



PRAYER GUIDE

Thank you for joining us in prayer as we walk through the For the Kids initiative. Read the daily Scripture passage and engage with the prayer focus. Consider doing this as a family.



Join us in a day of fasting on Thursday,
November 12th, from sun-up to sun-down.



40 DAYS • OCTOBER 5 – NOVEMBER 13, 2026

A companion to the For The Kids Community Group series on Matthew 13–15

Week 1 - Matthew 13

DAY 1

MON, OCT 5

Matthew 13:3-4

"Then he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.'"

PRAYER FOCUS

As we enter into this For The Kids season, ask God to open our hearts to what He has to reveal to us, softening any places where we've felt stuck, hurt, or distant lately and drawing us closer to Him in the process.

DAY 2

TUE, OCT 6

Matthew 13:5-6

"Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root."

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for the next generation of Rolling Hills kids and students, that their roots and faith grow deep, helping them to stand steady and strong whenever life gets challenging or stressful.

DAY 3

WED, OCT 7

Matthew 13:7

"Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants."

PRAYER FOCUS

Ask the Lord to help us let go of daily worries and worldly concerns so His voice stays front and center, leading the next generation to do the same as a spiritual model for them.

DAY 4

THU, OCT 8

Matthew 13:8

"Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for a rich, joyful harvest in our lives—that our faith clearly blesses our families, friends, and neighbors and leads them to know Jesus more.

DAY 5

FRI, OCT 9

Matthew 13:11-12

"He replied, 'The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.'"

PRAYER FOCUS

Ask the Holy Spirit to make Scripture come alive during these 40 days and give us fresh wisdom for our daily lives.

DAY 6

SAT, OCT 10

Matthew 13:15

"For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them."

PRAYER FOCUS

Think of someone you know who feels far from God and pray that their eyes and heart would be opened to His kindness.

DAY 7

SUN, OCT 11

Matthew 13:23

"But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for our church family to practically live out this passage, hearing, understanding, and bearing fruit with the purpose of serving and blessing the communities, families, and friends around them.

Week 2 - Matthew 13

DAY 8

MON, OCT 12

Matthew 13:24-26

"Jesus told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.'"

PRAYER FOCUS

Ask the Lord to reveal distractions, false teachers, or anything that's not of Him, and instead to direct us towards His truth and authority over our lives.

DAY 9

TUE, OCT 13

Matthew 13:28-30

"'An enemy did this,' he replied. The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' 'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest.'"

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for wisdom in navigating this broken world as we raise the next generation to have discernment and to pursue the countercultural way of Jesus.

DAY 10

WED, OCT 14

Matthew 13:31-32

"He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.'"

PRAYER FOCUS

Ask God to give us faith over our fears and to trust Him with all things, big and small, that we are currently facing or will face.

DAY 11

THU, OCT 15

Matthew 13:33

"He told them still another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.'"

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that our everyday presence in our schools, offices, families, and neighborhoods points the people around us to Jesus and the peace and joy that only He brings.

DAY 12

FRI, OCT 16

Matthew 13:37-38

"He answered, 'The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom.'"

PRAYER FOCUS

Ask Jesus to use our church family to be a light to our community, and to give us the courage to step out in faith, even if the culture looks different from us.

DAY 13

SAT, OCT 17

Matthew 13:41-43a

"'The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil...Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.'"

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that God will give you ears not only to hear, but to understand both His Word and where He is leading you. Ask Him to make you a leader in your circle of influence, so that those around you are led to be more like Him and less like the world.

DAY 14

SUN, OCT 18

Matthew 13:43

"'Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.'"

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that the next generation will be found righteous as they walk amidst the tension of this fallen world. Pray that God will protect and allow them to become more and more like Him every day.

Week 3 - Matthew 13

DAY 15

MON, OCT 19

Matthew 13:44

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field."

PRAYER FOCUS

As we disciple the next generation, pray that we will know the joy of our salvation and the treasure of knowing Christ, remembering that knowing Him is worth far more than anything else.

DAY 16

TUE, OCT 20

Matthew 13:45-46

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it."

PRAYER FOCUS

As we share the vision for the For The Kids initiative, pray that those in our church family have hearts burdened for the next generation and for those who don't know Jesus, leading them to be sacrificial and open to what God is calling them to give.

DAY 17

WED, OCT 21

Matthew 13:47-48

"Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore."

PRAYER FOCUS

The Lord has allowed us ministry opportunities through the Rolling Hills Community Center, local and national missions, and Justice and Mercy International. Pray for opportunities to be bold in our faith, at home and around the world.

DAY 18

THU, OCT 22

Matthew 13:51-52

"Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked. 'Yes,' they replied. He said to them, 'Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.'"

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that God will give us a clear understanding of His Word, so that we can, in turn, pass down His truth to the next generation.

FRI, OCT 23

"When Jesus had finished these parables, he moved on from there. Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. 'Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?' they asked."

Pray that we never lose the wonder of all that Jesus has done for us or take Him for granted, asking for fresh eyes to see His hand at work in the everyday.

SAT, OCT 24

"Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? Aren't all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?"

Ask Jesus to open your eyes to the worth of His Kingdom. Ask Him to show you where in your life you may be putting your value in the temporary things of the world rather than the eternal.

SUN, OCT 25

"And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is not without honor except in his own town and in his own home.' And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith."

Pray for a bold, expectant faith across our whole church, trusting God to move powerfully in these 40 days.



Week 4 - Matthew 14

DAY 22

MON, OCT 26

Matthew 14:12-13

"John's disciples came and took his body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus. When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place."

PRAYER FOCUS

Spend some extra time alone with God today, listening to what He has to say to you. Bring a current fear, struggle, or situation to Him, trusting that He sees you and hears you, even when life feels overwhelming or tiring.

DAY 23

TUE, OCT 27

Matthew 14:14

"When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick."

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for God to give you eyes to see the individual who is in need of care and compassion in your world. Specifically, pray for God to show you a child or student who He is calling you to disciple, pour into, and share Jesus with in this season.

DAY 24

WED, OCT 28

Matthew 14:15-16

"As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a remote place, and it's already late. Send the crowds away...' Jesus replied, 'They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.'"

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for God to reveal to you any area in your life where you need to be refined and made more like Him. Pray for generosity, kindness, and grace, even when you may not "feel" like it.

DAY 25

THU, OCT 29

Matthew 14:17-18

"'We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,' they answered. 'Bring them here to me,' he said."

PRAYER FOCUS

Ask for the willingness to offer whatever resources, gifts, time, or energy we have, trusting that God will use our sacrifice for His good and glory. Ask Him to do the same for each member of our church family as they hear about the For The Kids initiative.

DAY 26

FRI, OCT 30

Matthew 14:19

"And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people."

PRAYER FOCUS

Spend time thanking God today for the many blessings that He has given you. Thank Him for His answered prayers, for His provision, for His grace, and for supplying us with our needs each and every day.

DAY 27

SAT, OCT 31

Matthew 14:20

"They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over."

PRAYER FOCUS

Praise God for His generosity, trusting that He always provides what we need. Ask Him to continue to do the same in this season where we are planning for and dreaming about the new spaces and opportunities for the next generation to hear about and come to know Jesus.

DAY 28

SUN, NOV 1

Matthew 14:21

"The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children."

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for God to fill us with compassion for the hungry, hurting, and weary in our community. Ask Him to take what little we offer and multiply it to meet the needs around us, even when our resources seem too small.

Week 5 - Matthew 14

DAY 29

MON, NOV 2

Matthew 14:22-23

"Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray."

PRAYER FOCUS

Ask Jesus to meet you where you are today, whether you are feeling like you are on a mountaintop or in the valley. Pray for strength against the attacks of the enemies, perseverance in difficult times, and encouragement on hard days.

DAY 30

TUE, NOV 3

Matthew 14:24-26

"...and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake."

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for bold and persistent faith, the kind of faith that trusts that Jesus can work miracles. Ask Him to boldly work a miracle in our church and in the lives of the next generation of kids and students in our church, so that they can have a foundation of faith built for the rest of their lives.

DAY 31

WED, NOV 4

Matthew 14:27

"But Jesus immediately said to them: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.'"

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for courage to be able to trust God despite scary or uncertain circumstances. Pray for a supernatural ability to trust Jesus and to step out in faith in whatever He is calling you to in this season.

DAY 32

THU, NOV 5

Matthew 14:28-29

"'Lord, if it's you,' Peter replied, 'tell me to come to you on the water.' 'Come,' he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus."

PRAYER FOCUS

Seek the Lord today, asking Him to reveal to you what it is that He is asking you to step out in faith for, whether that is to have a bold conversation in sharing your faith, giving generously, serving with the next generation, or something else for His glory.

DAY 33

FRI, NOV 6

Matthew 14:30-31

"But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?'"

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for the kids and students in the next generation at our church, that they will have the kind of faith that leads them to call out to God when they are in need. Pray that each challenge they face will be an opportunity for them to depend on Jesus more.

DAY 34

SAT, NOV 7

Matthew 14:32-33

"And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'"

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that throughout these 40 days and beyond, each service, initiative, project, and conversation will point to Jesus and give Him all of the glory that He deserves.

DAY 35

SUN, NOV 8

Matthew 14:35-36

"...people brought all their sick to him and begged him to let the sick just touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed."

PRAYER FOCUS

Ask God to use our church, our current buildings and future spaces, to be a place for families to find healing, joy, and peace, and to be a place for them to encounter Jesus.

Week 6 - Matthew 15

DAY 36

MON, NOV 9

Matthew 15:1-3

"Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked, 'Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders?' ... Jesus replied, 'And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition?'"

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that our church will always value love, truth, and real relationships over rules, external appearances, or temporal circumstances.

DAY 37

TUE, NOV 10

Matthew 15:4-6

"For God said, 'Honor your father and mother' and 'Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.' But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is 'devoted to God,' they are not to 'honor their father or mother' with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition."

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that the kids and students in our ministries will grow to be respectful, God-honoring children who love and obey their parents. Pray for the parents in our church to have a desire to disciple and lead their children in the way of Jesus to help lay the foundation of Christ for them from a young age.

DAY 38

WED, NOV 11

Matthew 15:7-9

"You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.'"

PRAYER FOCUS

Ask God to search our hearts and reveal to us any motivation that is not pure and honoring to Him. Pray that He will make our faith authentic, real, and an inspiration to those around us.

DAY 39

THU, NOV 12

Matthew 15:10-11

"Jesus called the crowd to him and said, 'Listen and understand. What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them.'"

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for God to permeate our thoughts and our words, so that what we say will bring glory to Him and encouragement to others. Pray for kindness and wisdom in our words, asking God to help us speak life, encouragement, and truth today.

- **Day of Fasting - Nov 12, sun-up to sun-down**

Matthew 15:18-20

"But the things that come out of a person's mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. For out of the heart come evil thoughts... These are what defile a person."

PRAYER FOCUS

Ask God to purify us from the inside out, so that our worship, our giving, our actions, and our motivations will point to Jesus over and over again. Pray for our hearts to be forever changed by the work that He did in our lives over these 40 days.

