

# PRAY FIRST

APRIL 2016  PRAYER POINTS

Apr. 1 - Pray we consider Jesus and the cross every day of the year, not just on Easter, and we seek Him to help us live for the Kingdom of God and not our own agenda. (Matt.13)

Apr. 2 - Pray for our Still BOLD Give day tomorrow, asking Jesus to help us stay committed to the truth of gospel generosity, and when we doubt His provision, to strengthen our faith. (Psl.23:1)

Apr. 3 - On our day of celebration, thank God for all He has done through Still BOLD and ask that we give God all the glory, continuing to serve Him with gospel generosity in all areas of our lives. (Acts 4:13)

Apr. 4 - Ask Jesus to help us curve our criticism of the "least of these". Pray we stay away from trite critiques and seek the heart of Jesus regarding how to love them practically. (Mat.25:31-46)

Apr. 5 - Pray for Crossbridge to be people who do not live on the fringe of all Jesus has for us, but we move from proximity to intimacy, allowing His love to transform our relationship with Him. (Mat.27:54)

Apr. 6 - Ask the Lord to protect our elders, staff and volunteers with the armor of God, so they may stand against the enemy. (Eph.6:10)

Apr. 7 - Pray we understand more fully that it was love, not nails, that kept Jesus on the cross, a depth of love we may not entirely grasp, but can more fully know if we seek Him above everything else. (Mk.15:25)

Apr. 8 - Pray each of us ask this hard but necessary question, "Jesus, am I craving anything that you were crucified for?" and then rapidly repent and accept His healing for our sin or hurt. (Isa.53:4-5)

Apr. 9 - As we continue in our BOLD gospel generosity, pray we are strengthened and encouraged by His Spirit, and we remain faithful to endure, trusting God to be King and Provider in our lives. (Luke 21:2)

Apr. 10 - Pray for us to be a people of pure devotion to Christ, and give us undivided hearts. (Psl. 86:11)

Apr. 11 - Pray that we become more and more a people of prayer, praying first with bold faith and compassionate hearts, and asking and believing our BIG God for BIG things. (I Thes.5:17)

Apr. 12 - Pray that when we are tempted, we turn to the cross, remember His cost and let love bind our wandering heart to Jesus. (Psl.22:1-6)

Apr. 13 - Pray for those struggling financially to first bring their requests to God, then boldly trust Him to be their provider, sustainer and loving Father who will care for them. (I Peter 5:7)

Apr. 14 - Ask that God reveal His tremendous love to the elementary students, and that they would trust Him as their Good Shepherd. (Psl.23:3)

Apr. 15 - Pray for our pastors and staff to continue to be soft to the Holy Spirit's leading, be bold in their faith, maintain peaceful unity, and rest in Jesus when they are tired. (2 Cor.13:11)



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Apr. 16 - Pray that we know and believe today that Jesus is enough, and things we attempt to add to Him are only distractions meant ultimately to replace Him. (Mat.11:29-30)

Apr. 17 - Pray God would be glorified throughout our BOLD Initiative, Jesus would continually be made much of here, and the Holy Spirit would lead and empower our efforts in this exciting season. (Acts 5:14)

Apr. 18 - Pray for those who are stuck believing they are not worth saving, asking Jesus to show them His suffering and death was to show them He believes they are worth it. (Luke 23)

Apr. 19 - Pray we believe Jesus is better than money, entertainment, achievement, popularity, our latest ambition, our newest pursuit, or compromise. Pray we believe He is better and live like it. (Phil.3:8)

Apr. 20 - Ask Jesus to give us steadfast hearts in gospel generosity, living as if we believe who God is and what He says. Pray we develop radical faith throughout the BOLD Initiative. (Gen.22:14)

Apr. 21 - Pray for the servants of Crossbridge to be filled with His joy, passion and wisdom as they serve weekly, and ask that they get the joy of seeing the fruit of their service to their King. (1 Cor.15:58)

Apr. 22 - As much as we do not fully know our own hearts, Jesus knows and still loves us. Pray we run from self-confidence and embrace God-confidence because He has made us new. (Jn.16:13)

Apr. 23 - Ask Jesus to protect us from distractions that are meant to wear us down, take our eyes off Jesus, or lead us astray from the simplicity of being completely His. (2 Cor.11:3)

Apr. 24 - Ask Jesus to spur us to invest in, cherish and serve others in our community. Pray we are softened to the needs of those around us and find practical ways to serve them. (Matt.20:28)

Apr. 25 - Pray for the youth of Crossbridge to know Jesus is better than any pursuit, dream, interest or distraction, and help them to keep their eyes on Jesus, the One who loves them the most. (Phil.3:8)

Apr. 26 - Ask Jesus to help us be fiercely attentive to when, where, and with whom we are tempted to inflate, deflate, exaggerate or belittle ourselves, and then help us understand why we are investing energy in an illusion, and repent from it. (2 Cor.5:17)

Apr. 27 - For those who are struggling with unforgiveness, ask Jesus to gently remind them that His payment for all sin was sufficient, and they can forgive themselves or others as He has done. (Jn.19:30)

Apr. 28 - Pray that our community groups grow not only in number, but that the people grow in wisdom, grace towards each other, and authentic relationships. (Acts 2:46)

Apr. 29 - Pray we serve others in our community and around the world not because there's a need, but, because there is a God. (Jn.12:26)

Apr. 30 - When we are tired or frustrated and prone to emotionally disconnecting from life in general and suffering in particular, ask Jesus to strengthen our hearts, heal our hurts and give us new eyes to see His world and our purpose in it. (Jn.2:16)