



What is 10 Days?

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What is 10 Days? What would it look like if you took 10 Days and gave them completely to God, setting aside normal patterns of life, work, school, and entertainment? How would it look if your family, your church, and your entire city did the same?

10 Days is consecrated time, holy time, a Sabbath time. It is time for people to commune with God and discover one another in the light of His face. Simply put, life looks different during 10 Days. 10 Days is time set-apart to seek God with mourning, fasting, and repentance.

“Mourning” is a rich biblical word. It is best not to understand it in an overly literalistic way (as in a funeral) but as a time of *humbling ourselves*, and aligning our hearts with God’s ways, and reckoning with the glories of Jesus Christ and the brokenness of this present age.

“Fasting” can involve many kinds of fasts, but we recommend a significant fast from both food (a Daniel, Juice, or Water fast) and entertainment and media.

“Repentance” has to do not only with confessing and acknowledging sin, but also with “turning” and “changing our minds” so that we not only *turn from* sin but also *turn toward* righteousness and the Kingdom of God.

➤ **The Setting: Fall Feasts**

- 10 Days is framed by the biblical festivals of *Rosh HaShannah* and *Yom Kippur*. This 10 Day period from the “Day of Trumpets” to the “Day of Atonement” is traditionally called the “Days of Awe.” 10 Days begins and ends with evening gatherings, so *includes parts of 11 calendar days*, but lasts a total of 10–24-hour periods.
- These feasts are an important part of our Biblical tradition—as Colossians says, they are “shadows of things to come” and Christ is their fulfillment. They also can provide a powerful connection to the Jewish roots of the faith, to Messianic believers, and as a time to pray for the salvation of the Jewish people (Rom. 11).
- Prophetically, the three “fall feasts” of Trumpets, Atonement, and Tabernacles speak of the second coming of Christ.

➤ **An Annual Rhythm:**

- The vision of 10 Days is to establish an annual rhythm of gathering and seeking the face of God. This is not a “one-off” event.

➤ **Many Locations Simultaneously:**



- Each year hundreds of locations independently organize 10 Day united prayer events. Our vision is to see it happening globally in thousands of cities.
- **Decentralized Organizationally, Connected Relationally:**
 - Each city that does 10 Days has its own locally grown leadership that is responsible for that city. Each city has their own team, determines their own structure, and handles any organizational needs. We have an international team that shares and spreads the vision, serves and resources city-wide efforts, and maintains connection and communication within the movement.
- **Organized by Geography:**
 - 10 Days is not primarily for local congregations to do on their own; rather, it is an annual opportunity for the entire Body of Christ in a region to come together.
 - 10 Days can be organized at a neighborhood, town, city, county, or state level. It is meant to be “software” that runs on the “hardware” of existing movements of unity that are connecting the Body of Christ for prayer, service, evangelism, transformation, and revival.
- **For “City-Wide” Churches:**
 - “City-wide” is our shorthand for saying that it’s meant to unite geographical regions. There is a specific focus on bringing together the church in a given city (all followers of Jesus in a region) but it can also expand beyond that to impact unbelievers, government, and systems as well.
- **The Big Idea: “A City That Stops”**
 - The original vision of 10 Days in 2004 was of a city that had “stopped everything for 10 Days”, with no work, school, or entertainment; a city that was entirely focused on seeking the face of God in prayer, worship, repentance, fasting, and attentiveness to Him.
 - One Biblical example of this is the disciples in the “upper room”, where 120 waited on God’s promise for 10 Days, followed by an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
 - Another example is the city of Ninevah, where 120,000 suspended normal life for a season of prayer and heart-felt repentance at the preaching of Jonah. 10 Days meant to be both a coming together in the “upper room” and ultimately a call to repentance that will bring many “Ninevahs” to stop and seek the mercy of God.
 - Stopping Cities for 10 Days of repentance seems to be impossible, yet we worship a God who loves to do impossible things. 10 Days begins as a global upper room prayer meeting; it ends as cities stop everything for fasting, mourning, and repentance and are inundated with the manifest glory of God.
- **Driven by John 17: “Let them be one as we are one.”**



- We believe that “Jesus gets what He prays for.” His prayer for those who would believe in Him to be “one” just as He is one with the Father will receive an answer. That is not some unfounded hope in an impossible future, rather, it’s an acknowledgement that where “the impossible” meets the word of God, God’s word wins every time!
- During 10 Days, we move towards Jesus’ prayer by moving toward “one another” in love, and by asking God to pour out grace for greater unity, recognizing that John 17 unity is a heavenly gift. In other words, we are doing our best to come together and remove obstacles to John 17 unity while also looking to God to supply the supernatural grace we need to see it occur.

A Flexible Framework:

Within the overall framework set out above, it is possible to include a large variety of activities within 10 Days—it’s a flexible form, a blank canvas that can be filled in many different ways. It is up to the leaders of each city to “master plan” what 10 Days will look like in their area.

10 Days merges and blends well with other gatherings, initiatives, and projects. Major gatherings, worship events, service initiatives, evangelism, and many other elements can be easily adopted and added to 10 Days.

Over the years we have seen several primary forms emerge for 10 Days:

- Single-Site City Gathering (Indoor or Outdoor Public Space or Church Building)
- Retreat Setting
- Multi-Site City Gathering
- Small Group Setting
- A coordinated approach using several of these forms.

A Strategy or “Tool” for Transformation:

10 Days is a God-given strategy to see city-wide transformation. It meets the criteria of 2 Chronicles 7:14, including all four elements of “Humbling ourselves, prayer, seeking God’s face, and turning from wicked ways.” It is designed to create a spiritual “low pressure system” over a city that irresistibly attracts the grace of God!

A Prayer Meeting:

At the heart, 10 Days is simple. It is a 10 Day prayer meeting and the whole city is invited.