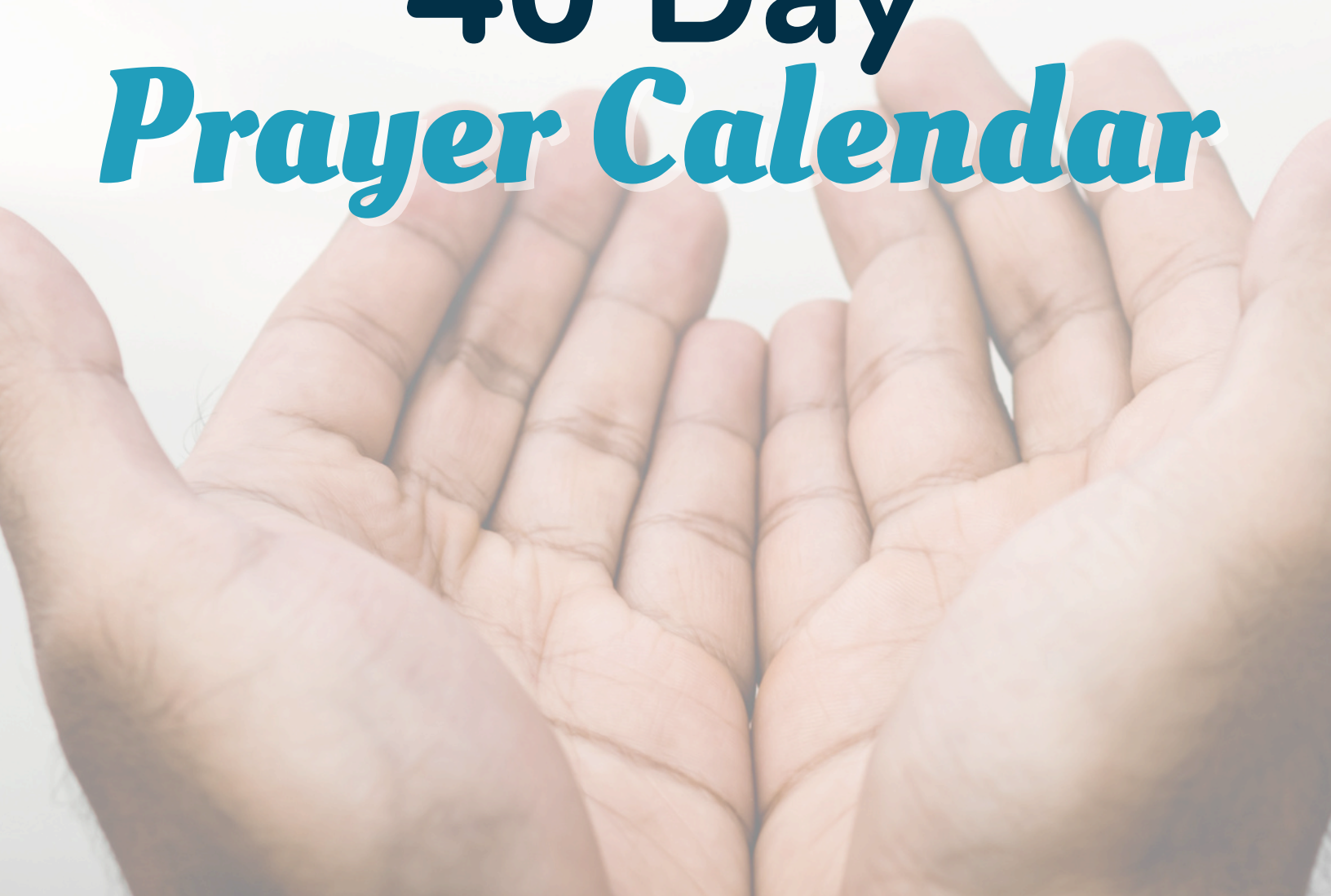




**40 Day**  
***Prayer Calendar***



# PRAYER CALENDAR

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

ONE

MARCH 21- 28

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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 themselves 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



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**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



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TWO

SEEKING FIRST THE KINGDOM  
(YOUR KINGDOM COME...)

MARCH 24-30

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## MONDAY MARCH 24 LOCAL CHURCH

**Intro:** Jesus came preaching that the Kingdom of God was here—it's already present in the world around us and in those who follow Jesus as their King. So, when we pray for our local church, we might be helped when we think of our church as an outpost of the Kingdom here on earth. It's a place where people who belong to the Kingdom of God come and celebrate their King, learn to live in ways that are Kingdomly, and anticipate the hope that one day, the whole world will know and live in the Kingdom of God!

**Prayer:** Jesus—we celebrate You as King, and want to seek You first in our days. We look to You in our local church, praying that we would orient to Your good way in us and for us. We pray that we would extend Your invitation of reconciliation to those who are not part of our church, that we would live in forgiveness and mercy with one another, and that we would worship You with all our hearts, keeping You first in our attention each day! We pray for our churches, that they would be full of the same desire, to see Your Kingdom ways come among them and in their communities! That they would have open doors, open tables and open hearts to receive all who are hungry and thirsty for God! We pray that any desire for the world's kingdom would fall to the side, and they would be outposts who represent the beauty, joy and peace of God well. Amen.

**Scripture:** "Now I say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven." Matt 16: 18-19 NLT

## TUESDAY MARCH 25 PERSONAL

**Intro:** Jesus told the people around him that the Kingdom of God was already among them. So why do we pray "let Your Kingdom come?" if it's already here? Jesus told us that the Kingdom was like yeast that works through dough— you just need a little, and eventually it changes the whole structure of the bread and makes it rise. In the same way, when we declare our allegiance to Jesus as our King, He begins the 'yeast' work of His Kingdom ways inside of us, transforming us little by little. We pray for His Kingdom way to 'come' more in us, so that our transformation would impact us, our families, our neighbours, our communities, and ultimately, our whole world.

**Prayer:** Jesus. Let your Kingdom come in me. Let me be fully aware of what it means to be under You as my King, my good leader, my governor and my authority. I want to submit freshly to You today, acknowledging that I often chose to do what I think is best and right for me. I remember that You alone are good, that Your ways are right and perfect and that You have a beautiful, hopeful future for me, now and forever. I want to be open to Your Spirit working in my heart to transform me from the inside out. Today, I want to be part of Your Kingdom come as I speak to co-workers, live in harmony with my family, accept and love myself and care for those who are in need. Amen.

**Scripture:** One day the Pharisees asked Jesus, "When will the Kingdom of God come?" Jesus replied, "The Kingdom of God can't be detected by visible signs. You won't be able to say, 'Here it is!' or 'It's over there!' For the Kingdom of God is already among you."



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## WEDNESDAY MARCH 26 NATIONAL

**Intro:** We live in the beautiful country of Canada, and have experienced the privilege of being able to worship Jesus here and live with opportunity. We have also enjoyed the reputation of being a good neighbour to most of the world. But, right now, as a country, we are facing some really important issues, and we are feeling the pressure. We want to pray for our country, but also keep in mind that we are citizens of another country- the Kingdom of God. That means we can love wholeheartedly, even those who we feel are our earthly enemies.

**Prayer:** Jesus, we thank you for inviting us into Your Kingdom and for your sacrifice which made it possible. We are humbled as we think about what it cost you to make a way for us. We see how deeply You loved all that You created and that You chose to redeem it. Today, we pray for our nation of Canada. We pray that we would continue to be a place that helps those in need, and that we would be open to the work of your Holy Spirit. We pray that we would care for our neighbours, our children, our elderly, our vulnerable and our immigrants. We pray that we would be a place of unity and peace, even as we long for your Kingdom to come fully here on earth. Amen.

**Scripture:** "But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior." Phil 3:20 NLT

## THURSDAY MARCH 27 GLOBAL

**Intro:** Did you know that as part of the EMCC we have a global family of churches? World Partners International is a network of member churches that experiences a broader vision of the global church and participates together in Jesus mission in the world! We are part of the Kingdom come throughout the world! Today we want to pray for our members.

**Prayer:** Jesus, we are so excited to be part of a big, global church! We pray for those particular members in our World Partners family who are in: Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Haiti, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Nepal, Nigeria, Philippines, Sierra Leone, USA, Venezuela and Zambia!

Let Your Kingdom come there, let Your will be done in each of those churches and places and let us continue to learn about each other, to love well and to support one another as good neighbours! Amen.

**Scripture:** "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matt 28:19-20 NLT





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## FRIDAY MARCH 28 YOUNG PEOPLE

**Intro:** Canada, is one of the world's most culturally diverse places. Our young people have grown up with every sort of diversity woven into their school, media and extracurricular experiences. Because they live with the many perspectives that diversity makes possible, they have had opportunity to understand why being a good neighbour matters. We want to pray for them, that they would find our churches places that help them to be even better neighbours, and that they would experience the unique identity that comes from belonging to Jesus and His Kingdom.

**Prayer:** Jesus- thank you that You really, really care for young people! You love them so much and You even told your disciples to let them come to You because they are of great value to You! As we pray for our young people here, we ask that You would help them to find a way to You, and that when they meet You, they would see how much You love them and are calling them into Your Kingdom family. We pray that as they experience Your love through us, they would also know that they have purpose, and can share with us in becoming better neighbours to the people around us. Teach us to work together for Your Kingdom. Amen.

**Scripture:** "Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God's law." Romans 13:8 NLT

## SATURDAY MARCH 29 LEADERS

**Intro:** When the disciples started to understand that the Kingdom of God was arriving, they began to wonder who would gain the positions of power. James and John wanted to sit in the highest places of authority and power and asked Jesus for those spots. Jesus told them that the way to power in the Kingdom was through serving others. He told them that the great ones were the ones who gave away their lives, not those who created lives of importance and influence.

**Prayer:** Holy Spirit, we turn to you and thank Jesus for sending you as our teacher. We ask that you would help our leaders to hear you clearly and that you would enable them to rise about the temptation to use power and authority for their own gain. We pray that you would produce in them the fruits of humility, patience, gentleness, and sacrificial service. We pray that we would love and support them well as they model for many what it looks like to do as Jesus did, especially when He knelt and washed His disciples' feet. If some have gone astray, bring them back into Your Kingdom ways. If some need compassion and care, send us to bind their wounds. If there are some who are tired and spent, bring them rest and refreshment by your Spirit. Amen.

**Scripture:** About that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?" Jesus called a little child to him and put the child among them. Then he said, "I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven. So anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven." Matt 18:1-4 NLT



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## SUNDAY MARCH 30 THE LEAST OF THESE

**Intro:** It's hard to sometimes live in the physical world where things are so real and yet hold onto the spiritual reality that God really did begin His Kingdom work with Jesus. Sometimes we look around and see the addictions, poverty, crime, and homelessness and we wonder why God isn't doing more to demonstrate His Kingdom here on earth. We know that what we see isn't how God wants it to be. Yet, Jesus told us that He was with us, that we have His Spirit in our hearts directing us, and that we have a task to do- to bring the Good News everywhere, loving our neighbours and doing good.

**Prayer:** Jesus, we humbly come and turn to You. We see all that You have given us and we ask for your forgiveness. Too often we have sought to build our own Kingdoms, with nice homes, successful reputations and secure futures. But Your Kingdom calls to us, asking us to lay our own lives down for the sake of others. Today, we want to ask for courage to do what You ask, to live humbly and meekly. We want our desires to be re-oriented to Your desires. Let us be bold, let us be ready to see Your kingdom working in us, as we give up what we have to serve those who have not. And let us be reminded that in our giving, we are being emptied to receive. Thank you that Your Kingdom is not one of scarcity, but one of abundance, and that for everything we share, you will return it to us much more than we can imagine. (Mark 10:30) Amen.

**Scripture:** "Free those who are wrongly imprisoned; lighten the burden of those who work for you. Let the oppressed go free, and remove the chains that bind people. Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help."  
Isaiah 58:6-7 NLT



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TRUSTING GOD FOR DAILY BREAD  
(GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD...)

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## Local Church

**Intro:** As people, we need to eat! The church too, needs to eat! Jesus taught us to pray “give us this day our daily bread”, pointing us to the core truth that God is the one who gives us what we need. He gives us a harvest which becomes the bread that takes us through a long day and into the next. Today, we want to pray for our local church, asking God to give her two kinds of nourishment: Jesus, our bread of life and new followers of Jesus, our harvest! He will provide!

**Prayer:** Jesus, we thank you that You are the bread of life, the one that gave Himself up for us so we could have life. We thank you that you didn’t just do that for us personally, but that you came to provide life to Your church, the gathered people who belong to You. As we share in You together, remind us that there is more. There are many who are seeking You, who want to be found, that are waiting to hear the Good News of Jesus. They are the ‘harvest’ and we ask that you would provide us with clarity, with resolve, and with courage- oh, the bold sort of courage that listens to You alone! We ask that we would know deep down the fierceness you feel about having many come to the table to eat with us! Give us this day as a church- a team- the desire to open our tables to all- young and old, so they can come, and have life as they find Jesus, our daily Bread. Amen.

**Scripture:** “Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry...” John 6:35 NIV  
“Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.” Matt 9:37 NIV

TUES  
MARCH  
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## Personal

**Intro:** Sometimes, we feel like it’s all up to us. There’s a lot of weight we carry in life, and it can feel impossible at times. Yet, in the stories of Jesus, we see Him providing for people exactly what they need, when they need it. He wants them to trust Him. Of course, Jesus is not physically with us now but He sent the Holy Spirit to be with us, so that we could hear His voice always, and learn to trust Him too, just like his earliest followers did. He wants to fill us full with the good, health-giving food of His Presence and His Word. He does provide for our need!

**Prayer:** Jesus, I come now, and I am reminded that in Your Kingdom there is always enough. There is food for me when I am hungry. There is water when I am thirsty. This is sometimes hard for me to say because I feel frustrated or anxious with Your timing. I feel the hunger pangs and I wonder when you send my daily bread. And I often turn to fill myself up, with things that hurt me instead of helping me. I ask for your forgiveness now for the times today that I have turned my attention away from you and tried to provide for myself. I re-turn my attention to You and remember that You have all good things in Your house, and You will give me my daily bread and I can trust You. You do not lie and You do not deceive. So, today I relax into Your promise, that You will take good care of me in Your perfect timing. Open my eyes to see how You are with me, giving me the soul-food of Your presence at all times. Amen.

**Scripture:** “I (Jesus) live because of the living Father who sent me; in the same way, anyone who feeds on me will live because of me.” John 6:57



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## National

**Intro:** Throughout history, God has used different people groups and nations to carry forward the Good News about Him as a loving Creator who desires us. He has purpose and plans for nations, and our country of Canada is no different. We have a part to play in God's big story even when it feels like everything is shaking. We know that God is the source of our provision, that all good things come from Him, and He asks us to share with others, even if what we have seems small. Somehow He takes what we have, and makes it more than enough when we give it away. May our place in the Story be one of giving and forgiving as we trust God for all we need.

**Prayer:** Jesus, You gave to us this place to call home for today. It is a beautiful place with abundance and we want to take time to say thank You! Thank you for your provision. Thank you for your generosity! Thank you for being so full of mercy and kindness to us! And out of our hearts of thankfulness, we want to ask for our country of Canada to turn to You, to know You as the God who provides. We have so much need despite our wealth, and we long for You to be the One who rules each heart with Your abundant love. We ask for a great turning, that our whole country would turn to You, and would seek You in their hunger. We ask that the whole nation would turn away from seeking power, wealth and might and would know the security that comes from trusting in You. We pray that Canada would be a light in the world, a place where people could eat the Good News, could drink the love of God and experience the satisfaction and sweetness of being part of the gathered Kingdom people called the Church. Amen.

**Scripture:** "All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations." Psalm 22:27-28

THURS  
APRIL  
3

## Global

**Intro:** We have partner churches around the world, and today we focus on our brother and sisters in Haiti. The AEM Churches there are actively loving their communities in many ways. They provide support medical clinic staff support and senior housing developments in the midst of violent outbreaks and food insecurity.

**Prayer:** Jesus, we thank you that we are part of the global church and can help each other. Today, we remember those who are in Haiti, and we ask with urgency for your daily provision for them to be realized. Lord, there is so much need there and we plead with you to miraculously supply all the needs, according to Your riches and glory. May we be moved to share our daily bread, and be part of the miracle. Amen.

**Scripture:** "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Hebrews 13:16 NIV

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## Young People

**Intro:** Just like we need daily bread to nourish our bodies, young people need the nourishment of mentorship, support, and resources to thrive. Jesus calls Himself the Bread of Life – the One who sustains us. But He also invites us to be part of His work, gathering the harvest and sharing this life with others. Today, we pray for the young people in our local church – that they would find the life only Jesus offers and that we, as His body, would make space for them at the table.

**Prayer:** Jesus, You are our Bread of Life, the One who satisfies our deepest hunger and gives us everything we need. Thank You for the gift of life You offer – not just for us, but for every generation. Today, we lift up the young people in our local church. You know their hopes, struggles, and their big questions about identity, belonging and purpose. We ask You to meet them in those places with Your love and truth, and with our listening ears.

God, we know the harvest is plentiful – and a big part of that harvest is the next generation, who are so hungry to know you! Give us eyes to see them, hearts to love them, and hands ready to serve. Help us prioritize young people, not as an afterthought, but as essential members of Your church today. Fill our church with the boldness and compassion to make space at the table for them – to listen, to invest, to disciple, and to learn from them too. Amen.

**Scripture:** "We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done." Psalm 78:4

**SAT  
APRIL  
5**

## Leaders

**Intro:** As a leader, Jesus was responsible for his followers- and there were many times that their pressing needs weighed upon Him. They needed food, shelter, love, forgiveness and patience. Jesus continually turned to His Father asking for their daily bread, and good gifts followed. Fish had coins, bread multiplied into baskets, water turned to wine. Yet despite these miraculous physical provisions, Jesus held to an even deeper truth, knowing that humanity needed more than just bread- they needed the Word of God. In the face of temptation, Jesus knew that, and He reminded the Accuser that God's words were the true source of life.

**Pray:** Father, as we ask for our daily bread, we think about our leaders who are often facing lack: resources, volunteers, spaces, or even health. We know that You are the Sustainer and Source of all life, and we ask today that You would overwhelmingly supply all our leaders with faith in Your words because you promised that You would. You supply all our needs according to Your riches and glory. May they be strengthened in their faith and resolve to wait upon You for the things they need, and not give into the temptation to anxious provide on their own strength. Jesus, let each day be full of the awareness of Your presence and faithfulness to Your promise. Amen.

**Scripture:** "Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matt 4:4 NIV



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## The Least of These

**Intro:** There are times in life when we feel ourselves being crushed, forgotten or overlooked. In these dark places, it can feel like nothing good can come. Yet, the story God tells is not one of dead-ends and hopelessness. It is one of just-in-time provision, manna in the desert, water from a rock. Even bread comes from this place of darkness to light, for a seed is placed in the dark, damp ground and then must break open to become a new thing, a wheat plant that bears the kernels which will be crushed into flour for bread. Today we remember God's provision for those who are facing impossible hardship and we come alongside them.

**Prayer:** Jesus, I am thinking of someone who is in the hardest, most desperate place. I know it seems like nothing good can happen, but then I am reminded that You are the Lord of the Harvest. You are the one who called land out of the sea. You are the one who made plants to grow with fruit and seeds to eat. You are the one who gave us hands to gather, to crush, to knead, to bake. We ask now that Your loving Hands would reach out and gather up those who are most needful today and that You would show them how You provide goodness anywhere, and at any time. Let all of us be mindful of Your provision to all Your creation, and let us share hope and bread with one another. Amen.

**Scripture:** "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?" Matthew 6:25-26





# PRAYER CALENDAR

WEEK

FOUR

LIVING IN FORGIVENESS

(FORGIVE US OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE OTHERS)

APRIL 7 - 13

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Monday April 7 : Local Church

**INTRO:** Let's begin with a confession - life in the church is not always easy. Sometimes it is rough, bumpy and bruising. Our hope for a perfect utopia often fails to be met in spectacular fashion. Let us recall that though we weren't promised "perfect" life within the church, we were promised life to the full. Experiencing life to the full within the church requires the regular practice of forgiveness within the church.

**PRAYER:** Father, as we seek to be your body here on earth, I ask that you might empower us to be a people of supernatural forgiveness. Jesus, help us to be quick to seek forgiveness when we have wronged another and equip us to pursue forgiveness with one another over the long term. Might the same forgiveness we have received from You, be the same forgiveness we show to others. Spirit, help me to forgive as I have been forgiven and might this practice define us as a local church.

**SCRIPTURE:** Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. (Ephesians 4:32)

Tuesday April 8 : Personal

**INTRO:** While there certainly exists a moment when our confession of sin and profession of faith leads to an ultimate forgiveness of our sin, the ongoing confession of sin, profession of faith and experience of forgiveness helps us to remain in right relationship with Jesus, as we navigate life in this world. We are not to be "one and done" people when it comes to asking for forgiveness. Regular confession before the Lord is good for the soul and great for our following of Jesus.

**PRAYER:** Father, I trust in your word today that by my confession of sin, You will forgive and purify me. I confess the sin in my life [be specific, if you wish] and ask for your forgiveness. I understand that this is not simply a rite or ritual, but a way that I remain in right relationship with You and others. By my confession, would You refine me as silver is refined, that I might be better used for Your purposes. Today, I choose to repent of my sin, relying on You, O Lord, for forgiveness.

**SCRIPTURE:** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)





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Wed April 9 : National

**INTRO:** Today, we inherit a nation shaped by generations that have come before us. In a very real way, we stand on the shoulders of those who came before us. With this comes good ... but with it also comes evil. Our historical treatment of indigenous peoples is but one example of such evil. Today, let us pray for forgiveness for the sins committed by generations prior to us, seeking forgiveness of the Lord that will prevent us from replicating such evil and set us on solid ground as we move forward as a nation.

**PRAYER:** Father, I am saddened by the sin present within our Canadian history, and I ask today for your forgiveness to flood our nation, forming us to be a nation that proclaims good news to the poor, binds up the brokenhearted, and proclaims freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners. Help us to be a nation that walks in repentance and Your forgiveness. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE:** "I am too ashamed and disgraced, my God, to lift up my face to you, because our sins are higher than our heads and our guilt has reached to the heavens. From the days of our ancestors until now, our guilt has been great. Because of our sins, we and our kings and our priests have been subjected to the sword and captivity, to pillage and humiliation at the hand of foreign kings, as it is today. But now, for a brief moment, the Lord our God has been gracious in leaving us a remnant and giving us a firm place[a] in his sanctuary, and so our God gives light to our eyes and a little relief in our bondage ... What has happened to us is a result of our evil deeds and our great guilt, and yet, our God, you have punished us less than our sins deserved and have given us a remnant like this ... Lord, the God of Israel, you are righteous! We are left this day as a remnant. Here we are before you in our guilt, though because of it not one of us can stand in your presence." (Ezra 9: 6-15)

Thurs April 10 : Global

**INTRO:** For centuries, men and women have sensed the call of God to go into all the world with the good news of Jesus, fulfilling the Great Commission in doing so. While much good has been done, we also acknowledge that, in our zeal and naiveté, our efforts have sometimes resulted in hurt, pain and evil. For this we ask forgiveness.

**PRAYER:** Jesus, you have commissioned us to be a people who go into all the world with the message of Your love for all people. We acknowledge that sometimes we have done this in a way that has not represented You well. Today, I ask for your forgiveness for those times when our missionary zeal has caused us to fail to be people of peace. Forgive us and help us, Spirit of God, to mend broken relationships with those who desperately need to hear the message of salvation and freedom available in Christ Jesus. May our history never pose a barrier to our future! Amen.

**SCRIPTURE:** "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. (Matthew 28:19-20)

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. (1 Peter 3:15-16)





# PRAYER CALENDAR

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**FOUR**

LIVING IN FORGIVENESS

(FORGIVE US OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE OTHERS)

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Friday April 11 : Young People

**INTRO:** Life's a journey – and the paths we start on shape where we end up. But let's be honest – it's not always easy to stay on the right path. There are so many distractions and pressures pulling us in different directions. One of the best ways to keep walking with Jesus is by practicing confession and forgiveness – being real with God when we mess up and letting His grace shape us. When we learn to do this early, it helps us keep growing closer to Him for the long haul.

**PRAYER:** Jesus, thank you for loving us, no matter what. Help young and old in our churches to turn to you when we mess up. Teach us how to ask for forgiveness and how to offer it to others. When we get off track, draw us back with your love. Make us people who live with honesty, grace, and a heart that's quick to forgive. God, we confess that as parents, grandparents, and leaders, we haven't always modeled forgiveness well. We've been distracted – and in some cases, we've forgotten the young people you've entrusted to us. Forgive us for the times we've made them feel unseen, unheard, or unimportant in your church. Teach us how to love like you love – with patience, humility, and a willingness to make things right. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE:** "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

Saturday April 12 : Leaders

**INTRO:** The demands of leadership within the church can be overwhelming – overwhelmingly joyful and overwhelmingly challenging. This side of eternity, we must acknowledge that all lead imperfectly and so, we must remember to pray for those in leadership over us that they might lead with a commitment to forgive as they have been forgiven.

**PRAYER:** Father, for our leaders we intercede. We ask that you might help them be men and women with rent hearts, not men and women who craft simply superficial displays. We pray that you permit them to be men and women with hearts oriented to Jesus; help them to continually return to the Lord with all of their hearts. Where forgiveness is needed, we pray they receive it openly. Where the offering of forgiveness is required, we ask that you give them strength to do so.

**SCRIPTURE:** "Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. (Joel 2:12-13)





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Sunday April 13: The Least of These

**INTRO:** Often those experiencing marginalization and oppression are found outside of the reach of what we might consider a Christian religious system of forgiveness. Experiences of violence and marginalization can force people far from regular conduits to receive and extend forgiveness. This is not a new phenomenon - the impoverished, invalid, and otherwise afflicted were often prevented from receiving in the forgiveness they so desperately sought through the religious system of Christ's day. It is important then to recognize that Jesus did not replicate the creation of these same barriers. Instead, Jesus lavished forgiveness upon the least of these all throughout His earthly ministry. We ought to do likewise!

**PRAYER:** Father, help me to bear with those who might be considered among the least of our world, forgiving them as I have been forgiven. Lead me, Jesus, in being a person who extends forgiveness to those experiencing marginalization and oppression and might the forgiveness I extend enable such people to receive well the forgiveness they require from God our Father. Spirit, would you guide me in being an agent of Your forgiveness today.

**SCRIPTURE:** "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." (Colossians 3:13)





# PRAYER CALENDAR

WEEK

**FIVE**

LISTENING AND FOLLOWING

(LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION) (EASTER WEEK)

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## 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 Gethesmane, 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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**WED APRIL 16**

**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)





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WEEK SIX: VICTORY OVER DARKNESS ( DELIVER US FROM EVIL)

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## MONDAY APRIL 21 LOCAL CHURCH

**INTRO:** It's not uncommon to be confronted by the narrative of a darkening world; one becoming more evil with each passing day. Stories of churches closing and others overcome by scandal can cause us to retreat behind the safety of the four walls of our church buildings. But this is not to be the position of the church. We are called to be a people who stand firm, shining the light of the One who has definitively overcome evil in the community around us. Today, let us pray that we are reminded of this call, looking for ways to bear light in a dark world.

**PRAYER:** Father, there are days when, as churches, we feel like the odds are stacked against us. There are days when we admit that we feel that we are fighting a losing battle. Remind us today, O Lord, of the reality that in You, we are light, light that shines brightly, overcoming the evil of our world. Help us as churches to move beyond the four walls of our buildings, refusing to place our lamp under a bowl. Instead, inspire us to let our light – which is but a reflection of Your light, Jesus – shine brilliantly in our communities. Deliver us, Spirit of God, from evil. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE:** “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:14-16)

## TUESDAY APRIL 22 PERSONAL

**INTRO:** As churches, we can feel deepening darkness in the world, but it is also something that can be experienced on a personal level. The experience of darkness can have a debilitating effect on us; we can feel immobile and overwhelmed. But today, let us recall the simple truth that, by faith in Jesus, we are more than conquerors, capable of overcoming the evil of our world because Jesus has already overcome it on our behalf. Let us remember that individually, as co-heirs with Christ, we have overcome!

**PRAYER:** Father, help me to trust in Your unfailing love so that no matter what darkness I face – death, demons, height or depth – I might remember that by faith in You, I am more than a conqueror. Help me to live victoriously, in humility claiming the victory You won, Jesus, over sin, death and all that is evil. Assist me, Spirit, to live in victory. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE:** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:37-39)



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## WEDNESDAY APRIL 23 NATIONAL

**INTRO:** It could be said that very little tends to change in our world. As was the case in ancient Israel and Christ's day too, we live in a world where nation vies against nation for supremacy. In this pursuit of national supremacy, it is important that we acknowledge that God states that among all nations, He will be exalted; among all peoples, Christ's victory over evil will be acknowledged. Let us pray then that our national leaders might for a time "be still" and recognize the incredible glory of God in Christ Jesus.

**PRAYER:** Father, You have overcome and to You belongs all glory, honour and power. Help our national leaders to recognize Your supremacy, that they might be still before you, acknowledging your great victory. Would you deliver them from the evil that confuses them of this reality, convincing them that by their striving they might overcome? Help them, O Lord to trust in You, and might the fruit of such righteousness flood our nation. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE:** He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." (Psalm 46:10)

## THURSDAY APRIL 24 GLOBAL

**INTRO:** As those serving Christ globally, many of our global workers have a different perspective on the evil in our world than we here in Canada. By learning to share in ministry together – by forming gospel partnerships – we can equip one another to more fully live in victory over the evil of our world. Today, let us pray for our global workers, asking for their deliverance from evil, but let us also pray that we might with open hearts learn from their experiences where evil has been overcome in the name of Jesus.

**PRAYER:** Father, help those who serve us globally to trust in the promise of Revelation 7:9-10, that one day, people from every nation, tribe, people and language will proclaim your victory over sin, death and evil. For those times when this vision seems fleeting, would you strengthen the resolve of our global workers? For moments when this vision plays out nearly in real-time, help us to celebrate well with our global workers, learning from them as gospel partners. Might your victory over evil, O Lord, multiply globally through the work and prayers of your people. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE:** After this, I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." (Revelation 7:9-10)



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## FRIDAY APRIL 25 YOUNG PEOPLE

**INTRO:** In a world where it's often easy to repay hurt with hurt, we're seeing more and more that responding to evil with evil isn't the way of Jesus. Our younger generation faces a culture where fighting back is seen as a victory, but as followers of Jesus, we're called to something different. We're called to respond to hate with love, to show kindness even when it's not deserved, and to pray for those who hurt us. We are called to be the best neighbours, those who love even their enemies. Let us love our young people well, showing them what true goodness looks like, and helping them when they do the same for their communities. This is how we can truly build the Kingdom of God here and now — with hearts full of grace, courage, and hope

**PRAYER:** Father, today we reflect on the call to overcome evil with good. In a world where it's so easy to fight back with more hurt, help all of us to be the ones who break the cycle with love and prayer. Flood our communities with goodness, and give extra kindness and courage to the next generation, as your Kingdom comes to earth. Help young people rise up to respond with grace — to love those who hate them, and to pray for those who persecute them. May their actions point others to the saving power of Jesus Christ and the hope He offers.

**SCRIPTURE:** "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:21)  
"But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:44-45)

## SATURDAY APRIL 26 LEADERS

**INTRO:** Leadership challenges abound in a world where evil is considered good. Living in victory as a leader requires we tread the paths of righteousness that those who follow us might also walk in the way of the Lord. At times, our light seems too dim to reveal the path to walk, but You, O Lord, have given us the incredible light of Your word to guide and direct. Today, we pray that our leaders might be those firmly anchored in Your word, that their path might be brightly lit so that we might follow in security.

**PRAYER:** Father, today we lift our leaders to You, asking that You might cause them to be men and women firmly entrenched in Your word. We ask that the light of Your word might truly reveal to them the path ahead, that their leadership might be faithful and true, guiding others to safety and security in You, Jesus. Open their eyes to the light of Your Word and empower them to share with those who follow the paths You have revealed. As our leaders are delivered from evil, might we too who follow experience the same deliverance. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE:** Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. (Psalm 119:105)



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## SUNDAY APRIL 27 THE LEAST OF THESE

**INTRO:** Sometimes, victory over evil feels pretty far off. When the most vulnerable among us still face scorn and oppression, it can seem like declaring victory doesn't make much sense. But no matter how things look, Christ's victory on the cross is never meaningless. As we think back to Easter Sunday, let's remember this: when we were at our weakest — when our spiritual poverty and the weight of oppression were most obvious — Jesus gave us the most incredible victory in the most unexpected way. Who would've thought that through His willing submission to death, the door to eternal life would be opened? Not many of us ... but God sure did!

**PRAYER:** Father, thank you that there is no one beyond you! Your victory over evil extends to all creation! Your victory over sin, death and evil is applied equally from top to bottom, from those in positions of power and influence to the least among us. The victory, however, is the same. Regardless of status or standing, we can equally declare that "death has been swallowed up in victory" (1 Corinthians 15:54). When this truth feels vague among those on the margins, help me to declare Christ's victory in word and deed on their behalf, expressing faithful thanksgiving to Jesus Christ. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE:** But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:57) But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)



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REORIENTING TO GOD – OUR FIRST LOVE  
(OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN...)

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**Intro:** We are part of God's family, where He invites us to call Him Abba, Father. When we look around our communities, we see how the role and title of "Father" has often been distorted or tainted. Yet, God is not like us. He does not change on a whim or lash out in anger. When He calls Himself "Our Father," He is reminding us that He is always full of lovingkindness and desire for us. He invites us to experience a love beyond what we can imagine. This is the kind of love He lavishes upon us: He creates us in His own image, knits us together wonderfully, and sacrifices to carry us out of darkness into His light. He cleanses us, clothes us with love, and calls us His children! And He promises that as His children, we will share in the inheritance of His Kingdom. We belong with Him in His perfect love, a love that says, "Do not be afraid!"

**Prayer:** Father, as your children, gathered together around the dinner table, nourished by your firstborn Son, Jesus, we thank you for these spaces to come together and love you in return! We want You to be our First Love, the first one we think of in the morning, the first One we think of when we gather with our church families, and the last One we mediate on as we fall asleep. We love, because you first loved us. Let us fan into flame the love that may have grown dim because we have fallen in love with other things, and find renewed life as we love you as You deserve! Amen.

**Scripture:** "We love because he first loved us." (1 John 4:19)

TUES APRIL  
PERSONAL

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**Intro:** "Today, we want to lean into the close attentiveness of our Father, who is in Heaven. It may sound strange—how can God be close if He is far away in Heaven? Let us find joy in this: when Jesus, the Son of God, came to earth, God Himself came to us, bringing the Kingdom of God near. Then, when Jesus ascended back to the Father, He didn't leave us alone—He sent His Spirit, the Holy Spirit, who is both the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Jesus, to be with us always. We are invited, daily, hourly, moment by moment, to experience the love that God shares within Himself—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and with us. Through the Spirit, we have the same power that raised Jesus from the dead living within us!"

**Prayer:** Holy Spirit, I want to know You more deeply! Teach me about the Father — what He is like and how deeply He loves me. Help me see myself as He sees me, remembering that He does not condemn me, but has always had good plans for my life. Teach me to follow Jesus with all my heart. Open my heart to hear Your voice, to feel Your compassion for me, and to experience that I have everything I need because I live with You. You are my family — my Father, my Savior, and my Counselor. Amen.

**Scripture:** "The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory." Romans 8:15-17



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REORIENTING TO GOD – OUR FIRST LOVE  
(OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN...)

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NATIONAL

**Intro:** Our Father is also the King. He reigns supreme, uncontested, over all creation, the entire universe, and everything beyond our imagination. He is kind, and good, and has even shared His power with us, His image-bearers. Yet, so often, we turn our gaze from Him and seek human rulers to take His place. We desire our national leaders to be good, and just, and to bring prosperity and wholeness. But they are not God. They need His wisdom to discern good from evil, to make wise decisions, and to administer true justice.

As we pray for our nation today, we are reminded that our hope is not in our national leaders, but in our God, who is their King. May we pray for our nation to turn to God and be filled with His Spirit, enabling us to live in the reality of His Kingdom on earth.

**Prayer:** God, Creator and Ruler over all! We turn to You on behalf of Canada! King Jesus, we acknowledge that You reign supreme over all things. We confess that we have often placed our hope in human leaders, forgetting that true wisdom, justice, and peace come from You alone. Today, we pray for our nation and its leaders, that they may seek Your guidance in all things. Fill them with Your Spirit to discern good from evil, to make wise decisions, and to lead with true justice. May our nation turn to You, recognizing that our hope is not in rulers, but in You, our King. Let Your Kingdom come and Your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Amen.

**Scripture:** "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for He founded it on the seas and established it on the waters." Psalm 24:1-2

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**Intro:** As we center our prayers this week on Our Father and His love for us, we are reminded that around the world, many do not have family. Many are orphaned, lacking the protective and providing presence of a caring adult. Many are isolated, cut off from their families, refugees, or exiles. Our World Partners churches and teams are becoming the families these individuals need, extending the hands and love of God globally. Today, we remember that Jesus taught us the core value of His Father: that we would love one another. This love is what defines His family, no matter where we are geographically or culturally located. Let us ask God to multiply His church all over the world, even here in Canada!

**Prayer:** Our Father, who is in Heaven, hallowed be Your name. May our love for You pour out of us so abundantly that it overflows into the cups of those who are thirsting. Help us to return to You, and as we live out Your family values, stir us to be generous—with our resources, time, love, and attention. We lift all our partner churches, mission workers, and our brothers and sisters who serve globally. We pray that You, who live in Heaven's abundance, would pour out Your love and provision upon all those in need. Cause us, the "one-another's," to give away all that we have to honour You and demonstrate Your family values to the world around us. Let your work of multiplication be evident among us! Amen.

**Scripture:** "And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Cor 9:8

