

This guide is an opportunity for us to join together in prayer, believing what God's Word says about the power and necessity of prayer. The Lord has established that He acts in response to our prayers as we pray in faith according to His will. As we focus our prayers together in specific ways, we believe we will see God move in power within and around us.

The prayer points focus us toward areas which Scripture instructs us to pray: for our pastors and each other, for ministries, missionaries, and government leaders, for persecuted believers, the lost, and Christ's return. We are also to cry out to the Lord with personal concerns and for our own growth; the Scripture for "Salem & Self" contributes to this.

"In the morning, prayer is the key that opens to us the treasure of God's mercies and blessings;
in the evening, it is the key that shuts us up under His protection and safeguard."

Anonymous

***If the amount feels intimidating, start small – pick one each day to pray with us, to link arms as we all pray together to the Lord. See how your faith will grow and your relationship with the Lord will begin to strengthen.*

Wednesday, April 1

- Pastor David: Comfort – 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
- Salem & Self: Hebrews 12:1-2
- Pray for our children's ministry, that God will work in each child from the nursery to the oldest, to draw their hearts to Himself and show them His love, care, and purposes for them through those who teach and care for them.
- Pray for Samaritan's Purse teams in the Middle East providing food, clothing, and other necessities, and building medical stations and community centers with bomb shelters. Pray that the Lord will give believers in these countries courage to share the hope of the Gospel with their unsaved friends and family in these turbulent times.
- Pray for the Lord's protection of our nation against any plans for destruction, and that He will bring miraculous change to renew the United States as a beacon of light, hope, and righteousness.

Thursday, April 2

- Pastor David: Resilience against opposition – 2 Thessalonians 3:2
- Salem & Self: Titus 3:3-5
- Paul and Sonya Gale, supported missionaries in Brazil: This April marks 40 years since Paul and Sonya arrived on the mission field. Praise the Lord for all He has done through their ministry and for restored health. Sonya's scans continue to show no visible cancer, and Paul's shoulder is slowly getting better with 9 more weeks of physical therapy. Their recent trip to the Indian Institute went well and their ministry with their local church is expanding. Pray for an orchestra event Paul is playing in on April 4, that many will come and souls will be saved.
- Pray for Foothills Food Pantry, that God would work through His people to provide generously for families in need in our community, and that He would strengthen and bless the workers and donors who are His hands and feet.
- Pray that the Lord will raise up His people with eagerness to share Jesus with those around them, for "there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven...by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).



Friday, April 3

- Amanda Trump: Identity in Christ – Ephesians 1:18-19
- Salem & Self: 1 Corinthians 15:55-57
- Lift up those involved in our Good Friday Service, that the Lord will strengthen them with health and fill them with peace. Pray against any attempt of the devil to disrupt God's purposes, and that the Holy Spirit will move mightily to focus us on Jesus' work on the cross and will prepare fertile soil in every heart that does not know Him, for seeds of salvation to bear fruit for eternal life.
- Pray that God will provide the Legacy Center with volunteers, staff, and resources needed to minister to the women and men who come seeking for help. Pray specifically for God's provision of a medical professional to operate an ultrasound machine, as this person needs to be in place before requesting a grant for funding.
- Pray for the people of our nation to return to the Lord and that He will bring renewal and salvation.

Saturday, April 4

- Pastor David: Good health – 3 John 1:2
- Salem & Self: Colossians 1:20-23
- Pray for our children's ministry director Melissa Jarrard, her husband Brian, and their family.

- Persecuted believers in India: In much of the country, Christians endure intense alienation, discrimination, and violence. To religious nationalists, to be Indian is to be Hindu, and pressure to return to Hinduism is faced almost daily. Anti-conversion laws can result in arrest, interrogation, and mob violence. Pray for their faith and strength, and for believers to be able to gather safely. Pray for protection from violence and injustice, and comfort for those who have suffered. "I realized that even in our darkest moments, God sends someone to guide us. Many others face even worse persecution for Christ – so why shouldn't I endure this? I am honored to suffer for His name."
- As we pray and wait for Jesus' return, may the Lord keep us from stumbling and faithfully complete His work to present us blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy (Jude 1:24).

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Sunday, April 5

- Pastor David: Declaring God – Psalm 40:9-10
- Salem & Self: 1 Peter 1:3-4
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to move in power in our service and others, to convict and open the eyes of unbelievers to see their need for a savior and the glory of the gospel, that they would choose Jesus and experience new life. Pray for believers also, that we will respond to the Spirit working in us to conform us to the image of Christ.

Monday, April 6

- Pastor David: Armor of God – Ephesians 6:10-11
- Salem & Self: Hebrews 13:20-21
- Pray for American Heritage Girls, that God will give clarity and wisdom in His plans for this ministry, and that He will provide for every position of leadership and will stir the hearts of those He is calling to serve to respond joyfully.
- Pray for the Surry County Board of Education, that God will guide every decision in His wisdom and that they will work together well with integrity and compassion to serve the children and staff.
- Pray for our nation, that the Lord God will bring us all to a definite place of unswerving faith and confidence in Him.

Tuesday, April 7

- Pastor David: Focus on the Lord – Ephesians 6:14-15
- Salem & Self: Psalm 40:16
- Pray for our Praying Together ministry, that the Holy Spirit would stir the hearts of our church members to cry out in intercession for others, knowing that the Spirit Himself intercedes for us (Romans 8:26-27).



• Christian & Laura Rowland, British Columbia: When Christian and Laura moved to plant a church in a diverse suburb of Vancouver, they quickly realized the area was in desperate need of gospel witness. Connecting with families on the playground, they began to form relationships and share the gospel in people's homes. Their neighborhood Bible study developed into a growing, multicultural body of believers. Pray for the Rowlands and their church as they share the gospel in their community and for unity as they grow together in Christ.

- As we pray for Christ's return, pray that God's people will prepare ourselves through study and obedience to His Word, drawing near in prayer and faith, and abiding in His steadfast love.

Wednesday, April 8

- Pastor David: Faith – Ephesians 6:16
- Salem & Self: Isaiah 64:8
- Pray for SCA as they look toward hiring for positions for the next school year. Pray that those the Lord wants in each position will apply in faith, and that He will give wisdom, discernment, and clarity to fill every role.
- Pray for Gideons International, that they would go forth and serve in might, knowing the Lord's calling of them to spread the gospel, and that God would continue calling on men to serve in this life-changing ministry.
- Pray for the Lord of the harvest to lift up our eyes to see spiritual fields ready for harvest and faithfully respond to share Christ at every opportunity the Holy Spirit gives.

Thursday, April 9

- Pastor David: The Word and prayer – Ephesians 6:17-18
- Salem & Self: Psalm 19:12-13
- Pray for our SCA principal Olivia Beroth, her husband TJ, and their family.
- Pray for the hurting in our community, that they would seek the Lord and find that He is near to the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
- As we pray for Christ's return, pray that we would "wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light." (Romans 13:11-12)

Friday, April 10

- Amanda Trump: Meaningful friendships – Proverbs 13:20
- Salem & Self: 1 Kings 8:61
 - PLOW 127, supported mission work in Uganda: A new village has asked for a church building (which is a covered hut and open on all sides on a dirt floor). Ira will go back in a few months to help with the construction and oversight; please pray for God's favor as details come together. Praise the Lord for this new opportunity for His name and salvation to be proclaimed, and pray that they can lead this village to Christ, particularly since Muslims are becoming so prevalent.
- Pray for guidance for NC Baptists as they seek to strengthen and equip churches and leadership in our state.
- Pray for the people of our nation to return to the Lord and that He will bring renewal and salvation.



Saturday, April 11

- Pastor David: Strength – Psalm 18:1-2
- Salem & Self: John 10:10
- Pray that we will each seek the Lord in how He would have us to serve. May He give clarity, joy, and fullness in the ways He calls us to invest ourselves, our time, and our resources.
- Persecuted believers in Saudi Arabia: All citizens are considered Muslim and public churches are banned. If discovered, Christians face being disowned and attacked by their family and clan. Migrant workers risk arrest and deportation. "Most Muslims who come to Christ will never tell their family about their newfound conviction. They must live their faith in secret with utmost caution. This is why many Saudi Christians suffer from loneliness." Thank the Lord that His salvation reaches even into these dark places. Pray for believers to find fellowship with each other. Pray for their protection and their faith, and for the gospel to spread.

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Sunday, April 12

- Pastor David: Word to prevail – Acts 19:20
- Salem & Self: Psalm 66:1-2
- Pray for God to turn us toward each other in unity and genuine, sacrificial love.

Monday, April 13

- Pastor David: Wisdom – Psalm 51:6
- Salem & Self: Colossians 1:9-10
- Pray for the evangelism leaders in small groups: for strength against spiritual attack, for leading in opportunities, and that our community will be changed with the gospel of Christ.
- Pray for North Carolina's Supreme Court, that every person would be subject to the governing authorities, and that the authorities instituted by God will uphold justice, punishing the guilty and protecting the innocent (Romans 13:1).
- Pray for our nation, that the Holy Spirit will open eyes to see that the Lord is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. May this fill His people with strength and hope, and may it draw many hearts to Him.

There is nothing too small to bring before God, and there is nothing too great.

"Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us." Psalm 62:8

Tuesday, April 14

- Pastor David: Flourishing – Psalm 1:2-3
- Salem & Self: 2 Corinthians 9:10-11
- Pray for our Praying Together ministry, that we will continually devote ourselves to prayer as a body of believers.
- Kevin & Karen White, Colombia: Kevin, Karen, and their two children have spent their lives building bridges and sharing Christ's love. Kevin, a former warehouse supervisor, worked with people from five countries. Their family moved to a Spanish-speaking neighborhood to better reach their neighbors. They now have followed God's call to serve in Colombia. Pray that God will bless their work, strengthen their family, and use them to bring many in Colombia to faith in Christ.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will guard our hearts against distraction and discouragement, and will focus our spiritual eyes on Jesus' second coming.



Wednesday, April 15

- Pastor David: His children – Psalm 121:7-8
- Salem & Self: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13
- Pray for our student pastor Russ Billo, his wife Leah, and their family.
- Pray that the men involved in Gideons International will faithfully sow the seeds of God's Word and He will increase the fruits of their labor.
- Pray that the Lord of the harvest will raise up more missionaries to spread the good news of Jesus. "How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never

heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!’” (Romans 10:14-15).

Thursday, April 16

- Pastor David: Encouragement – Romans 1:12
- Salem & Self: Colossians 1:11-12
- Pray for the women’s ministry event on April 23, that God will bring together the workers and details, prepare each woman’s heart to receive what He has for her, and guard against anything that would hinder her from coming.
- Praise God for the many who heard of God’s love for them in Christ at Franklin Graham’s events in Argentina and Peru, and the thousands who went forward to respond to the Lord’s call! Victor, on the left in the picture, is one in Argentina who received Christ after his friend’s years of prayers for him. Pray for new believers as they seek God’s will in their lives, and for local churches to help them grow in their faith.
- Pray for Jesus’ mighty return, the one who is called Faithful and True, who will conquer sin and darkness forever.



Friday, April 17

- Amanda Trump: Fulfilled purpose – Psalm 20:4
- Salem & Self: Ephesians 5:7-10
 - Greg and Anne Parker, supported missionaries in Brazil: In the past two months, they have built two missionary houses in new villages and have placed three new missionary families in different river regions. Praise the Lord for how He is moving and bringing new missionaries to join in the work! Pray for His provision to replace two boat motors and other equipment recently stolen, which were planned to be sent to the new missionary families. Thankfully no one was hurt during the break-in. Pray also as Greg and Anne plan a home assignment in July, that God will lead them as they organize places and people they will visit.
- Pray for the Legacy Center, that they will faithfully steward the ministry God has given them in supporting women toward choosing life for their babies, and will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord.
- Pray for the people of our nation to return to the Lord and that He will bring renewal and salvation.



Saturday, April 18

- Pastor David: Integrity – Psalm 26:11-12
- Salem & Self: Psalm 18:30-31
- Pray for our men’s ministry, that the men of Salem will delight in the law of the Lord and meditate on it day and night. Pray that they will abide and be fruitful, prospering as a tree by streams of water (Psalm 1:2-3).
- Persecuted believers in Myanmar: National identity is linked to Buddhism, viewing other faiths as a threat to national unity. This results in discrimination and hostility. Many are caught in the crossfire of the long-running civil war, with Christians killed, churches bombed, and villages destroyed. Last year’s earthquakes added to the vulnerability and displacement. “The reason we remain resilient in the midst of persecution and hardship is because of the persecution-survival training we received.” Thank the Lord for ministries that help persecuted believers. Pray for protection of church leaders and evangelists, and for the faith and provision of our brothers and sisters.

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Sunday, April 19

- Pastor David: Proclaim Jesus – Colossians 1:28-29
- Salem & Self: Isaiah 25:9
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with rejoicing at the Lord’s salvation and at the coming day when we will see Him come in glory. May this motivate us to receive His Word eagerly and pursue His righteousness each day.

Monday, April 20

- Pastor David: Endurance – 1 Corinthians 9:26-27
- Salem & Self: John 15:9-11
- Pray for our D-Groups, may they feed upon the words of God to become strong, healthy, and full of life. (John 6:63)
- Pray for the US Supreme Court. May the Lord direct the judges to execute true justice without partiality and to seek to make decisions that are right and just.
- Pray for our nation, that God will transform the hearts of those who seek to undermine the values, truth, and morality founded by God in His word.

Tuesday, April 21

- Pastor David: Praise – Psalm 63:3-4
- Salem & Self: Psalm 30:4-5
- Pray for our executive and worship pastor John Kennedy, his wife Candace, and their family.



- David & Sara Gaskins, Provo, UT: David and Sara planted Mosaic Church in the home of Brigham Young University and the “heartbeat and hub” of the Mormon Church. Four years in, the church has grown from 24 people to about 120. Many are former Mormons who have faced losing jobs and being shunned by family, but despite the cost, they are boldly following Jesus. Many who have professed faith in Christ are the first believers in generations of their families. Pray for these new believers to be encouraged and strengthened in growing faith. Pray that David and Sarah will grow closer together as they live and serve in a difficult area.

- Pray that we will be witnesses to Jesus’ saving grace in the lives of those who are not ready for His return and that we will pray fervently for their salvation.

Wednesday, April 22

- Pastor David: Strength – Psalm 68:35
- Salem & Self: Isaiah 64:4
- Pray for our youth group leaders, that they will continually seek the Lord and be transformed by the renewing of their mind, to discern the will of God. May they be filled with His fullness as they serve and lead our students.
- Pray for Gideons International, that God will give wisdom and clarity of direction. “The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps” (Proverbs 16:9).
- Pray that the Lord will raise up pastors to shepherd His people with faithfulness to His Word, and will raise up leaders in their churches to strengthen them and help the churches to grow into maturity and brotherly love.

Thursday, April 23

- Pastor David: Fear of the Lord – Job 28:28
- Salem & Self: Psalm 16:8-9
- Pray for the women’s ministry event this evening. May the Lord give the speaker boldness and may the Holy Spirit work through every word, every song, and every conversation to accomplish His purposes in each woman attending. “For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.” (Romans 11:36)
- Ask God to protect local law enforcement and give them wisdom and discernment as they assist in keeping order and safety in our communities. May they do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8).
- Pray for the people of our nation to return to the Lord and that He will bring renewal and salvation.

Friday, April 24

- Amanda Trump: Strength and courage – Philippians 4:13
- Salem & Self: Deuteronomy 33:12



- Transformation 1040, supported mission work in India: Pray for the church pastors who are trained and equipped through this ministry. Pray for a growing relationship with the Lord and that they experience His all-sufficient grace in trials. Pray for their strength as they witness to the lost and minister to those in their church. Pray for their families, for healthy relationships and joy together and that their children will come to know Christ’s fullness.

- Pray for LoveLife, coordinating prayer walks and sidewalk outreach outside of abortion centers. May God give them words to share His great love and nearness to the brokenhearted, and that children are a gift from the Lord.
- Pray for Christ’s return, and that we will eagerly await Him and be ready for His kingdom to come.

Saturday, April 25

- Pastor David: Diligent preparation – 2 Timothy 2:15
- Salem & Self: Isaiah 33:2
- Pray for our guest service teams, that they would be ready encouragers, building others up and welcoming all in the grace of God.
- Persecuted believers in Mali: In large sections of the country, persecution has been so severe that Christians have fled from living there. Islamic extremists target believers with violence, abduction, and church burnings, and the military government oppresses with surveillance and detention. Yet the gospel is still moving the people of God. “I want to return to the mission field because the harvest is great, and the workers are few.” Pray for the strength and endurance of believers, for comfort in suffering, and for God’s peace and presence among His people.

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Sunday, April 26

- Pastor David: Faithful preaching – Acts 20:27
- Salem & Self: Colossians 2:6-7
- Pray for ready surrender in each of our hearts to the work of the Spirit to convict us and make us more like Christ.

Monday, April 27

- Pastor David: His children – Psalm 25:10

- Salem & Self: Ephesians 1:17
- Pray for our D-Groups, for their abiding in the Word and their spiritual growth to serve through Christ's example.
- Pray for the Elkin Board of Education, that they would seek the welfare of their community and the students they serve, and that they would seek the Lord on their behalf and walk in wisdom.
- As we wait and watch for Jesus' return, pray that we will be strengthened with power through His Spirit in our inner being and live rooted and grounded in His steadfast love.

Tuesday, April 28

- Pastor David: Faithfulness – Proverbs 3:1-4
- Salem & Self: Hebrews 12:11-13
- Pray for our men's ministry, that they would be as iron sharpening iron and would build each other up to trust fully in the Lord, as a tree planted by water that sends out its roots by the stream, never fearful or ceasing to bear fruit.
 - Jane Thompson & Kimberly Windham, Zambia: For three years, IMB missionaries Jane and Kimberly have faithfully served in a women's prison in Lusaka. They prayed for local believers to join them in sharing the gospel, and God sent three women with a heart to share His love with women who feel forgotten. The team visits the prison weekly, partnering with the chaplain to bring the hope of Christ. Pray for more Zambian believers to join this ministry and for many prisoners to find freedom in Christ.
- Pray for our nation, that God will do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think in drawing many people to Himself among our leaders, our military, and our communities, and that He will be greatly glorified in our country.



Wednesday, April 29

- Pastor David: Trust in the Lord – Proverbs 3:5-6
- Salem & Self: Hebrews 12:14-15
- Pray for our students, that the Lord would take away any anxiety and fear as they draw near and pray to Him, presenting every request with thanksgiving and receiving His peace to guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- Pray for LoveLife, that the Holy Spirit would supply the words to those who speak with the people near the abortion clinics that they may understand God loves and cherishes both the woman and her unborn child.
- Pray that God will open doors for those He is raising up as church planters to go into communities where His salvation is not known, and that His Word would speed ahead and be honored as they follow Him in obedient faith.

Thursday, April 30

- Pastor David: Enjoyment – Ecclesiastes 2:24-25
- Salem & Self: James 3:16-18
- Pray for our women's ministry: May God lead the women to play an active and vibrant role, according to their spiritual gifts, in the function of the church.
- Persecuted believers in Burkina Faso: This country has experienced a collapse of state authority, allowing Islamic extremists to dominate areas and freely commit violent attacks. These groups rule with little opposition and encourage hostility toward Christians. Churches have been forced to close and have been burned, and Christian homes and businesses destroyed. Last year, brutal attacks claimed more lives and displaced an estimated 2 million people. Pray for stability to return and for people to be cared for by authorities. Pray that Islamic extremists will encounter the truth of Christ and put aside violence. Ask for God's comfort, protection, and peace for believers.
- Pray for the people of our nation to return to the Lord and that He will bring renewal and salvation.

Further Prayer Resources:

How to Develop a Powerful Prayer Life by Dr. Gregory R. Frizzell

Praying the Bible by Donald S. Whitney

Quiet Talks on Prayer by S.D. Gordon

Open Doors (articles, updates, interviews with persecuted Christians): <https://www.opendoors.org.au/>

Help the Persecuted (weekly email with specific requests for persecuted believers): <https://htp.org/>

International Mission Board, monthly prayer guides and Loving the Lost prayer guide: <https://www.imb.org/prayerpoints/>

SBC Cooperative Program stories: <https://www.sbc.net/resource-library/52-sundays/>