's Day was born. Faithfulness to a house of God has a long reach.

PRAY

Lord, I make a covenant with You today. I will not neglect Your house. Show me the specific commitments You want from me after these fifty-two days, and give me the grace to keep them.

DECLARE

I will not neglect the house of my God. My commitment outlasts the campaign.

DID YOU KNOW Mother's Day was first observed on May 10, 1908, at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, organized by Anna Jarvis to honor her mother's twenty-five years of service there. Rehoboth Church near Union (about 1786) is a log chapel where Bishop Francis Asbury is said to have preached its dedication from the doorway because the crowd could not fit inside.

DAY 37

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

NEVADA

EST. 1864 · 36TH STATE

They Will Rebuild the Ancient Ruins

> *They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.*
> ISAIAH 61:4

Rebuild. Restore. Renew. Isaiah 61 is the passage Jesus read aloud in Nazareth to announce His ministry, and four verses later it describes what His people will do: rebuild the ruins, restore what was devastated, renew cities that have been broken "for generations."

Some of what is broken in this nation has been broken for a long time. Generations. But God specializes in old ruins. In Virginia City, Nevada, an Irish miner-turned-priest built a church in a boomtown. In 1875 the Great Fire burned it to the ground. By 1876 it was rebuilt—and it still holds services today. Fire is not the end of the story. Ask God today to show you one "ancient ruin" in your family line, your church, or your city, and begin praying for its restoration.

PRAY

Lord, You rebuild ancient ruins. Show me the places in my family, my church, and my state that have been devastated for generations—and make me part of their restoration. Rebuild. Restore. Renew.

DECLARE

I am a rebuilder of ancient ruins. What burned will be restored.

DID YOU KNOW Father Patrick Manogue dug for gold in California to pay for seminary, then was sent to the Comstock mining camps in 1862. His St. Mary in the Mountains church in Virginia City burned in the Great Fire of 1875, was rebuilt by 1876, and still holds services. Nevada became a state on October 31, 1864—"Battle Born."

DAY 38

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

NEBRASKA

EST. 1867 · 37TH STATE

The Next Generation

> *We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord... so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born... Then they would put their trust in God.*
> PSALM 78:4, 6–7

In 1917, a priest in Omaha opened a home for five boys with a conviction that offended the experts of his day: "There is no such thing as a bad boy." Boys Town grew from that sentence. He did not fix the boys with better rules. He believed in them, told them who they were, and gave them a home.

Every rebuild is really about the next generation. Nehemiah's wall was for the children yet to be born. The question is not only "What are we repairing?" but "Who will we hand it to?" It is Sunday. Look for a young person in your church today and tell them one praiseworthy deed of the Lord—something God did in your life. That is how a nation remembers.

PRAY

Lord, raise up the next generation. Let the children of this state know Your praiseworthy deeds and put their trust in You. Use me to tell them. Let no young person be written off as "bad."

DECLARE

I will tell the next generation what God has done. They will put their trust in Him.

DID YOU KNOW On December 12, 1917, Father Edward Flanagan opened a home for five boys in Omaha—Boys Town—on the conviction that "there is no such thing as a bad boy." And on May 1, 1939, Theodore Epp walked into a Lincoln radio station with $65 and bought fifteen minutes of airtime a day—the start of Back to the Bible, later heard around the world.

DAY 39

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

COLORADO

EST. 1876 · 38TH STATE

Nothing Without God

> *Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.*
>
> PSALM 127:1

Colorado's motto is three Latin words: Nil sine numine. Nothing without God. It has been on the state's seal since before it was a state. It is also the summary of Psalm 127—the psalm every builder should read before picking up a tool. You can build a house without the Lord. You just cannot build one that lasts.

Thirty-nine days in, there is a temptation to believe that the discipline is what is producing the results. It is not. Fasting does not build the house. Prayer does not build the house. God builds the house; fasting and prayer are how we get out of His way and stay close to His work. Say it today, on the way to work, in every meeting: nothing without You.

PRAY

Lord, unless You build it, I labor in vain. Unless You guard this city, no one can. I will do nothing without You. Build the house. Watch over the city.

DECLARE

Nothing without God. He builds the house, and He guards the city.

DID YOU KNOW Colorado's motto, "Nil sine numine"—"Nothing without the Deity," commonly rendered "Nothing without God"—dates to the territorial seal of 1861. Colorado Springs became a ministry hub as Young Life (1946), The Navigators—who bought the Glen Eyrie estate in 1953—Compassion International (1980), and Focus on the Family (1991) all made it home; dozens of other ministries followed.

DAY 40

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

North Dakota

EST. 1889 · 39TH STATE

Those Who Volunteered

> *The people commended all who volunteered to live in Jerusalem.*
> NEHEMIAH 11:2

The wall was finished, the Word was read, the covenant was signed—and the city was still mostly empty. So they cast lots: one family in ten would move inside the walls. And some did not wait for the lot. They volunteered. The Bible pauses to notice them: "The people commended all who volunteered."

It is one thing to pray for a city. It is another to move into it, to stay in the hard place, to plant your life where the need is. North Dakota was settled by pioneers who dotted the prairie with white-steepled churches—more than a dozen Lutheran synods just to keep the Gospel in the mother tongues of the immigrants. Nobody drafted them. Ask God today where He is looking for a volunteer. It might be your own neighborhood.

PRAY

Lord, I volunteer. Send me to the hard place, the empty place, the neighborhood others left. Let me be one of those who moves inside the walls. Bless every volunteer in this state today.

DECLARE

I volunteer. I will go where the need is and stay.

DID YOU KNOW When President Harrison signed the statehood proclamations for North and South Dakota in 1889, he shuffled and covered them so no one would know which was signed first; North Dakota is called the 39th state only because "N" comes before "S." The state's first Christian mission was founded at Pembina in 1818, and its pioneer churches kept at least fourteen different Lutheran language synods alive on the prairie.

DAY 41

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

SOUTH DAKOTA

EST. 1889 · 40TH STATE

Under God the People Rule

> *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 I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*
>
> 2 CHRONICLES 7:14

South Dakota's motto was proposed by a pastor: "Under God the People Rule." It is an ordering, not just a slogan. God first. People under Him. Rule as a stewardship. When the order flips—when the people rule and God is under them—the land breaks.

Second Chronicles 7:14 is the verse this entire movement is built on, and it is worth noticing who it is addressed to: not "if the nation," but "if my people." The healing of the land does not start in the capitol. It starts with God's people humbling themselves, praying, seeking His face, and turning. That is us. That is today. Do all four, in order, and trust Him with the rest.

PRAY

Lord, we are Your people, called by Your name. We humble ourselves. We pray. We seek Your face. We turn from our wicked ways. Hear from heaven. Forgive our sin. Heal our land.

DECLARE

Under God the people rule. I humble myself, and God heals the land.

DID YOU KNOW South Dakota's motto, "Under God the People Rule," was proposed by Dr. Joseph Ward, a Congregational minister and founder of Yankton College, and written into the state's 1889 constitution. In Rapid City, the Chapel in the Hills is an exact replica of a Norwegian stave church built around 1150, built in 1969 from blueprints supplied by Norway.

DAY 42

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

MONTANA

EST. 1889 · 41ST STATE

Send Us the Black Robes

> *How can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"*
> ROMANS 10:14–15

Between 1831 and 1839, the Salish and Nez Perce people sent four separate delegations across the mountains to St. Louis—more than a thousand miles each way—with one request: send us the Black Robes. Send us someone who can teach us about God. Some of the men who went never came home. But in 1841 a priest answered, and Montana's first church went up in the Bitterroot Valley.

Somewhere in this nation right now, someone is asking for the Book and nobody is coming. A rebuilt nation is a sending nation. The prayer of these fifty-two days is not complete until it becomes feet. Ask God today: who is asking, and who is going? And is it me?

PRAY

Lord of the harvest, send workers. Hear the people who are still asking for someone to come. Make me willing to be sent—across the street or across the mountains. Make my feet beautiful.

DECLARE

I am sent. Someone is asking, and I will go.

DID YOU KNOW Between 1831 and 1839, the Salish and Nez Perce sent four delegations to St. Louis asking for "Black Robes" to teach them about God. In 1841 Father Pierre-Jean De Smet answered, founding St. Mary's Mission at Stevensville—Montana's first church and first permanent settlement. Montana's constitution gives thanks to God "for the quiet beauty of our state."

DAY 43

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

WASHINGTON

EST. 1889 · 42ND STATE

Built on the Rock

> *Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down... and beat against that house; yet it did not fall.*
>
> MATTHEW 7:24–25

Mother Joseph arrived in Vancouver, Washington, in 1856 with four other sisters and went on to design and supervise eleven hospitals, seven academies, and two orphanages across the Northwest. She was famous for one habit: she would walk onto a construction site, bounce on the floorboards, and if they gave, she would have them torn out. She was not building for the ribbon-cutting. She was building for the storm.

Jesus said the storm comes to everyone—the wise and the foolish alike. The difference is the foundation. Forty-three days of prayer means nothing if it is not put into practice. Bounce on the floorboards of your life today. What have you heard from God in these weeks that you have not yet done? Do it. Build on the rock.

PRAY

Lord, I do not want to just hear Your words; I want to practice them. Test my foundations. Tear out what will not hold. Build my life, my family, and this nation on the Rock.

DECLARE

I hear and I do. My house is built on the Rock, and it will not fall.

DID YOU KNOW Mother Joseph of the Sacred Heart arrived in Vancouver, Washington, in 1856 and went on to design and supervise eleven hospitals, seven academies, five Native American schools, and two orphanages—famously testing floorboards by bouncing on them. Washington placed her statue in the U.S. Capitol in 1980.

DAY 44

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

IDAHO

EST. 1890 · 43RD STATE

Built Together

> *In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.*
> EPHESIANS 2:21–22

Idaho's oldest standing building is a church that the Coeur d'Alene people built by hand between 1850 and 1853—without a single nail. The priest who designed it wanted it that way, so that the people who built it "would feel part of the church." They did. It is still standing.

Paul says that is what the church is: not a building people attend, but a building people are. Living stones, joined together, rising into a dwelling where God lives by His Spirit. A nation is not rebuilt by a thousand individual Christians praying alone. It is rebuilt when they are joined together. Today, call someone you have prayed beside in these forty-four days. Thank them. You are being built together.

PRAY

Lord, join us together. Break down the walls between believers—denominations, generations, races, styles—and build us into one dwelling where You live by Your Spirit. Let this nation see one Church.

DECLARE

I am a living stone. I am being built together with God's people.

DID YOU KNOW The Cataldo Mission (Mission of the Sacred Heart), built from 1850 to 1853 by the Coeur d'Alene people without nails so they "would feel part of the church," is Idaho's oldest standing building. And in 1839, missionaries Henry and Eliza Spalding set up the first printing press in the Pacific Northwest at Lapwai, printing a Nez Perce primer and, a few years later, the Gospel of Matthew in the Nez Perce language.

DAY 45

WYOMING

EST. 1890 · 44TH STATE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Surely the Lord Is in This Place

> *When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it." ... "This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."*
> GENESIS 28:16–17

On July 5, 1840, a priest celebrated the first Mass in Wyoming on an open prairie at a fur-trappers' rendezvous, in front of two thousand trappers, traders, and Shoshone and Flathead people. No building. No steeple. The French-Canadians named the spot "the Prairie of the Mass." Eighty-five years later, a log chapel was built in the Tetons with a window behind the altar that frames the mountains instead of stained glass.

Jacob slept on a rock in the wilderness and woke up saying, "God was here and I didn't know it." That is the sentence this whole movement is built on: God is already at work. It is Sunday. Wherever you gather today—a sanctuary, a living room, a prairie—open your eyes. This is the gate of heaven.

PRAY

Lord, open my eyes. You are in this place—my town, my workplace, my state—and I have not been aware of it. Show me where You are already at work, and let me step into it.

DECLARE

Surely the Lord is in this place. I will see it and step into it.

DID YOU KNOW On July 5, 1840, Father Pierre-Jean De Smet celebrated the first Mass in what is now Wyoming at the fur-trappers' rendezvous on the Green River, before about 2,000 people; the spot was named "La Prairie de la Messe." The log Chapel of the Transfiguration in Grand Teton National Park (1925) was built so the window behind its altar frames the Tetons.

DAY 46

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

UTAH

EST. 1896 · 45TH STATE

The Sound of Rejoicing Could Be Heard Far Away

> *And on that day they offered great sacrifices, rejoicing because God had given them great joy. The women and children also rejoiced. The sound of rejoicing in Jerusalem could be heard far away.*
>
> NEHEMIAH 12:43

When the wall was dedicated, Nehemiah split the leaders into two great choirs and sent them walking on top of the wall in opposite directions until they met at the temple. Then everyone—men, women, and children—rejoiced so loudly that the sound carried for miles. A city that had been a byword for shame became a sound of joy that could not be contained.

That is what we are praying toward: a joy heard far away. Not a church that is quietly faithful behind closed doors, but a people whose rejoicing reaches the neighbors. Five days from the Sacred Assembly, start rehearsing. Sing in the car. Sing in your kitchen. Thank God out loud for what He has done in forty-six days. Let it carry.

PRAY

Lord, You have given us great joy. Let the sound of rejoicing in this state be heard far away. Let our neighbors hear it. Let the nations hear it. Fill the women and children with it too.

DECLARE

God has given me great joy, and the sound of it will be heard far away.

DID YOU KNOW Utah's founding story is a pilgrimage: pioneers entered the Salt Lake Valley on July 24, 1847, and July 24 remains an official state holiday. In 1872, Episcopal Bishop Daniel Tuttle founded St. Mark's Hospital in Salt Lake City to care for injured miners and railroad workers; St. Mark's Cathedral (1870) is Utah's oldest non-LDS church in continuous use.

DAY 47

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

OKLAHOMA

EST. 1907 · 46TH STATE

Lifting Holy Hands

> *I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority... Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing.*
>
> 1 TIMOTHY 2:1–2, 8

At the entrance to a university in Tulsa stands a sixty-foot bronze sculpture of two hands, pressed together in prayer. It is the largest of its kind in the world. Paul urged the church to make prayer for those in authority the first thing—not the last—and to do it "without anger or disputing."

Four days from the Sacred Assembly, this is the discipline: pray for leaders you did not vote for, by name, with holy hands. Not fists. Hands. In 1832, a missionary held the first Presbyterian service in Indian Territory under an oak tree for Choctaw families who had just walked the Trail of Tears. They built a stone church from that grief. Prayer without anger can build something out of anything.

PRAY

Lord, I lift holy hands—without anger, without disputing—for every person in authority in this state and this nation. Give them wisdom. Give them humility. Give them You. And give us peaceful, quiet, godly lives.

DECLARE

I pray for leaders first, with holy hands, without anger.

DID YOU KNOW Oral Roberts University in Tulsa opened in 1965; its entrance is marked by a 60-foot, 30-ton bronze Praying Hands, said to be the largest in the world. In 1832, missionary Alfred Wright held the first Presbyterian service in Indian Territory under an oak tree for Choctaws newly arrived over the Trail of Tears; the stone Wheelock Church they built in 1846 is Oklahoma's oldest stone church.

DAY 48

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

New Mexico

EST. 1912 · 47TH STATE

The City with Foundations

> *For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.*
> HEBREWS 11:10

Santa Fe's full name is "The Royal Town of the Holy Faith of St. Francis of Assisi." A city named Holy Faith. Its oldest church has stood for more than four hundred years—through revolt, fire, and rebuilding. It is the oldest church in the continental United States.

Abraham lived in tents his whole life because he was looking for a city that lasts, "whose architect and builder is God." That is the tension of this campaign. We pray for this nation with everything we have, and we know it is not the final city. That is not a reason to pray less. It is the reason we can pray without panic. Our hope is not in a rebuilt America; it is in the God who rebuilds—and who has already laid a foundation no fire can touch.

PRAY

Lord, I am looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is You. Rebuild this nation, but keep my hope in You alone. Let my faith be holy, and my foundation be Christ.

DECLARE

My hope is in the city whose builder is God. My foundation cannot be shaken.

DID YOU KNOW Santa Fe's full name, given in 1610, is "La Villa Real de la Santa Fe de San Francisco de Asís"—"The Royal Town of the Holy Faith of St. Francis of Assisi." Its San Miguel Chapel, built by Tlaxcalan Indians under Franciscan friars in the early 1600s and rebuilt after the 1680 Pueblo Revolt, is considered the oldest church in the continental United States.

DAY 49

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

ARIZONA

EST. 1912 · 48TH STATE

Remember Me, My God

> *Remember me for this also, my God, and show mercy to me according to your great love... Remember me with favor, my God.*
>
> NEHEMIAH 13:22, 31

The last chapter of Nehemiah is not a victory parade. It is a cleanup. Years later, Nehemiah came back to Jerusalem and found the gates left open on the Sabbath, a pagan enemy living in a temple storeroom, and the tithes abandoned. He fixed it all—firmly. And the book ends with a short prayer he prayed over and over: "Remember me, my God."

Walls have to be maintained. Revivals have to be guarded. The enemy's last strategy is not to knock the wall down but to wait for you to leave the gate open. As this campaign nears its end, set a guard. Decide now what you will not let back in. Arizona's motto is "God enriches"—and He does, but what He gives, we keep. Pray Nehemiah's prayer today: remember me, my God.

PRAY

Remember me, my God, and show mercy according to Your great love. Guard the gates of what You have rebuilt in me. Do not let what I have driven out come back in. Enrich me, and help me keep what You give.

DECLARE

God remembers me. I will guard the gates of what He has rebuilt.

DID YOU KNOW Arizona's motto, "Ditat Deus"—"God enriches"—has appeared on its seal since 1863 and is required by the state constitution. Mission San Xavier del Bac near Tucson, founded in 1692 by Father Eusebio Kino, is called the "White Dove of the Desert" and remains an active parish on the Tohono O'odham Nation.

DAY 50

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

ALASKA

EST. 1959 · 49TH STATE

To the Ends of the Earth

> *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*
> ACTS 1:8

In 1794, eight monks left a monastery in Russia and traveled 293 days and 7,300 miles to reach Kodiak, Alaska. One of them, a monk named Herman, spent the rest of his life on a small island—teaching, nursing the sick, raising orphans—and never went home. The Gospel reached the ends of the earth on foot, by boat, one faithful life at a time.

Jesus' last words before He ascended were a map: Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, the ends of the earth. Your city. Your state. Your nation. The world. Fifty days ago we started with a broken wall in one city. Tomorrow, people from every state gather in one place. But the wall was never the point. The witness is. Pray today for the ends of the earth—and for the power to be a witness where you are.

PRAY

Holy Spirit, come on us with power. Make us witnesses in our cities, our states, this nation, and to the ends of the earth. Send us the way You sent those monks—all the way, and for good.

DECLARE

I have received power. I am a witness, here and to the ends of the earth.

DID YOU KNOW On September 24, 1794, eight Orthodox monks from Valaam Monastery reached Kodiak after 293 days and 7,300 miles. One of them, the monk Herman, spent decades on Spruce Island teaching, nursing the sick, and raising orphans; in 1970 he became the first Orthodox saint canonized in America. Alaska's constitution opens: "We the people of Alaska, grateful to God..."

DAY 51

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

Washington, D.C. & U.S. Territories

THE SACRED ASSEMBLY · NATIONAL MALL

Call a Sacred Assembly

> *Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly. Gather the people... Let the priests, who minister before the Lord, weep between the portico and the altar. Let them say, "Spare your people, Lord."*
>
> JOEL 2:15–17

Today is the day. Fifty-one days ago we heard the report and sat down to weep. Today the people of God from fifty states gather on the National Mall—joined from every territory and more than a hundred nations—to do what Joel commanded: blow the trumpet, gather the people, weep between the portico and the altar, and say, "Spare Your people, Lord."

It is also the anniversary of the day a monk nailed ninety-five theses to a church door and the Reformation began—one act of repentance that reshaped the world. Whether you are on the Mall or on your knees at home, you are part of the assembly. In a small room off the Capitol Rotunda, a window shows George Washington kneeling in prayer beneath the words of Psalm 16: "Preserve me, O God, for in thee do I put my trust." Kneel with him today. Kneel with the whole nation.

PRAY

Lord, we blow the trumpet. We declare a holy fast. We call a sacred assembly. From every state and every territory, Your people gather and say: Spare Your people. Forgive our nation. Heal our land. Preserve us, O God, for in You we put our trust.

DECLARE

Today the people of God gather. Spare Your people, Lord.

DID YOU KNOW The Capitol's private Prayer Room (1955) centers on a window of George Washington kneeling in prayer, ringed by Psalm 16:1. Across the territories: American Samoa's motto is "Samoa, Let God Be First"; San Juan's cathedral in Puerto Rico dates to 1521; the Gospel reached Guam in 1668; and in 1732 Moravian missionaries sailed to the Virgin Islands—one of the first Protestant overseas missions.

DAY 52

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

EVERY STATE · EVERY CHURCH

THE FAST ENDS AT SUNDOWN

Repairer of Broken Walls

> *Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.*
>
> ISAIAH 58:12

Fifty-two days. The wall in Nehemiah's day was finished in fifty-two days, and the enemies of God's people had to admit that it was done with the help of God. But notice what Nehemiah did the day after the wall was finished: he kept going. Gates. Families. The Word. Covenant. Dedication. The fifty-two days were the beginning of the rebuild, not the end.

Today, in churches across every state, pastors are leading their people in intercession—carrying the Sacred Assembly home. This is where the campaign becomes a life. Isaiah 58 says that a people who fast the way God wants will be given a new name: Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings. That is who you are now. Go home. Keep building. God is moving. Step into it.

PRAY

Lord, thank You for fifty-two days. Thank You for everything You have rebuilt in me, in my church, and in this nation. Now make it a life. Let me be called Repairer of Broken Walls. Send me home to keep building.

DECLARE

I am a Repairer of Broken Walls. The fifty-two days are over; the rebuilding has just begun.

NOTE

The Nehemiah Alliance's 52 days end at sundown on November 1, 2026, with pastors across the nation leading their congregations in intercession. Nehemiah's wall was completed in fifty-two days (Nehemiah 6:15)—and then the real work of rebuilding a people began.

After the Fifty-Two Days

The wall was finished in fifty-two days. Then the real work began.

Nehemiah did not go home when the last stone was set. He appointed gatekeepers. He gathered the people to hear the Word. He led them in confession, covenant, and celebration. And years later he came back to guard what had been rebuilt. A campaign ends; a rebuild continues.

KEEP BUILDING

Keep the rhythm you found in these weeks—Scripture, prayer, declaration—one day at a time. Keep the commitments you wrote down on Day 36. Stay planted in a local church. Keep praying for your state and for the one God put on your heart along the way. And keep watching for where God is already at work, so you can step into it.

RESOURCES

Nehemiah Alliance — na52.org: the United Prayer for America, the United Prayer for the Nations, the commitment card, and Sacred Assembly details.

Tyler Feller — tylerfeller.com: The Tyler Feller Show, Encounter Night gatherings, the books *Don't Stop* and *Don't Stop: 365 Daily Devotions to Ignite Your Purpose*, and a weekly letter of encouragement.

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