## PRAYER CALENDAR

WEEK

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RE-ORIENTING TO GOD, OUR FIRST LOVE (OUR FATHER, WHO IS IN HEAVEN)

MARCH 21-28

2025

FRI Young People Intro: As we begin this season of prayer, we look to God as our Father. We remember that with You, we are like children. We don't know what tomorrow holds, we don't own anything and we are defined by who our family is. We are God's children, we belong to Him. We have His family name, have His provision for our care, and have a promise that we will share with Him in all the good that is yet to come. He loves us dearly, and we are loved into loving. Let us remember today those who are the younger generation, and let us pray for them to know the love of their Father in Heaven even as we ask to know His love more for ourselves.

**Pray**: Father, Who is in Heaven, You alone are in control of everything. You alone are the One who knows everything, who experiences everything and who understands everything. Your creation is vast and beyond what we can imagine, and yet You care about each of us as your children. We ask today that we would know that Your care is because of Your love, that You give us life because You love us. We come today to ask for Your Spirit to open the hearts of us all, especially the younger generation who wants to know You so much, to the hugeness of Your love and care for them. Help us to see, and turn us to You again, with hearts that love You first and most. Amen.

**Scripture**: "So each generation should set it's hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obey his commands." Psalm 78:7 NLT

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SAT Leaders **Intro**: God our Father is in Heaven, governing the whole universe with order and care. In His wisdom, He shaped humanity in His likeness, and gave to them the call to govern the earth with the care and love of God. Today, we have leaders in many roles who dream, vision and try to take seriously the job of caring for humanity and all creation. We pray for them, that they know that they are under God's care, and He is near to them in all the places and tasks they find himselves in.

**Prayer**: Father, we thank you for your Name, Abba, Father. It is good to come and know that we are provided for by You. It is good to be reminded that all that we see, all that we imagine, all that we have comes from You. It is good to be reminded that You are uniquely generous and do not have limits- there is no shortages within You. You can provide far more than we need, and we look to Your love as the reason that You keep giving whenever we have need. Today we ask that You give Your love generously to our leaders, that they pause and re-turn to You as their Source. We pray that they would open to You, letting You lead them and love them well. Our leaders are here for our good and we pray for them to be full of good things from You. We ask that we would be good cheer and support to them. We ask that they would be protected from bitterness and cynicism and doubt. We pray you would preserve their lives and give them health and energy for the days to come. Amen.

**Scripture**: "Revive us so we can call on Your name once more. Turn again to yourself, O Lord God of Heaven's Armies. Make Your face shine down upon us. Only then will we be saved." Psalm 80: 18b-19

## PRAYER CALENDAR

WEEK

ONE

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MARCH 21-23

2025

SUN The Least of these **Intro**: God's love extends to all people at all times. There is not a season in our lives that He does not look at us with desire and love, yet we so often struggle to see others in this same way. We are mindful today that He especially asks His children to care for one another in particular ways, and to look out for those who are most vulnerable. Indeed, God Himself cared for His own Son, Jesus when He humbled Himself and was born into a world full of oppression, violence, poverty and tension. Today we remember His care for the widows, the orphans and those who are most vulnerable.

**Prayer**: Father. Sometimes it's hard to see the way we treat one another as humans. We feel shame, and we want to turn away. We feel hopeless and small, and we want to forget. We feel frustrated and angry, and we want to protest and blame. Today we turn to You, remembering that You care for all those You have made. You know each one so personally, and invite us to love as You do. Open our eyes today, let us feel Your compassion, turn us to generously include and care for the one you put in our path. Yours is the Kingdom, and You invite those the world sees as the least to share in Your bounty. Let us be partners with You, and share in your love. Amen.

**Scripture**: "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, what you did to the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!" Matthew 25:40 NLT

