



Forty Days of Prayer for Discernment

The Presbytery of Los ranchos has called all our churches to a season of discernment regarding our denominational affiliation. We have embarked on a journey of clarifying our call as a congregation to make disciples of Jesus Christ who connect with God, grow in faith, and serve in love.

There have been opportunities for us to gather at two Town Hall Meeting events, small group gatherings, and individual conversations to better understand the theological shifts that have taken place in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the denomination's current perspectives on social issues including abortion and homosexual practice. Answers to the questions raised at the informational events have been posted on the church web site at: www.gspc.org/discernment. We have become aware that in recent years that many positions of the PC(USA) have gone beyond the theological and Biblical boundaries that are representative of Good Shepherd.

The denominational affiliation Discernment Working Party invites you to enter into a period of prayer for discernment beginning on May 1. This prayer guide provides scripture verses for you to read, meditate upon, and guide your prayer.

As we move forward in this season of discernment in days to come we need to be guided by the Spirit of God. Will you please join in crying out to God for clear direction and honest discernment so that Good Shepherd will be able to continue to proclaim the gospel and be a blessing to the people in our communities.

I would like to thank Michelle Heath for researching and assembling the verses and guiding prayers that are contained in this document. And I thank you for taking prayer for discernment seriously.

Pastor Jim Wilson

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- May 1** **Proverbs 28:11** (Prayer of Discernment)
Dear Lord, please help us to see through discerning eyes.
- May 2** **Psalms 51:6** (Prayer of Wisdom)
Dear Lord, help us to desire truth in our inner parts. Teach us wisdom in our inmost places.
- May 3** **Colossians 3:17** (Prayer of Gratitude)
Dear Lord, whatever we do help us to honor you, our Lord Jesus Christ, always giving thanks.
- May 4** **John 16:13** (Prayer of Guidance)
Dear Lord, thank you for your Spirit of truth who guides us for what is to come.
- May 5** **John 4:23** (Prayer of Worship and Praise)
Dear Lord, let us worship you in spirit and truth. Let us be the kind of worshipers that you desire us to be.
- May 6** **Philippians 1:9-11** (Prayer of Discernment)
Dear Lord, may your love overtake us so we can grow in knowledge and insight.
- May 7** **James 1:5** (Prayer of Wisdom)
Dear Lord, thank you that when we lack anything we can come to you and you will give us what we need.
- May 8** **Psalms 118:24** (Prayer of Gratitude)
Dear Lord, thank you for this day! Let our hearts rejoice!
- May 9** **Proverbs 2:6-9** (Prayer of Guidance)
Dear Lord, help us to read your Word so that we can be upright in your sight.
- May 10** **Psalms 117:1-2** (Prayer of Worship and Praise)
Dear Lord, we praise your Holy name! Let everyone of us sing praises to our God for great is your love.
- May 11** **1 Corinthians 2:14** (Prayer of Discernment)
Dear Lord, help us to live with your Spirit within us so that we may accept the things that others may not discern.

- May 12** **James 3:17** (Prayer of Wisdom)
Dear Lord, thank you for your awesome wisdom that comes from heaven. We know that only your wisdom is pure and of good fruit.
- May 13** **1 Thessalonians 5:16-22** (Prayer of Gratitude)
Let us give thanks in all circumstances.
- May 14** **Jeremiah 29:11** (Prayer of Guidance)
Thank you God for hope and a future. Thank you for your awesome plan.
- May 15** **Colossians 3:16** (Prayer of Worship and Praise)
Dear Lord, teach us to always hold your word in our hearts, especially when we admonish one another. Let us give thanks to God.
- May 16** **Daniel 2:21** (Prayer of Discernment)
Dear Lord, you have everything in the heavens and on earth in your hands. Giving wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.
- May 17** **Proverbs 3:7** (Prayer of Wisdom)
Dear Lord, help us to fear you and shun all evil. May we have your eyes to see.
- May 18** **James 1:17** (Prayer of Gratitude)
Thank you Lord for your perfect gifts that never change with the shifting shadows.
- May 19** **Proverbs 3:5-6** (Prayer of Guidance)
Dear Lord, help us Trust in you and lean not on our own limited understanding. May we acknowledge your leading in all our ways.
- May 20** **John 4:24** (Prayer of Worship and Praise)
Dear Lord, help us to understand that you are Spirit and that we should worship in spirit and truth.
- May 21** **Revelation 22:18-19** (Prayer of Discernment)
Dear Lord, thank you for your Word. Help us not to add or take from your perfect Word. We praise your Holy name!
- May 22** **1 Corinthians 1:30** (Prayer of Wisdom)
Thank you God for Jesus. It is because of him that we have life.

- May 23** **Romans 8:28** (Prayer of Gratitude)
Dear Lord, thank you for always working out things for the good for those who love you!
- May 24** **James 1:6** (Prayer of Guidance)
Dear Lord, help us not doubt your perfect wisdom. Help us believe in the answers we receive from you.
- May 25** **Zephaniah 3:17** (Prayer of Worship and Praise)
Thank you Lord that you are with us, you are mighty to save. You take great delight in us. You will quiet us with love and rejoice over us with singing.
- May 26** **John 5:30** (Prayer of Discernment)
Dear Lord, thank you that Jesus did not come to judge by himself. He was obedient to the Father. Help us to not do things on our own but to always seek your wisdom.
- May 27** **Proverbs 14:8** (Prayer of Wisdom)
Dear Lord, help us to evaluate things and make good choices. May we be prudent in giving everything careful thought.
- May 28** **Hebrews 12:28-29** (Prayer of Gratitude)
Dear Lord, thank you that your Kingdom cannot be shaken. You Lord are a consuming fire!
- May 29** **John 14:16** (Prayer of Guidance)
Dear Lord, help us to receive the Holy Spirit as our counselor; the Spirit of Truth.
- May 30** **Hebrews 13:15-17** (Prayer of Worship and Praise)
Let us continually offer God a sacrifice of praise of fruit and lips that confess his name. Help us not to forget to share this with others.
- May 31** **Revelation 22:16** (Prayer of Discernment)
Dear Lord, thank you for your Son Jesus, the root of the offspring of David and the bright morning star.
- June 1** **1 Corinthians 1:25** (Prayer of Wisdom)
Dear Lord, we know that your foolishness and weakness is stronger than our wisdom and strength. Thank you for your awesome power.

- June 2** **Psalms 103:1-5** (Prayer of Gratitude)
Praise the Lord, O my Soul! Praise the God who redeems us, heals us,
and sets our path.
- June 3** **Proverbs 16:9** (Prayer of Guidance)
Dear Lord, thank you for guiding our steps and softening our hearts.
- June 4** **Psalms 100:2** (Prayer of Worship and Praise)
Dear Lord, we come before you with gratitude, gladness, and joy.
- June 5** **Matthew 10:16** (Prayer of Discernment)
Dear Lord, we are sent out as sheep among wolves. Help us to be
shrewd as snakes and innocent as doves.
- June 6** **Proverbs 29:15** (Prayer of Wisdom)
Dear Lord, thank you for your rod. Help us to not do things our way
but to always look to you for guidance and wisdom.
- June 7** **John 3:16-17** (Prayer of Gratitude)
Dear Lord, thank you for loving us so much that you sent Jesus to
save our world and give us salvation.
- June 8** **2 Corinthians 11:13-15** (Prayer of Discernment)
Dear Lord, help us to discern truth through your Spirit, help us test
the spirits through the Word of God. Shield us from the false and
deceitful enemy.
- June 9** **Matthew 24:24** (Prayer of Discernment)
Dear Lord, we know that false Christ and false prophets will appear,
performing great signs and miracles. Let us have ears to hear and
eyes to see your truth. Thank you for the counsel of the Holy Spirit.