

# April 2025 Prayer Guide

This guide is an opportunity for us to join together in prayer, asking God to move among and within us and those for whom we pray. It is not to limit our prayers, but rather to focus them together in specific ways, alongside the personal requests we each offer for the lost and other intercessory requests, and how the Spirit moves us each to pray.

Monday-Saturday, you will see a prayer point for Pastor David or his wife, Amanda; a Scripture for prayer for everyone at Salem as well as for yourself; a Salem ministry, event, or supported missionary; and an external focus such as a ministry outside of Salem or governmental leaders. Sundays are structured a bit differently with less prayer points.

## Tuesday, April 1

- Pastor David: Trust and encouragement in God's work 1 Corinthians 15:58
- · Salem & Self: Psalm 46:1-3
- Pray that God would bless Salem through the Useful Souls seniors ministry, that our relationships between generations would flourish, and that the younger generations would hear and be strengthened in the truth of who God is and how faithful and active He is throughout our lives.



• Danilo Miranda, IMB missionary: Danilo's passion for missions began as a teenager when he was discipled by IMB missionary Mark Johnson. After seminary in the US, he and his wife, Catherine, returned to Brazil to work among Indigenous peoples. Believing in the power of partnership to fulfill the Great Commission, Danilo now trains churches and conventions in Brazil to become effective senders, encouraging individuals to consider their role in spreading the Gospel worldwide. Pray that God will continue to provide for the work of Danilo and others through the SBC cooperative program, and that He will encourage and empower Danilo as he helps equip others to become global partners for the sake of the Gospel.

## Wednesday, April 2

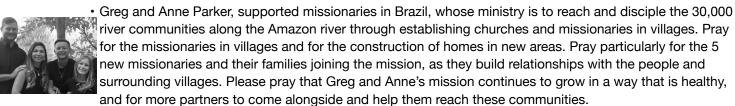
- Pastor David: Endurance Isaiah 40:28-31
- Salem & Self: Psalm 46:10-11
- Pray for the Missions Team as they prepare for the Dobson Spring Folly event on April 12, that the Lord will cover the team as they make preparations and will stir people's hearts to volunteer, and for their obedience to the call.
- Pray that the recent violence in Syria will not be the starting point of another civil war. Pray for justice to be done and that the killing of innocent people will stop. Pray for the continued spreading of the gospel, and for the protection of our Christian brothers and sisters, that this will not lead to another exodus of Christians from Syria.

# Thursday, April 3

- Pastor David: Encouragement in God's presence Isaiah 41:10
- Salem & Self: Psalm 5:11-12
- Pray for the Salem Women's Ministry, that God would stir the hearts of the women at Salem to build relationships and encourage each other to grow in the Lord and in love and service to one another.
- Students for Life (a pro-life student organization) will be at Surry Community College's open house for prospective students. Pray for good conversations and interest in the organization and the information they provide.

### Friday, April 4

- Amanda Trump: Close, healthy friendships Proverbs 27:9
- Salem & Self: Matthew 6:25-26



• Praise God that 430,000 people attended the Franklin Graham event in Ethiopia on March 8-9 and over 4,000 made decisions for Christ! More than 5,000 attended the Will Graham event in Arizona March 22, with many choosing Christ there as well! Pray for these new believers to get connected to Bible-teaching churches and that they will be discipled to grow strong and mature in the faith.

## Saturday, April 5

• Pastor David: Thankfulness and security - Psalm 16:8-9

- Salem & Self: Matthew 6:28-33
- Pray for a strong turnout at the Men's Clay Shoot on April 5, and that it will be a time of strengthening relationships.
- Pray for the Will Graham event this evening in Bolivia, joining with a Bolivian youth pastor: "The desire of our hearts
  is that thousands of people who do not yet have Jesus in their lives fill the Félix Capriles Stadium this April, and
  that in this way the local churches will also grow and continue to fill the earth with the knowledge of God."

## Sunday, April 6

- Pastor David: Faithfulness as a shepherd 1 Peter 5:1-4
- Salem & Self: Hebrews 13:7-9
- Pray for conviction and purity in church leadership around the world, that they would be strong examples for the church to support and follow.

## Monday, April 7

- Pastor David: Delight in the Lord Psalm 37:4
- Salem & Self: Psalm 19:7-11



- Pray for the WMU at Salem, that God would encourage these women in their love and concern for others, and that they will not grow weary as they help those in our community through mission outreach projects.
- NC State Senator Eddie Settle and NC State Representative Sarah Stevens (pictured at left)

# Tuesday, April 8

- Pastor David: Pure motives 1 Timothy 1:5
- Salem & Self: Psalm 19:12-14
- Pray for God's guidance and encouragement for the Useful Souls ministry as they seek His purposes and will.



Jay and Tiffany Stovall, NAMB church planters, Los Angeles, CA: Jay's heart for the nations and the growth of the local church began in his college years. In 2020, God revealed a burden for holistic discipleship, leading the Stovalls to plant Portrait Church in a diverse socioeconomic community in Los Angeles. Avery, a young student who came to faith in Christ during a worship service, left her sorority as she grew in her faith because it no longer fit her values. Now she has a strong desire to grow and share her faith with her family and friends. Pray for this growing church and for Jay and Tiffany's children who have experienced recent health struggles.

# Wednesday, April 9

- Pastor David: Assurance of God's care and protection Psalm 139:5
- Salem & Self: Psalm 119:9-12
- Pray for the Annie Armstrong offering at Salem, that God would guide individuals in giving with a cheerful heart and a fervency for His gospel to spread, and that He would be faithful to provide as we are faithful to give.
- Pray for the Legacy Center's Bingo for Babies event on Saturday, April 12, that the planning and execution of the event will go well and that God will abundantly provide for the needs of this ministry.

# Thursday, April 10

- Pastor David: Abundant provision of needs Psalm 145:15-17
- Salem & Self: Psalm 119:13-16
- Pray that God will accomplish His every purpose for the Women's Ministry Event this evening. Pray for Amanda to speak exactly what God orders, for health and a strong voice to present the message, and for it to be helpful and strengthening for the ladies who attend.
- Pray for the Students for Life "Eggstravaganza" community outreach this evening, that many from the community will come and have a time of fun, fellowship, and encouraging, open conversations.

# Friday, April 11

- Amanda Trump: Peace Isaiah 26:3-4
- Salem & Self: Psalm 119:89-93



- Matt and Anabella Parker, supported missionaries in Ecuador: Pray for peace and stability in Ecuador as the country faces political uncertainties and ongoing violence from narcos and gangs. Pray for wisdom for leaders and safety for communities. Pray for Matt as he leads the Digital Media department at the Christian radio station in Quito, reaching 1.8 million people worldwide each month. Pray for creativity and effectiveness in sharing the Gospel through online platforms as they seek to reach and disciple people in over 10,000 communities along the Amazon River and around 8,000 who have never heard the Gospel.
- April 13-15, the Tai Lu who live in Asia (mostly Buddhists) will celebrate an annual water festival, believing it
  symbolically washes away their sin and gives them a clean slate to start again. They believe living a good life now
  will earn them favor in the next life. The small existing church fled to start a new village after facing great

persecution. Pray that God will open doors for them share the gospel, that many Tai Lu will hear and believe that Jesus' sacrifice is what will wash away their sin and bring them into peace and favor with God.

### Saturday, April 12

- Pastor David: Rest Psalm 23:1-2
- Salem & Self: Psalm 119:171-173
- Pray that God will work in the hearts of those who ask for prayer and encounter the gospel at the Dobson Spring Folly. Pray that the seeds planted will bear much fruit for salvation and changed legacies for families.
- Persecuted believers in Colombia: Pray for Christian leaders facing constant threats, and for people facing mass displacement and severe restrictions with ongoing violence between guerrilla groups and the government. Pray that the gospel will spread and God will sustain His people with peace: "Some have met the Lord in the midst of the conflict," says Pastor Mauricio. "We hold fast to the Word and proclaim, as Hebrews 13:6 says, 'We can say with confidence, The Lord is my helper; I will not fear what man can do to me."

### Sunday, April 13

- Pastor David: Encouragement that God accomplishes His work 1 Corinthians 3:6-9
- Salem & Self: Psalm 22:3
- As praises were spoken upon Jesus' entry to Jerusalem, pray that God's people throughout the world would eagerly declare His praise, that we will not be silent.

## Monday, April 14

- Pastor David: Spirit-given understanding 1 John 5:20
- Salem & Self: Matthew 16:24-25
- Pray for guidance and joy for the members of the Missions Team as they begin stepping out to serve the community and spread God's Word.
- US Representative Virginia Foxx (pictured at left)

## Tuesday, April 15

- Pastor David: Protection from pride Psalm 25:9
- · Salem & Self: John 14:1-3
- Pray for the visitation teams in the Useful Souls ministry, that God would continue to strengthen their hearts and bless them as they minister to homebound members and others with fellowship, prayer, and encouragement.



• Noelson and Edna Chery, NAMB church planters, Landsdowne, PA: Every Saturday, the Chery family transforms a rented karate studio into First Haitian Metanoia Baptist Church, providing a place for Haitian families to worship in a language their children understand. The Haitian churches in the area worshiped in Haitian Creole, causing frustration for the youth in an English-speaking world. The church integrates young people into every aspect of its work, routinely training them in ministry. The young sing, lead, and learn how to preach. The Cherys believe that young people are not just the church of tomorrow, but the church of today. Pray for the family's continued strength and energy as Noelson balances his work for a university and as they continue to nurture the growth of their congregation.

## Wednesday, April 16

- Pastor David: Continued confidence in God's salvation Ephesians 1:13-14
- Salem & Self: John 15:12-13
- Pray for the Men's Ministry at Salem, for God's guidance of the ministry leadership in how best to support and strengthen the faith, families, and relationships of the men at Salem and in the community.
- Pray for Legacy Center staff and volunteers, that God will give strength, wisdom, and compassion as they speak with those experiencing unplanned pregnancies and seek to minister to them with hope, truth, and resources.

# Thursday, April 17

- · Pastor David: Strength Nehemiah 6:9
- Salem & Self: John 13:14-17
- Pray for the Easter celebration coming up on April 19, that there would be good weather and God would begin working before the event to soften the hearts of those who attend, that they would be receptive to the gospel.
- Pray for those volunteering for peaceful prayer walks and sidewalk outreach at abortion centers, organized by LoveLife, an organization that seeks to unite and mobilize the church "to create a culture of love and life that will result in an end to abortion and the orphan crisis." Pray for safety and for God to work through prayer and conversations to save lives and draw hearts to Himself.

#### Friday, April 18

Amanda Trump: Confidence in freedom and victory – Colossians 2:13-15

- Salem & Self: Isaiah 53:4-6
- Pray that God will use this evening's Good Friday service to prepare our hearts for the celebration of His work of salvation for us, and will open our eyes to a greater understanding of the cross and resurrection.
- NC Baptists prayer focus for April: Pray for the African/Middle Eastern people groups who have come to North Carolina as refugees, many from Yemen, Morocco, and West Africa. Pray that Gospel-centered churches and individuals will boldly love and share Christ with those in these unreached people groups, and for faithful intercessors who will pray for these neighbors to hear and respond to Christ.

### Saturday, April 19

- Pastor David: Renewed wonder at the gospel Romans 5:8
- Salem & Self: John 10:27-30
- Pray for the Easter activities today at Salem, that God will send those in the community who need to hear of God's love, that those serving will minister to attendees and to the artists with the Twisted Dog Company, and for believers to speak of Christ's love and salvation with eagerness and joy.
- Persecuted believers in Sudan: The ongoing war in Sudan has seen an increase in Islamic extremism on both sides, leading to a sharp rise in attacks on Christian communities and churches. Pray for peace and for believers to not be targeted. Thank God for Christians who continue to serve the vulnerable, and ask that He will protect their brave witness. Ask God to be with believers and that He will hear the cries of the suffering and deliver them.

### Sunday, April 20

- Pastor David: Abiding in Christ and bearing fruit John 15:5
- Salem & Self: Revelation 5:9-12
- Pray that the hearts of God's people throughout the world would rejoice that Jesus is alive, and that thousands of unbelievers attending churches this Easter will have their eyes and hearts opened to know the Lord.

# Monday, April 21

- Pastor David: Hope in God's appointing John 15:16
- · Salem & Self: Galatians 2:20
- Pray for the Missions Team as they prepare for an international trip to the Dominican Republic, that God will give guidance in training preparations and that He will abundantly provide through fundraising efforts.
- Mount Airy Mayor Jon Cawley and the Board of Commissioners Phil Thacker, Chad Hutchens, Deborah Cochran, David Hall, Calvin Vaughn

### Tuesday, April 22

- Pastor David: Experience of God's Word as living and active Hebrews 4:12
- · Salem & Self: Hebrews 12:1-3
- Pray for those meeting in D-Groups, that their times of discussion and prayer would be focused, Spirit-filled, and result in encouragement and endurance in living for the Lord.



• Joseph and Kristen Gibbons, NAMB church planters, Henderson, NV: While leading a youth weekend in 2019, the Gibbons learned the alarming rates of teenage homelessness in Las Vegas. They met a 13-year-old girl who didn't know where she'd be from night to night, and this confirmed to them the area's need for gospel-preaching churches. The Gibbons family moved to the area in 2020 and started Favor City Church the next year. As people found a sense of belonging and community, attendance grew to 150 in two years and 30 people were baptized. They also trained a church planter apprentice who will soon start another church in a nearby community. Please pray for this church as they make disciples who make disciples.

#### Wednesday, April 23

- Pastor David: Confident, faithful approach of God Hebrews 4:15-16
- Salem & Self: Romans 8:31-34
- Pray for the Men's Ministry, that the men of Salem will be united in their faith and stir one another up to love and good works.
- Pray for clients who come to the Legacy Center in Mount Airy, that they will find peace, hope, and salvation through what the staff and volunteers share, and that they would have the support and courage to choose life.

#### Thursday, April 24

- Pastor David: Walking in the truth that God is light 1 John 1:5-7
- · Salem & Self: Romans 8:35-39
- Pray that God will give guidance to those in the WMU at Salem in how He wants to use them to build up His body and show compassion and care to those in need.

Pray for those affected by severe storms and tornadoes in this season, that the Lord will bring comfort and peace
to families who have lost loved ones and those who have lost their homes. Pray for the organizations who respond
to these situations, for their safety and provision in the recovery of communities, and for Christian organizations to
reach out with compassion to meet people where they are with the gospel.

### Friday, April 25

- Amanda Trump: Guidance Psalm 31:3
- Salem & Self: Romans 5:3-5



- Scot and Carol Musser, supported missionaries in Spain: Continue to pray that the Lord will call individuals
  to serve in the needed positions for the next school year, and that He will provide every need as they
  obediently respond. Thank God for the growing involvement of other believers to establish more Christian
  schools in Spain, and pray for His provision and the fruitful spread of the gospel to students and families.
- Pray for local law enforcement, for wisdom, integrity, and safety. Pray for Surry County Sheriff Steve Hiatt and for the police chiefs of Mount Airy (Dale Watson), Dobson (Shawn Myers), Pilot Mountain (Adrian Tillotson), Elkin (Joseph VanHoy), and others in our area.

# Saturday, April 26

- Pastor David: Protection of his family Psalm 37:25-26
- · Salem & Self: Hebrews 13:1-3
- Pray for John Kennedy and his family, for God's abundant blessing and faithfulness to them, and for their strength, health, and encouragement as they serve our church family.
- Persecuted believers in Nigeria: Nearly all Christians in northeastern Nigeria have lost family members or friends in attacks by Boko Haram or militant Fulani Muslims. Terrorist groups and other Muslims want to drive Christians out of the region and continue their push to create a separate nation governed by Islamic law. It takes great courage and faith to openly worship and serve Christ in that part of the country. Pray for God to work in the hearts of Nigerian leaders to protect Christian communities. Pray for God's provision and for believers' unity and boldness.

# Sunday, April 27

- Pastor David: Faithfulness in teaching God's Word 2 Timothy 2:15
- · Salem & Self: Hebrews 12:28-29
- Pray for the cleansing of God's church in America, that His people would worship Him with holy reverence and deep conviction of sin, so that we will walk in His light and bring Him glory through our lives.

#### Monday, April 28

- Pastor David: Joy in the church of Salem Philippians 1:3-5
- · Salem & Self: Hebrews 13:4-6
- Pray for the Dominican Republic mission trip, that those whose hearts are pricked will prayerfully consider their obedience as the Missions Team forms the group that qualifies.
- NC Supreme Court Justices: Paul Newby (Chief Justice), Anita Earls, Philip Berger Jr., Tamara Barringer, Richard Dietz, Trey Allen, and Allison Riggs

## Tuesday, April 29

- Pastor David: Confidence in God's direction Psalm 37:23-24
- · Salem & Self: Hebrews 13:15-16
- · Pray for D-Group members, that they will grow in relationship with each other and with the Lord.
- Brooks and Julia West\*, IMB missionaries in South Asia: Brooks and Julia use Ek Rasta ("The Way") SD cards to share the gospel and help believers grow, equipping the local church to distribute them. In regions where nearly 50% of the population is illiterate, this provides audio Bible teaching and discipleship lessons in the local language. One group reported sharing with over 170 people in just four weeks. "It's special when a believer who cannot read or write realizes God can still work powerfully through them." Pray for the Wests, local believers, and other missionaries who take the gospel to sensitive and dangerous places in the world. (\*names changed)

# Wednesday, April 30

- Pastor David: Awe at God's handiwork and relationship Psalm 8:3-4
- Salem & Self: Hebrews 13:17
- Pray for the Men's Ministry, that God would give wisdom, protection, and strength as men grow in their faith and that God would bless the relationships in their families.
- Pray for the abortion recovery support offered through the Legacy Center, that God will use this ministry to bring healing, freedom, and abundant life in Christ to many women.