

EASTER

2023 PRAYER GUIDE

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Welcome

Easter is only a few short weeks away, and there is no better way to prepare for Easter than through prayer. We invite you to join with us over the next four weeks as we pray for our church, our community, our families, and ourselves. This prayer guide is designed to lift Jesus high so that we can see His glory and pray for His glory to be revealed in and through us. Each day there will be a different prayer emphasis, and our hope is that God will work in and through us this Easter season for the good of our faith family and community.

Let's pray with expectation for what God is going to do in our midst this Easter season. If you struggle with knowing what to say during prayer, remember that Jesus calls us to simplicity in prayer. You don't have to use big words or try to sound holier than you are. God is not impressed with that, but He delights in people who pray earnestly to Him.

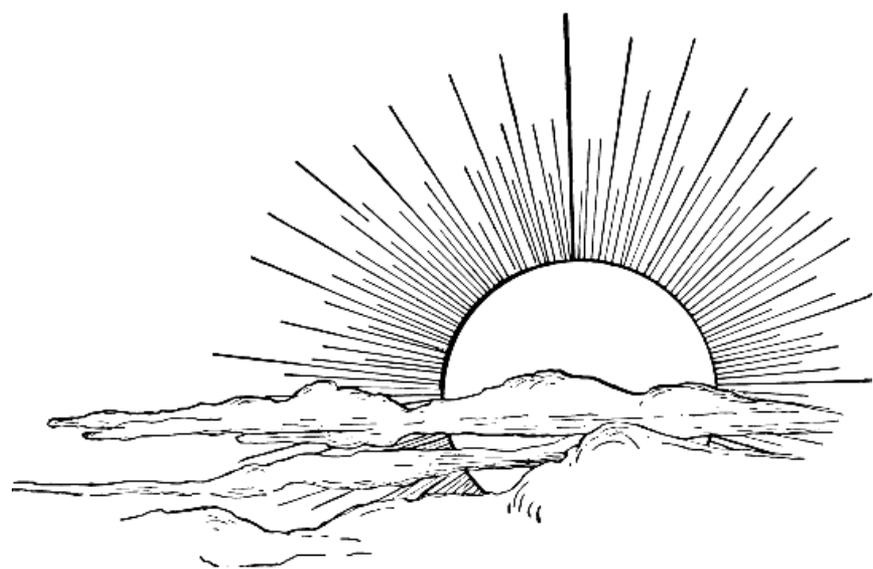
Using This Prayer Guide

If you already have a daily rhythm of prayer, then we ask that you include this guide as part of that rhythm. If you don't have a daily prayer time, then what better time to start than now? The best way to start a discipline of prayer is to determine the time of day that you can regularly set aside for prayer. For many people, this happens in the morning time before the tasks of the day begin.

Regardless of when you choose to set aside time, structure your days so that you can stick with it. And if you miss a day, that's OK! Our prayer lives are founded on the great mercy of God towards us.

Prayer Guide Structure

Each day will have a short Scripture, followed by ways to pray for yourself, your family, our church, and our community. This prayer guide covers five days a week for each week leading up to Easter Sunday.



Day 1: Monday, March 6

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. (John 1:1-3)

In the beginning of John's Gospel, he reveals that the Jesus who dwelt among us is very God of very God, the eternal Son who created this world.

Pray:

- Praise Jesus for His being as the eternal Son of God.
- Praise Jesus for His incredible creation and great love for creation.
- Pray that you will make much of Jesus in your life today.

Day 2: Tuesday, March 7

So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations. (Matthew 1:17)

In Matthew's Gospel, he demonstrates that Jesus is the promised Messiah who comes from the line of Abraham (the father of Israel) and David (the great king of Israel) just as God had promised in the Old Testament.

Pray:

- Thank God that nothing can thwart His plans for His creation.
- Ask God to help you trust that He is in control of this world.
- List and pray for any specific requests for your family, knowing that God is in control.

Day 3: Wednesday, March 8

But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:20-21)

From the very beginning of Jesus' life, we see that the plan was for Him to save His people from their sins and the means was the cross.

Pray:

- Ask God to give you a fresh reminder of the purpose of the cross.
 - Pray for non-Christians who will come to our church services over Easter season and that they will come to salvation.
 - Write the names of family members who are not Christians below. Pray that God would open their eyes to see the power of the cross.
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Day 4: Thursday, March 9

And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. (Luke 4:31-32)

Jesus demonstrated his uniqueness by teaching as the One who had authority over how Scripture is understood.

Pray:

- Ask God to show you areas in your life where you have not given Him authority.
 - Pray that Hebron Church will be completely under God's authority.
 - Write the name of a neighbor who is not living under God's authority, and pray for opportunities to share the gospel.
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Day 5: Friday, March 10

And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." (Luke 5:30-32)

Jesus constantly shows His purpose in the Gospels to draw sinful people to Himself.

Pray:

- Praise Jesus that He has not rejected you in your sin, but draws near to you and draws you to Himself.
- Ask God to show you someone to whom you can show the kindness of Jesus today.
- Pray that Hebron Church will be show the great love of Jesus to our community.

Day 6: Monday, March 13

"No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." (John 3:13-15)

Jesus was lifted up on the cross in order to be lifted high as the King over life and death for all who believe in Him.

Pray:

- Thank Jesus that He willingly walked toward the cross throughout His life.
- Pray that you will make much of Jesus this week.
- Write the names of those whom you would like to invite to Easter Sunday. Pray for their willingness to attend as well as your boldness to invite them.

Day 7: Tuesday, March 14

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. (John 7:37-39)

Pray:

- Thank God for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in your life. Ask God for a deeper recognition of the Holy Spirit's work in your life.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will use Hebron Church to transform hearts.
- Pray for the First Impressions Team, that they will be overflowing with excitement and joy with which to greet our guests.

Day 8: Wednesday, March 15

And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (Mark 7:37)

The crowds saw Jesus at work and couldn't help but proclaim, "He has done all things well!"

Pray:

- Ask God to give you a heart of praise to Jesus, who has done all things well.
- Thank God that the power He demonstrated in Jesus is still at work in the world today. Ask God for a fresh encounter with His great love.
- Use the lines below to list those things for which you are praising God.

Day 9: Thursday, March 16

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. (Mark 9:30-32)

Jesus taught His disciples about His path to glory through the cross so that they could understand the purpose of His life.

Pray:

- Thank Jesus that He teaches us all we need to know, even when we are slow to understand.
- Pray for our church's missionary families in different parts of the world, that they will be able to make the gospel clear in their communities this week.
- Pray for someone close to you who needs to know the story of Jesus today. Write the name of the person here: _____.

Day 10: Friday, March 17

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." (Matthew 13:44)

The kingdom of heaven is worth everything that we could ever possibly give up in this life.

Pray:

- Ask God to give you a heart for His Kingdom above anything else in this world.
- Repent of anything in life that you have made more important than His Kingdom.
- Pray for specific ministries of Hebron Church. List the ministry or ministries you've lifted up in prayer below.

Day 11: Monday, March 20

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. (Philippians 2:5-7)

Jesus is not just a leader. He is a servant leader who modeled self-sacrifice with His very life.

Pray:

- Spend time praising Jesus for coming to earth wrapped in servanthood rather than royalty .
- Ask God to help you serve with the mindset of Jesus today. Ask God to open your eyes to people that you can serve today.
- Pray for the Community Easter Egg Hunt, that there will be an outpouring of love for those who attend and that the gospel will be shared and received.

Day 12: Tuesday, March 21

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. (Colossians 2:6-7)

The Christian life isn't a one-time confession, but it is a daily striving to walk after Jesus in faith.

Pray:

- Ask God to help you abound in thanksgiving.
- Ask God to show you any areas in your life that aren't currently rooted in Christ.
- Think of a few things to praise God for in your life right now. List them below.

Day 13: Wednesday, March 22

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. (Ephesians 1:7-10)

Christ has lavished redemption on us in order to unite us with Him for all eternity.

Pray:

- Consider the word "lavished" and spend time praising Jesus for the redemption that has been lavished on you as a believer.
- Praise God that He has invited you into His great plan for the world.
- Pray that this plan of redemption will be clear to everyone who joins us for worship on Easter Sunday.

Day 14: Thursday, March 23

To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 3:8-10)

God's plan of redemption is shown through the Church to the visible and invisible world.

Pray:

- Praise God that He has created the Church in His infinite wisdom in order to show His plan of redemption.
- Ask God to show you ways that you can love and serve our church.
- Write the names of those in our church who are going through a struggle right now. Pray for them to be encouraged and for ways you can show them you care.

Day 15: Friday, March 24

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. (Romans 6:4-5)

God's plan of redemption is not just to save us from sin but to invite us into the new life offered by Christ.

Pray:

- Praise God for the new life that you have been given in Christ.
 - Praise God that Christ not only died for our sins, but He was raised triumphant over sin and death for all His followers.
 - Ask God to put you in the path of someone who needs to hear this wonderful news today. List any anxieties or fears that may hold you back from sharing this news. Pray that God will work in and through you.
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Day 16: Monday, March 27

"What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray." (Matthew 18:12-13)

Jesus reminds us of God's great care for those who go astray as well as His great rejoicing over their redemption.

Pray:

- Spend time thanking God for His great mercy. Pray that you will make much of Jesus in your life today.
- Pray that Hebron Church will be a church that shows God's great mercy toward others.
- Pray over our Next Gen ministries (preschool, children, students).

Day 17: Tuesday, March 28

And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." (Mark 14:35-36)

Jesus felt the full weight of the cross, and He still willingly went through with the pain for the purpose of redemption.

Pray:

- Thank Jesus that He carried your full weight of sin on the cross.
- Repent of any sin currently gripping your heart.
- Ask God to give you a fresh sense of the glory of the cross this Easter season. Continue to pray for someone you will invite to Easter Sunday. Write their name(s) here: _____.

Day 18: Wednesday, March 29

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father?'" (John 14:8-9)

Jesus reveals the Father to the world because He is the perfect image of God.

Pray:

- Thank Jesus that He reveals the very heart of the Father to us.
 - Ask God to show you any places in your heart where you believe that He isn't truly good or loving toward you.
 - List areas in the church where you are interested in serving with your faith family. Pray about these opportunities.
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Day 19: Thursday, March 30

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

It is only through Jesus that we have the power to live the Christian life.

Pray:

- Ask God to help you abide in Jesus today. Spend some time examining the "fruit" of your life to see if it shows that you are abiding in Jesus.
- Pray that people will find freedom in Christ this Easter season.
- Commit to invite a family member or friend to Easter Sunday. Write their name(s) here: _____.

Day 20: Friday, March 31

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him." (John 17:1-2)

Jesus walked the path to the cross to the glory of God for the eternal life of His followers.

Pray:

- Thank Jesus that He was a full participant in the plan of redemption on your behalf.
 - Pray over the Passion Week Devotions, that those who hear them will be encouraged and drawn to Jesus.
 - Pray for someone that you know needs to know the love of Jesus today. Write the name of this person below, and list a way you can reach out to them.
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Holy Week Schedule at Hebron

Community Easter Egg Hunt

April 1, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Hebron Church Campus
Register at hebronchurch.org/Easter.

Palm Sunday

April 2, 9:30 a.m.
Worship Center

Passion Week Devotions

April 3-6

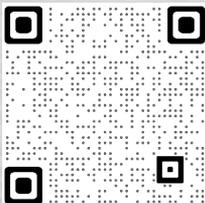
This year, we will be sharing a video devotion each day around lunchtime. It will be available to view after it airs as well. We encourage you to watch and partake in the journey of Passion Week.

Good Friday Service

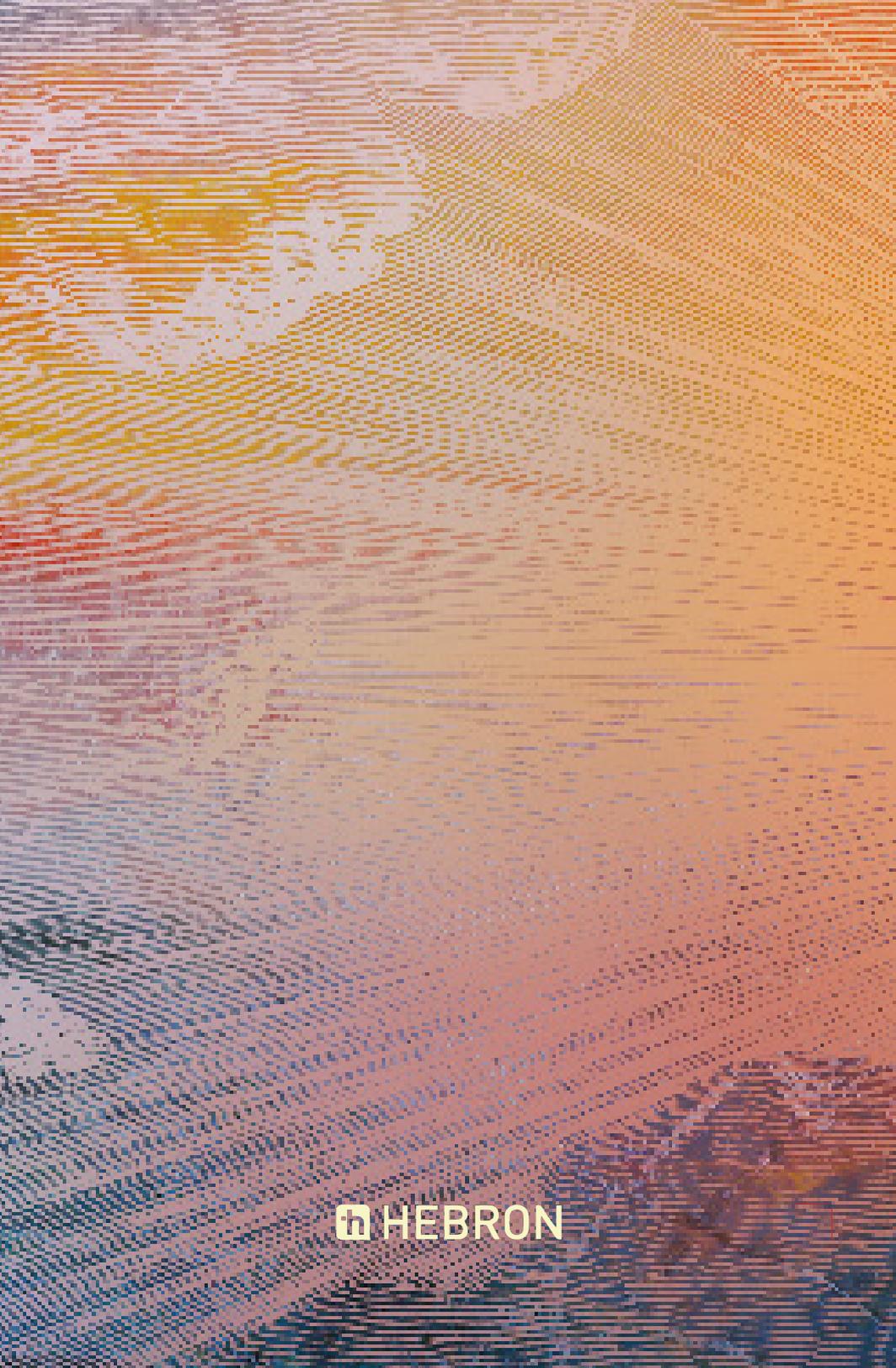
April 7, 7 p.m.
Worship Center

Easter Sunday

April 9, 9:30 a.m.
Worship Center



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