

# April 2022

## DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR

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The April prayers have been written by Rev. Tim Travers, Associate Minister of Congregational Care. The Upper Room, a daily devotional guide for United Methodists, provides a devotional reading for each of the days of April that goes with each of the Scripture readings and prayers on this month's prayer calendar. The devotional for each day will enrich your quiet time with the Lord in the month of April.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>PRAYER WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE... PRAY ANYTIME, ANYWHERE!</i></p>					<p><b>1</b> <i>Psalm 147:1-11</i> Lord God, you are worthy of our praise! You give hope to the discouraged, protect the defenseless, renew strength in the exhausted, heal those who are hurting, and soothe the brokenhearted. We place our trust in you, today and always.</p>	<p><b>2</b> <i>Luke 8:43-48</i> Healing God, teach us to have boldness—like the woman who dared to touch the robe of Christ—as we come asking for healing. We believe you can make us well in our souls, so we place our trust in you. Make our bodies healthy where possible...and heal our hurting spirits always.</p>
<p><b>3</b> <i>Genesis 28:10-16</i> Lord God, just like Jacob heard you say in a dream, you say to us today: "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go." Lord, surely you are with us wherever we go. No matter where we stand, we stand on holy ground. Our whole life is filled with your presence.</p>	<p><b>4</b> <i>1 Samuel 17:34-39</i> God, just like young David discovered when he tried to wear the armor that Saul gave him, we find out that one size does not fit all. What works for someone else in drawing closer to you might be a little different than what works for us. Teach us about ourselves and about you, O Lord.</p>	<p><b>5</b> <i>Luke 13:18-21</i> God, we hand over what little faith we have...and we give it to you. Like a tiny mustard seed, or a little dash of yeast, it isn't much. Yet, we pray that somehow you will work great things with the little bit of trust we manage to give you. We know it's our most valuable offering.</p>	<p><b>6</b> <i>Colossians 3:12-14</i> Almighty God, we often put on a fake self...complete with fear, selfishness, and mistrust. That whole disguise just makes us forget who we really are. Instead, help us to outfit ourselves with love, peace, and grace...and to willingly offer to others the warm coat of forgiveness.</p>	<p><b>7</b> <i>Isaiah 40:27-31</i> Lord God Almighty, I know in my heart that you <i>can</i> and <i>will</i> help me. All I need to do is remember what you've already done in my...and for me. You have strengthened me, enlivened me, answered my prayers. If I wait upon you, I know you'll strengthen me once again.</p>	<p><b>8</b> <i>Mark 4:35-41</i> Lord Jesus, when you were in the boat with your disciples and calmed the raging storm, you said, "Quiet, be still!" And the waves obeyed. When we are unraveled, stressed, and afraid, we ask that you calm our spirits, Lord—just like you calmed those waves long ago.</p>	<p><b>9</b> <i>Philippians 4:4-9</i> God of Peace, I rejoice in you! Empower me to live in love, joy, and peace. Help me to stand firm in my resolve to be a person of prayer, grace, and gentleness. Help me to stay my mind on you, O God. In this way, I will become the person of peace I long to be.</p>
<p><b>10</b> <i>1 Kings 1:32-40</i> Lord God, we know that there were many kings in the days of the Bible. Some of them ruled with mercy, wisdom, and fairness. Others did not. Many of us find ourselves "leading" in some important way in our lives, so we ask that you help us lead according to your will.</p>	<p><b>11</b> <i>John 10:1-6</i> God, help us truly listen to Christ's voice in our lives...listening with the soul. Help us respond to the Good Shepherd's calling. We proclaim that Jesus is the way, standing at the gate and guarding us with grace. Open the ears of our hearts, so we can hear our Shepherd's voice.</p>	<p><b>12</b> <i>Exodus 3:7-14</i> God, when you called Moses to go to the Pharaoh and demand liberation for the Israelites, it was because you always hear the cries of the oppressed...and you respond. God, help us to be like you and respond with compassion when people are oppressed.</p>	<p><b>13</b> <i>Isaiah 26:3-8</i> Lord, sometimes we don't know who we can trust. Send assurance to our souls, letting us know deep down that we can always trust in you. You are the Eternal Rock, to which we can cling. We ask for your protection, grace, and mercy. We know you will provide for us each day.</p>	<p><b>14</b> <i>Isaiah 55:1-9</i> Almighty God, you think at such a higher level than I do. You see the broader view. I submit to your will. In order to drink from the stream of your grace, I must be humble enough to kneel down. Keep me in that place of humility. I can't do this without you, Lord.</p>	<p><b>15</b> <i>Romans 8:14-17</i> Gracious God, Ruler of All, we come to you with boldness. Just as a small child knows they can ask anything of a trusted parent, so do we come to you. We are your beloved children...and we are heirs to whom you have promised eternal glory. We thank you, O God!</p>	<p><b>16</b> <i>Matthew 28:1-10</i> God, tomorrow we celebrate Easter. Help us to realize that it's not just a one-day event for us. We are people who live daily with the hope of the Resurrection. We live with hope because Christ lives and reigns forever. Let Easter be a whole-life event for us.</p>
<p><b>17</b> <i>Romans 5:6-10</i> God, help us to cling to the power of this statement: "Christ is alive!" Help us to live out what it means to be saved through the sacrifice Jesus made. We don't have to live in sin and fear. We can live as a reconciled and redeemed people. Hallelujah! Amen!</p>	<p><b>18</b> <i>Psalm 121:1-8</i> Lord God, there is nowhere I could go that's out of your reach. There is not a day of my life that's spent without your presence. You know all about me. Help me acknowledge each day that you are with me. As I come in, as I go out, as I do anything, you are with me.</p>	<p><b>19</b> <i>Luke 8:16-18</i> Lord, if I believe I should witness to others, but I don't do it...it's a waste. It's like if I were to purchase an expensive lamp that emits enough light for the whole house, but I unplug the lamp and store it under my bed. Help me to let your light shine for others to see.</p>	<p><b>20</b> <i>Colossians 4:1-6</i> Lord, all of us have different gifts and graces. We know that. However, we also know that each of us can learn to bring prayerfulness to the center of our lives. Help each one of us live into prayerfulness, as we worship, work, play, love, give, and forgive. Make us a people of prayer.</p>	<p><b>21</b> <i>Jeremiah 29:11-14</i> Lord God, you know me. You have good things in store for me. I call on you and pray to you, and you listen to me. When I seek you with my whole heart, I find you. If something enslaves me, you free me. When I feel like I'm in exile, you give me a home. Thank you!</p>	<p><b>22</b> <i>Mark 4:1-9</i> God, sometimes, I'm not the greatest soil ever. You sprinkle seeds of love, grace, and transformation into my life. Even so, sometimes I am soil that has rocks and briars of selfishness or laziness. With your cultivation and pruning, help me produce grace, O Lord!</p>	<p><b>23</b> <i>Psalm 119:105-112</i> God, you are true to your covenant. Show us how to be faithful, as you are faithful. Let loyalty to your precepts—dedication to your laws—be at the center of who we are. We pray that through faithful obedience we might learn how to have peace, love, and joy.</p>
<p><b>24</b> <i>Matthew 18:10-14</i> Lord, teach us how to be concerned for each of your hurting ones. Sometimes we get stuck in a rut of compartmentalizing, simplifying, streamlining. And that can cause us to treat people like they are just numbers. Help us show care and compassion to every person we contact.</p>	<p><b>25</b> <i>Colossians 3:18-25</i> God of Mercy, I know sometimes I might be taken advantage of—or treated unfairly. In those situations, guide me toward responding and serving in love, peace, grace, and gentleness. Help me to keep my eye on the eternal prize of heaven.</p>	<p><b>26</b> <i>Matthew 11:25-30</i> Lord Jesus, sometimes you teach us hard-to-take lessons. We're made aware of the worst parts of ourselves. Yet, even in those disturbing moments, we still know that you've come not to burden us, but to free us. Take the load from our souls and liberate us.</p>	<p><b>27</b> <i>Haggai 1:3-11</i> God, we confess that sometimes we chase after stuff that doesn't matter in the end. It's like chaff that blows away in the wind. We place fake importance on what is temporary, while we forget to take care of our eternal souls. Help us set our priorities, O Lord.</p>	<p><b>28</b> <i>Psalm 29:1-11</i> God of Glory, with the thunder of your voice you brought things into being. You made everything, and you are worthy of our praise. You give strength to your people, and you bless them with radical kindness and love. No one is greater than you, O God!</p>	<p><b>29</b> <i>Titus 3:3-7</i> Lord, we are born again in your grace and mercy. When we come face to face with your life-changing love, we are never the same again. However, we are still not fully the people you would have us become. Help us to grow, change, and mature in grace.</p>	<p><b>30</b> <i>Psalm 143:1-10</i> Lord, there are times when I feel like my soul is parched, as if I were in a lonely desert. Pour out your life-giving water. Renew, protect, and advise me. When my spirit grows weak, empower me. When I trudge through rough terrain, secure my footing, O Lord.</p>