

PRAY FIRST

APRIL 2017  PRAYER POINTS

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

Apr. 2 - Pray for the WE BELIEVE class today, asking Jesus to lead these young ones in wisdom and joy as they learn what it means to have a relationship with Jesus and understand Baptism. (Matt. 19:14)

Apr. 3 - Ask 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. 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. (Matt. 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. (Matt. 27:54)

Apr. 6 - 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 most. (Phil. 3:8)

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 observe Palm Sunday, ask the Holy Spirit to help us reflect on our Savior as King, the humble servant who gave His life passionately and generously. (Day 1 of Holy Week: Luke 19:28-44)

Apr. 10 - As we go through Holy Week, pray we all reflect on Jesus, worshipping Him as we daily consider & discuss what He was doing during His last week on earth. (Day 2: Luke 19:45-48)

Apr. 11 - Pray we reflect on Jesus' teaching during His last week on earth, and we are changed by His words of truth and wisdom. (Day 3: Luke 20:1-21:9)

Apr. 12 - Ask Jesus to speak to each of us as we consider what He is saying to us about His return & ask that we steadily endure through the messes of this life to see His will fulfilled in each of us. (Day 4: Luke 21:10-38)

Apr. 13 - Pray as we consider the Last Supper and His time in the Garden, we are stirred by His obedience, humbled by His sacrifice, and changed by the acts of love He displayed. (Day 5: Luke 22:1-45)

Apr. 14 - Pray the Good Friday services will be a tender, but sober time of reflection of Jesus' ultimate sacrifice for all people, for all sin, and we are encouraged by remembering His fierce love for us. (Day 6: Luke 22:54-23:53)

Apr. 15 - As we reflect on Jesus' ultimate sacrifice today, pray we rest in His complete and finished work on the Cross in preparation for tomorrow. (Day 7: Luke 23:54-56)

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Apr. 16 - Pray for Easter Services today, that Jesus would be made much of, celebrating Him alone today, and for those being Baptized to be encouraged and strengthened as they take this step of faith. (Acts 1:22)

Apr. 17 - Pray we are strengthened and encouraged by the Spirit, remaining faithful to seek opportunities to invest in others in practical ways, trusting God to provide what we need to do so. (Luke 21:2)

Apr. 18 - 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. 19 - 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. (1 Thes. 5:17)

Apr. 20 - 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. 21 - 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. (1 Peter 5:7)

Apr. 22 - Ask that God reveal His tremendous love to the elementary students, and that they trust Him as their Good Shepherd. (Psl. 23:3)

Apr. 23 - Pray many will be bold in signing up for a Community Group during Community group sign up this Sunday, remembering discipleship happens in relationship. (Acts 2:42-43)

Apr. 24 - 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. (Matt. 11:29-30)

Apr. 25 - 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. 26 - 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. 27 - 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. 28 - Pray the marriage conference will be a time of growing together in Christ, learning practical ways to show love to our spouses and being encouraged by the truth shared. (Gen. 2:23)

Apr. 29 - Pray for the couples attending the marriage conference to be renewed in their commitment to serve each other in love, looking to Jesus to breathe fresh wisdom and joy into their marriage. (Eph. 5:21)

Apr. 30 - 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)