

PRAYER CALENDAR

WEEK

FIVE

LISTENING AND FOLLOWING

(LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION) (EASTER WEEK)

APRIL 14 - 20

2025

MONDAY APRIL 14 LOCAL CHURCH

INTRO: It is likely well known that the Bible urges us to confess our sins to each other, but have you ever considered the value of confessing areas of temptation to one another before committing sin? Today, we urge you to consider the practice of confessing areas of temptation to other followers of Jesus – discretely and in confidence, of course.

PRAYER: Father, I know that there is incredible power available to overcome temptation when I choose not to face it alone. Help me to find other followers of Jesus to whom I can confess areas of temptation in my life and find the effective power available through their prayers. Help me also to be one upon whom others can count to pray for areas of their temptation too. Thank you, Jesus, that you have placed me in a community where such support is available to me.

SCRIPTURE: Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. (James 5:16)

TUESDAY APRIL 15 PERSONAL

INTRO: Let's be honest, individual temptation surrounds us. Jesus too, faced temptation, especially when He was in the Garden of Gethsemane, praying that the cup of sorrow would be taken from him. We are all faced with unique and specific temptation, yet if we honour God with both our attitudes and actions, saying "God, Your will be done", we can find ourselves equipped to overcome any temptation.

PRAYER: Jesus, as I remember your sacrifice this Easter week, I'm reminded of the cost of my sin — and the power of your grace. Equip me today with all I need to live with clean hands and a pure heart. When temptation tries to pull me away from you, help me stand firm by keeping my eyes on your love and your holiness. Thank you for your mercy that meets me when I fall and your grace that lifts me back up again. Make me more like you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: "Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob." (Psalm 24: 3-6)



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NATIONAL

INTRO: We live in a world in which it seems common for nations to respond swiftly and with heated vengeance to the actions of other nations. There exists the temptation to pursue national interests over items of global significance, simultaneously creating a national “what’s in it for me” and a “looking out for #1” mentality. The temptation to be great as a nation rather than serving others in humility is powerful. As we walk through Easter week, we remember that Jesus came not to be served, but to serve — to bring reconciliation, peace, and life where there was division and death. But Easter reminds us that true greatness is found in humility, sacrifice, and serving others. The call to peace-making is central to the mission of Jesus, and as a nation, we are invited to live out that same mission.

PRAYER: Father, would you help those who serve us at a national level to avoid temptations that we likely cannot fully understand. May our nation be one in which Jesus truly rules from sea to sea. Help Canada to be a nation concerned with making peace in this world, rather than simply pursuing Canadian greatness. May we avoid the temptation to sin; instead, may we be a nation that defends the weak and dispenses godly justice.

SCRIPTURE: “Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness. May he judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice ... May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may he crush the oppressor. May he rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.” (Psalm 72:1,2,4,8)

THURS APRIL 17

GLOBAL

INTRO: As we consider Christ’s Garden of Gethsemane experience, we acknowledge that serving God and submitting to His will for our lives is a challenge for all of us. For those specifically called to sacrificially serve Jesus as global workers, however, we recognize that the temptation to pursue one’s own will in the centre of difficult circumstances is particularly great. Today, we intercede for our global workers.

PRAYER: Father, the temptation to pursue our will above Your will is of significant challenge. We admit that at times, we drift into the pursuit of our will, even in our service of You, Jesus. Would you help those who serve You as global workers to be sensitive to the voice of Your Spirit, communicating clearly Your will to them, gently confronting them when drifting towards their own will overcomes them? In the end, might you enable each global worker to declare with confidence that their ministry has been a profound function of God’s will. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” (Luke 22:42)



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FRIDAY APRIL 18 YOUNG PEOPLE

INTRO: Good Friday is a difficult day for those who follow Jesus. It is a day in which we recognize the cost of our salvation; Christ's life for ours, His perfect righteousness for our sinfulness. It is a day in which the "going got incredibly tough" and we recall Christ's unfathomable rejection of temptation to avoid the cross. The taunts and jeers of the crowd "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One", and "if you are the king of the Jews, save yourself", served as power temptation to violate God's will, and yet, Jesus remained faithful. Imitating such faithfulness, specifically among our young people is a challenge, requiring faithfulness and a teachable spirit.

PRAYER: Father, today I marvel at Christ's faithfulness and His rejection of unthinkable temptation. Because of His faithfulness, I know that I have salvation in His name. For the young among us, I pray for spiritual empowerment to live faithfully and with teachable spirits, so that when the going gets tough and temptations mount, they might truly imitate the humble mindset and actions of Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURE: "Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! (Philippians 2:5-8)

SAT APRIL 19

LEADERS

INTRO: The day between Good Friday and Easter Sunday was a difficult day for the earliest followers of Jesus. For three year, their hopes and dreams were locked into the person of Jesus, but on that ancient Saturday, what doubt must have filled their hearts! And these men and women were expected to become key leaders within the church of Jesus Christ. Leading comes with its fair share of doubts! If we are being honest with ourselves, we might admit that there are days of doubt in our lives, much like that ancient Saturday. Doubt is not the enemy, but what our enemy can do with doubt is troublesome. Let us today press into the hope we have by faith in Jesus, forcing the spectre of doubt to flee.

PRAYER: Father, today is a challenging day in which I recall the doubt of the earliest followers of Jesus. I admit that there are times of doubt in my own life, so I ask that today you would, by Your Holy Spirit, fill me with faith, trust and hope centred on Jesus. Might this multiply in my own life that it might spill over to those who lead during uncertain times? Would you gift those who lead us with supernatural faith, hope and trust, that they might commit all they do – their very selves even – into your mighty hands, O Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things. (Luke 23:49)
Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. (Hebrews 11:1)



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SUNDAY APRIL 20

THE LEAST OF THESE

INTRO: Let's pray for those who feel pushed to the edges — people who face real struggles and might be tempted to take harmful shortcuts to escape their pain. That temptation can feel like a powerful force, pulling them toward choices that aren't good. When their resources run low, may we, who have the ability to help, step up with compassion and generosity. And let's keep praying for our brothers and sisters in Christ, that they would be led toward what's right and kept from falling into temptation.

PRAYER: Father, we can't always fully understand the pull of temptation that those who struggle the most face. Their path is often filled with "quick fixes" that seem easier, but we know that in hard times, there's only one true refuge — You, Lord, who are good! Help us point others to this truth, and we pray that those on the edges of society would meet Jesus there, instead of falling for the temptation of an easy way out.

SCRIPTURE: The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him ..."
(Nahum 1:6-7)

