

# One Church-One Day

## Community Prayer Guide for April 2021

*“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.” Joshua 1:8*

Have you ever meditated on the word of God? Donald Whitney, author of the book, “Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life” explains that simply reading the word is like dipping a teabag into hot water just once or twice, whereas meditating on the word is like leaving the teabag in and letting all the flavors seep out and fill the cup. Imagine letting that kind of experience motivate your prayer time. For the month of April, we encourage you to spend time reading and meditating on the word and then taking time to pray about what you have learned, the questions you still have, or the praises that were prompted.

Below are scriptures related to the eight areas of prayer that we have been covering, along with a list of specific needs and concerns shared by community leaders familiar with each area. As you read each scripture, consider its application to our local and current situations and seek God for his solutions. Because meditating on the word in prayer takes time, don’t worry if you do not cover the entire prayer guide. You can always return to this guide as you pray throughout the month.

Prayer Focus Area	Scriptures	Prayer Concerns
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Church</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Matthew 28:6</b> <i>He is not here, for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Matthew 28:19</b> <i>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:9 CEV</b> <i>The Lord isn’t slow about keeping his promises, as some people think he is, in fact, God is patient, because he wants everyone to turn from sin and no one to be lost.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Colossians 4:2</b> <i>Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rejoicing in the Risen Savior</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prayer for 1Church 1Day Website Launch and Success</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prayer for Revival Leading to salvation and a return to Christ and godly living</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prayer for more Christians and additional ministries to begin praying and to grow in prayer.</p>

<p><b>Education</b></p>	<p><b>James 1:5</b> <i>If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.</i></p> <p><b>Psalm 34:7</b> <i>The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.</i></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 3:3</b> <i>But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.</i></p> <p><b>Psalm 119:27</b> <i>I will meditate in thy precepts and have respect unto thy ways.</i></p> <p><b>Acts 16:28</b> <i>But Paul Shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"</i></p> <p><b>Ecclesiastes 7:8</b> <i>The end of a matter is better than its beginning and patience is better than pride.</i></p>	<p>Prayers for wisdom for administrators, teachers, school board officials, parents and all that have a decision-making role within the education system.</p> <p>Prayer for safety for school children of all ages. That they be kept from predators, bullying, sickness including COVID-19 and from harm as they learn whether in the classroom or at home</p> <p>Prayer for curriculum that reflects godly principles and kingdom precepts</p> <p>Encouragement and help for children and teens who are contemplating suicide or dealing with anxiety and stress</p> <p>Focus and fortitude to finish well as the school year comes to a close, especially for those who will be graduating</p>
<p><b>Business</b></p>	<p><b>Matthew 6:33</b> <i>But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you,</i></p> <p><b>Deuteronomy 8:18a</b> <i>You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth...</i></p> <p><b>Malachi 3:10</b> <i>Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and try me now in this says the Lord of hosts If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such a blessing that</i></p>	<p>Pray for the development and expansion of Christian business associations who will make prayer a priority.</p> <p>Pray for strategies and opportunities to open up for those whose businesses are struggling or have failed during the past year of the pandemic</p> <p>Pray that business owners will understand and employ the principle of tithing and that they will look for ways to re-invest in the communities in which they operate</p> <p>Pray for workers' rights, just wages, and business priorities that strengthen families and</p>

	<p><i>there will not be room enough to receive it.</i></p> <p><b>James 5:4</b>  <i>Behold the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.</i></p>	<p>well-being as well as bringing prosperity to their owners.</p>
<b>Family</b>	<p><b>Psalm 127 3-5a</b>  <i>Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are the children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them...</i></p> <p><b>Proverbs 1:8-9</b>  <i>Listen my sone to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They are garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck.</i></p> <p><b>Ephesians 4:32</b>  <i>Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other jus as in Christ God forgave you.</i></p> <p><b>Psalm 68:6</b>  <i>God set the solitary in families, He brings out those who are bound into prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a dry land</i></p> <p><b>Genesis 2:24</b>  <i>Therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife and they shall become one flesh.</i></p>	<p>Pray for Fathers &amp; Mothers</p> <p>Pray for Children and Sibling Relationships</p> <p>Pray that we will see one another as part of the human family and more specifically as brothers and sisters in Christ</p> <p>Pray for those who lack family or whose family relationships are strained</p> <p>Pray for marriages to be established and to grow in love, unity and godliness</p>
<b>Healthcare</b>	<p><b>Matthew 9:35</b>  <i>And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the</i></p>	<p><i>Pray for miracle manifestations such as cannot be simply explained by science to take place in local hospitals, nursing homes and care facilities.</i></p>

	<p><i>kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.</i></p> <p><b>Proverbs 4:7</b> <i>Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore, get wisdom and in all you getting, get understanding.</i></p> <p><b>Matthew 5:4</b> <i>Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.</i></p> <p><b>I Corinthians 3:16</b> <i>Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?</i></p> <p><b>Revelation 7:9a</b> <i>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...</i></p>	<p>Pray for refreshing for doctors, nurses, care providers and all working in the healthcare arena</p> <p><i>Pray for breakthrough in research for cures and remedies</i></p> <p><i>Pray for those who are bereaved following the loss of a loved one to disease other circumstances</i></p> <p>Pray for the personal discipline to put into action, healthy habits that build up the body and spirit.</p> <p>Pray for equitable and excellent treatment for all people regardless of race or economic status. Ask God to provide ways to bring hire more diverse health care providers.</p> <p>Pray that all healthcare institutions will prioritize compassion and quality care for all above profit and corporate bureaucracy.</p>
<p><b>Government</b></p>	<p><b>Proverbs 14:34</b> <i>Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.</i></p> <p><b>I Timothy 2:2</b> <i>[Pray] for kings and all who are in authority. That we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.</i></p> <p><b>John 19:11a</b> Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above..."</p>	<p>Pray that America will truly become "...one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all".</p> <p>Pray regarding the local elections and for smooth and peaceful transitions in whichever offices they might occur</p> <p>Pray for humility to increase in those who have positions of influence, power and authority</p>
<p><b>Police, Firefighters, and</b></p>	<p><b>Micah 6:8</b></p>	<p>Pray for mercy and justice</p>

<p><b>First Responders</b></p>	<p><i>He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.</i></p> <p><b>Isaiah 43:2</b> <i>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you.</i></p> <p><b>Matthew 12:36</b> <i>But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment.</i></p> <p><b>Hebrews 6:10</b> <i>For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward his name in that you have ministered to the saints and do minister.</i></p>	<p>to walk hand in hand.</p> <p>Pray for safety for those who so bravely risk their lives for others.</p> <p>Pray for the decrease of carelessness and recklessness which endanger the lives of first responders</p> <p>Pray for crisis workers, social workers, counsellors and all who work to help local citizens facing danger, trauma, crisis and hardship. Pray for funding and resources to provide lasting solutions.</p>
<p><b>Media, Arts and Technology</b></p>	<p><b>Exodus 20:3</b> <i>You shall have no other gods before me.</i></p> <p><b>Mark 16:15</b> <i>He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation"</i></p> <p><b>I Corinthians 10:31</b> <i>So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.</i></p> <p><b>John 8:32</b></p>	<p>Pray to prioritize God above every technological or media distraction. Ask God for the discipline to break any ungodly habits that you have formed in your use of technology.</p> <p>Pray for creative ways to use current and future technologies to preach the gospel to every creature.</p> <p>Pray that producers, directors, writers and others</p>

	<p><i>And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.</i></p>	<p>will create and promote godly works of art.</p> <p>Pray for truth in media.</p>
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