



EASTER

2024 Prayer Guide

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Welcome

As we approach Easter Sunday, we invite you to join with us and pray for our church, our community, our families, and ourselves. This prayer guide is designed to lift Jesus high so 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 does delight 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

Our prayer guide this year uses John 13-17 as the foundation for our prayers leading up to Easter. In these chapters, Jesus prepared the disciples for His arrest, death, and resurrection by teaching them and praying over them. Let Jesus's teaching and prayer guide your heart this Easter season.



Day 1: Monday, March 4

Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. (John 13:3-5)

At the beginning of the Last Supper, Jesus uses His authority to demonstrate service for His disciples.

Pray:

- Praise Jesus that He has served us in His life, death, and resurrection.
- Ask God to give you a heart to serve others.
- Ask God to show you people in your life you can serve today.

Day 2: Tuesday, March 5

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-45)

Jesus commanded His disciples to show that they knew and understood His message by the ways that they loved one another.

Pray:

- Thank Jesus for demonstrating a life of sacrificial love.
 - Ask God to help you love others in sacrificial ways.
 - Ask God to give Hebron Church a spirit of unity and love in the gospel.
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Day 3: Wednesday, March 6

Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward." (John 13:36)

After His resurrection, Jesus ascended to the Father to deliver the Holy Spirit to believers, intercede for believers, and rule over all creation.

Pray:

- Praise God that this world isn't the only reality and that Christians have an eternal hope.
 - Pray for any family members who are not Christians, that God would open their eyes to see the beauty of the gospel.
 - Pray for non-Christians who will come to our church services over Easter season, that they will come to salvation.
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Day 4: Thursday, March 7

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?" (John 14:1-2)

Jesus taught His disciples to replace their worries with their hope in God and His promise of everlasting heavenly life with Jesus.

Pray:

- Ask God to show you places in your life where you are driven by worry instead of trust in Him and His promises.
 - Praise God that He is faithful to His promises because of His character.
 - Pray for a family member or neighbor who does not know the hope of the gospel.
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Day 5: Friday, March 8

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." (John 14:5-7)

Jesus reveals to His disciples that He and the Father are one, and He is the only way to relationship and everlasting life with the Father.

Pray:

- Praise Jesus that He has revealed Himself as God and through His life has shown the very heart of God toward sinners.
- Ask God to show you someone that you can show the truth of Jesus today.
- Pray that Hebron Church will show the truth of Jesus to our community.

Day 6: Monday, March 11

"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.
- Pray for someone that you can invite with you to church on Easter Sunday. Write his/her name here: _____.

Day 7: Tuesday, March 12

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you." (John 14:15-17)

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 our worship services to transform hearts.

Day 8: Wednesday, March 13

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live." (John 14:18-19)

Jesus will not leave His children without His presence or promise of eternal life.

Pray:

- Ask God to give you a heart of praise to Jesus today, because he will not leave you.
- 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.

Day 9: Thursday, March 14

"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. Pray for someone who needs to know the hope of the gospel: _____.

Day 10: Friday, March 15

"No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you." (John 15:15)

Jesus calls His followers not servants but friends; to follow Jesus is to be a friend of Jesus.

Pray:

- Thank Jesus that you can actually call Him friend.
- Repent of anything in your life that you have made more important than His Word.
- Pray for Hebron Church that we will be a small picture for our community of the friendship that Jesus brings.

Day 11: Monday, March 18

"Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you." (John 16:7)

Jesus tells His disciples that it's better for them (and us) that He goes to the Father, because then He would send the Holy Spirit.

Pray:

- Spend time praising God for the Holy Spirit, who opens our eyes to the truth and beauty of God.
- Ask God to help you know the Spirit's work in your life more intimately.
- Ask God to convict you of people that He wants you to show the truth of the gospel through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Day 12: Tuesday, March 19

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

Jesus gives His followers His Word for their peace amidst all difficulty and tribulation.

Pray:

- Think of a few things to praise God for in your life right now.
 - Ask God to help you abound in peace no matter what you are facing today.
 - Ask God to show you any area in your life where you don't have the peace of Christ.
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Day 13: Wednesday, March 20

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.
- Ask God to help you live in light of eternity today.
- Pray for someone that you know needs to know the love of Jesus today. Write his/her name here: _____.

Day 14: Thursday, March 21

"They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world." (John 17:16-18)

In his Priestly Prayer for His followers, Jesus prays that God will sanctify us as we live on mission for Him.

Pray:

- Thank God that He doesn't simply bring you to salvation, but that He will guide you all the way home.
 - Ask God to give you a heart for His mission and priorities in the world.
 - Spend some time asking God to show you ways you can live the mission of Jesus today.
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PASSION WEEK AT HEBRON

Palm Sunday Service

9:30 a.m. | March 24

Passion Week Lunches

12 p.m. | March 25 - 28

Good Friday Service

7 p.m. | March 29

Easter Service

9:30 a.m. | March 31



We can't wait to see you there!

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