

# PRAY FIRST

APRIL 2018  PRAYER POINTS

Apr. 1 - Pray for our Easter services to be packed today so many people can hear the good news of the empty tomb and His loving grace meant for them! Praise Jesus; He is Risen! (Luke 24)

Apr. 2 - 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. 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 for the new-comers in the Next Steps class today to connect with their purpose as growing followers of Jesus and grow in their desire to know God, moving from curious to connected. (Acts 2:46)

Apr. 9 - 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. 10 - For the El Salvador trip this May, ask Jesus to prepare the hearts of those He has called to go, as well as those He is calling to be a part by being "senders". (Rom. 10:14)

Apr. 11 - Pray we seek first the realm of God's presence, where we are already complete in Christ, counted as citizens of heaven, seen as perfected in God's love, all because of Jesus' sacrifice for us. (Col. 2:8-10)

Apr. 12 - In this world you will have trouble, but take courage; I have overcome the world. Pray when we have troubles, we remember we are in Christ, so we have overcome the world with Him! (Jn. 16:33)

Apr. 13 - Pray we find small ways to hold others "of no account", neither judging or condemning when we are hurt or wronged, in this way surrendering our expectations of others, both loved ones and enemies. (1 Cor. 13:4-7)

Apr. 14 - Ask Jesus to help us overcome temptations, struggles, difficult circumstances and heartaches through the truth of the gospel, remembering to preach it to our own hearts daily. (2 Cor. 9:8)

Apr. 15 - Pray for those attending the Next Steps class today to move from connected to committed as they discover how God uniquely created them to make a difference for Him. (Gal. 6:9)



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Apr. 16 - Pray we believe like Jesus believes and ask like Jesus asks when we pray, filled with His hope and faith in the Father, trusting the Father hears us just as He delights to hear and answer His Son. (Jn. 11:41-42)

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 we become more and more a people of prayer, praying first, with bold faith and compassionate hearts, and ask and believe our BIG God for big things. (1 Thes. 5:17)

Apr. 20 - Pray when we are tempted, we turn to the cross and let God's 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 many trust Him as their Good Shepherd. (Psl. 23:3)

Apr. 23 - To believe in Jesus is to believe like Jesus. Pray we believe Jesus means what He says when He says we can do all things through Christ who gives us strength. (Phil. 4:13)

Apr. 24 - Pray 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 for the Ladies Beach Retreat to be a time of connecting with other women, honest and hopeful prayer, powerful teaching from God's Word, and heartfelt reflection. (Acts 2:46-47)

Apr. 28 - Pray for the ladies at the Retreat to know God's powerful unfailing love for them in new and hopeful ways and sense His faithfulness over them which endures forever. (Psl. 117:2)

Apr. 29 - 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. 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)