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April 2021 Prayer Guide

Church Family,

What are you thankful to God for in this season? Personally, I'm thankful for the change in seasons – from the cold of winter to the warmth of spring. I'm thankful for what seems to be a gradual return to "normal" in much of our daily lives regarding the pandemic. And I couldn't be more thankful for Easter weekend at Cross Church. After celebrating Easter online last year, I'm thankful for the opportunity to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with our church family this year, in-person. I hope you'll make plans to join us for one of our Easter services at one of our campuses. I also want to encourage you to invite others to join us. This past year has been hard on all of us and we need to look to the risen Christ for hope in the year ahead as well as for eternity.



Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.

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Preparing to Pray 🕒 (8 Minutes)

- Lord, set my mind at ease as I come to You in prayer today.
- Lord, prepare my heart to hear Your voice as I pray.
- Lord, thank you for being my helper and the upholder of my life.
- Lord, help me to walk humbly before You.

Praying the Scriptures

"And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'" Matthew 9:35-38

Prayer: Lord, this past year has been hard. Many are in need of Your healing touch. I pray this Easter season brings hope to many in our own church family as well as to those who have yet to put their faith and trust in You as Lord and Savior. Give me eyes to see those around me with a heart of compassion. Give me courage to share the gospel and invite others to be a part of Cross Church this Easter.

Personal Prayer Focus 🕒 (20 Minutes)

1. Lord, use me to bring hope and encouragement to others.

- Lord, give me the daily discipline to seek out opportunities to encourage others.
- Lord, help me to see people as You see them and to respond as You would respond.

2. Lord, help me to share the gospel with others.

- Lord, give me both margin and opportunity to share the gospel with others.
- Lord, give me courage to speak when given the opportunity to share the gospel.

3. Lord, bring an end to this pandemic and the struggles that have come along with it.

- Lord, I pray that You would push back the tide of this pandemic across the globe.
- Lord, I pray that You would continue to give Cross Church the opportunity to serve those in our community that are in need.
- Lord, I pray that You would use this Easter season to bring hope and healing to many who are struggling.

Three Prayers for April

1. Easter Weekend (crosschurch.com/easter)

- Lord, I pray that You would be glorified in our two Good Friday Services on April 2.
- Lord, I pray that You would be glorified in all of our Easter Services this year.
- Lord, I pray that You would draw many people to Yourself this Easter Weekend.

2. Growth Track (crosschurch.com/growthtrack)

- Lord, I pray that many would respond in faith to the message of the gospel through Growth Track this month.
- Lord, thank you for all those You are bringing into the Cross Church family in this season.
- Lord, I pray those who join Cross Church would use their spiritual gifts to help advance Your Kingdom in NWA, America, and the World.

3. Called to Lead Conference, April 22 (calledtolead.live)

- Lord, thank you for giving Cross Church the opportunity to encourage and equip other churches through the Decade of Love.
- Lord, I pray that everyone who participates in the Called to Lead Conference would be encouraged as they take the gospel to their communities.
- Lord, I pray that you would use the Called to Lead Conference to equip those You have called to serve Your church in this unique season of ministry.

Final Moments of Prayer 🕒 (2 Minutes)

Lord, thank you for all that You are doing in and through Cross Church. Thank you for allowing us to reach NWA, America, and the World for Jesus Christ. I pray that You would give me the opportunity to use the gifts You have given to me to serve Your Kingdom and reach others with the good news of Jesus Christ. I pray that You would bring many to faith in Christ this Easter season at Cross Church.