

## **THE 40/40 PRAYER VIGIL FOR SPIRITUAL REVIVAL AND NATIONAL RENEWAL**

Welcome! We're glad you want to know more about the 40/40 Prayer Vigil for Spiritual Revival and National Renewal. The Vigil is a national initiative sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission and the North American Mission Board.

Anyone who shares our burden for revival among God's people and for the future of our nation is welcome to join us for this intensive period of prayer. Below is some information about the Vigil that you may find helpful as you pray about your participation. **There is no cost to participate and no one will ask you for anything.**

### **THE VIGIL**

The 40/40 Prayer Vigil consists of 40 days of prayer from September 24 to November 2, 2008, culminating in 40 hours of around the clock intercession during the last 3 days of the Vigil. The Vigil focuses first on personal spiritual revival. It then covers an expanding circle of prayer concerns, from the church to the nation.

### **RESOURCES**

We have provided all the resources needed for a powerful, Spirit-led vigil of prayer at [www.ilivevalues.com/prayer](http://www.ilivevalues.com/prayer). The webpage is the central point of contact for those participating in the Vigil. At the Vigil webpage, you will find:

- A place to register your commitment to participate in the Vigil.
- An extensive downloadable prayer guide that provides:
  - One page for each day or hour of the Vigil.
  - A unique prayer theme for each day or hour of the Vigil
  - Bible passages on which to reflect and meditate to prepare the heart, mind, and spirit for prayer time.
  - Seven unique prayer points for each day or hour of the Vigil.
- News and notices about the Vigil.
- A daily prayer request.
- A blog where you can communicate with others about the Vigil.

### **VIGIL OPTIONS**

The Vigil offers three ways to participate:

- Pray for 40 days, Sept. 24 to Nov. 2.
- Pray for 40 hours, Oct. 31, 4pm to Nov. 2, 8am. A special 40 Hour Prayer Guide is available to support this option.
- Combine the two: Begin Sept. 24 and pray each day for 37 days, then culminate the Vigil with 40 hours of prayer during the last three days of

the Vigil, from Oct. 31, 4pm to Nov. 2, 8am. The 40 Day Prayer Guide can be used for either the 40 day option or the combination option.

### **WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW**

- Sign up at [www.ilivevalues.com/prayer](http://www.ilivevalues.com/prayer) to join us in prayer.
- Ask the prayer leader in your church to organize a prayer effort in the church.
- Invite every member of your church to sign up to pray.
- Consider dedicating the worship service on November 2 to spiritual revival and national renewal. The church family will have just spent considerable time praying for these things. They may be ready for God to do a great work.