



NorthEast Ohio Intercession Network

“Seek the peace and welfare of the city...and pray to the Lord for it, for in the welfare of the city in which you live you will have welfare.”
Jeremiah 29:7

FEBRUARY 2010 – Fasting and Prayer – Seek God for the City

Dear Intercessor,

“Therefore also now, says the Lord, turn and keep on coming to Me with all your hearts, with fasting, with weeping and with mourning (until every hindrance is removed and the broken fellowship is restored).” Joel 2:12 Amplified. NEOIN will be joining an estimated 100,000 believers around the nation in the prayer guide **“Seek God for the City, Prayers of Biblical Hope”** beginning February 17 to March 28, covering forty days to Palm Sunday. To order a copy/copies of the prayer guide, go to www.waymakers.org or call 1-800-264-5214.

NEOIN will also be partnering with HarvestNet and The Cleveland House of Prayer in establishing **24.7.12**, an **“Unbroken Chain of Fasting and Prayer”**, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 12 months a year in 2010. The intended result would be: **1.) To collaborate with other pastors, churches, prayer networks and ministries in NE Ohio. 2.) To begin a 24/7 unbroken chain of fasting and prayer at the beginning of 2010. 3.) For Regional Revival and Transformation that is owned by God.** Pastor Gary Pleasant of City Church shares how the Lord instructed his congregation to give themselves to prayer in 2009 even on the holidays! God further said, *“Do not approach this as an event but a Lifestyle Change.”* This would help teach the body of Christ the importance of a *Surrendered Lifestyle*. Pastor Pleasant testifies that the Lord brought order to every area of their lives, in struggling marriages, in lives of rebellious teenagers and in bringing God’s very presence into their small group meetings as well as Sunday’s corporate meetings. Soon, you will be able to sign up on the website calendar of www.ClevelandPrays.org to choose days you would like to fast and pray. We are prayerfully suggesting that people: A.) Give themselves to fasting and praying with liquids only (unless small portions of food are needed in order to take medicine) from 5:45 pm until 6:00 pm the next day. B.) Saturate themselves in the Word – Read 6 chapters a day – Read through the Bible twice a year. C.) Establish a prayer altar (place of prayer) fifteen or more minutes a day. **THE PURPOSE IS FOR REVIVAL AND TRANSFORMATION THAT IS OWNED BY GOD.**

We know that Jesus did not say, “If you fast, but “when you fast.” (Luke 5:35) We know the world fasts because it is a means to cleanse your body from toxins. We are only advocating **fasting with prayer!** Biblical examples are: **“This kind can come forth by nothing but by fasting and prayer.” (Mark 9:20)** Surely God rewarded Anna after many years of **not coming out of the temple enclosure but “worshiping night and day with fasting and prayer” (Luke 2:36-38)**, by allowing her to see and identify the baby Jesus when Mary and Joseph brought him to the temple. The disciples were able to appoint and ordain elders in Derbe **“with fasting and prayer.”** Jesus said, **“When you pray...when you fast...do it to God alone (Matt. 6:16-18.)** When we obey God by fasting, He blesses us for our obedience. **“Your Father Who sees in secret will reward you openly.”** We thank You, Father, that by Your grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, we can choose to fast and pray in 2010!

May Your kingdom come and Your will be done in North East Ohio! Amen.

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