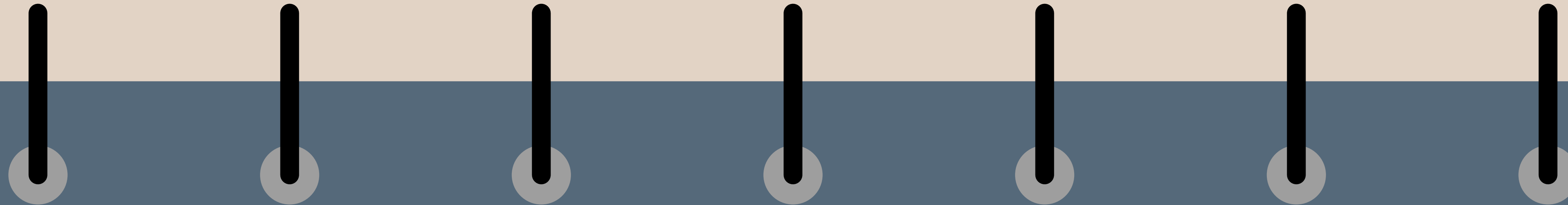


14 DAYS OF PRAYER

For Unbelievers and Our Witness



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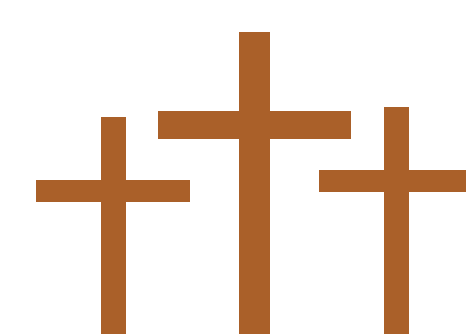
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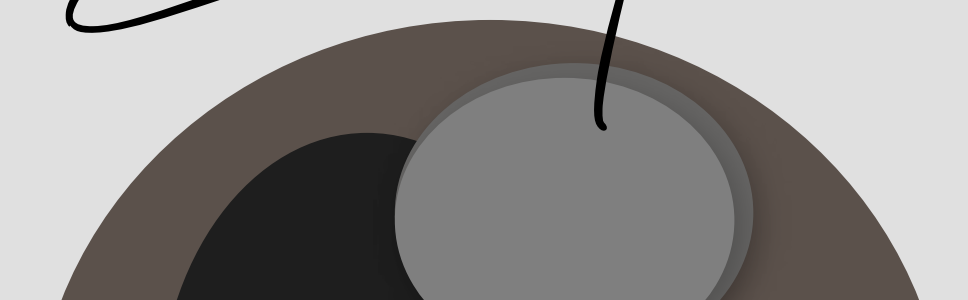


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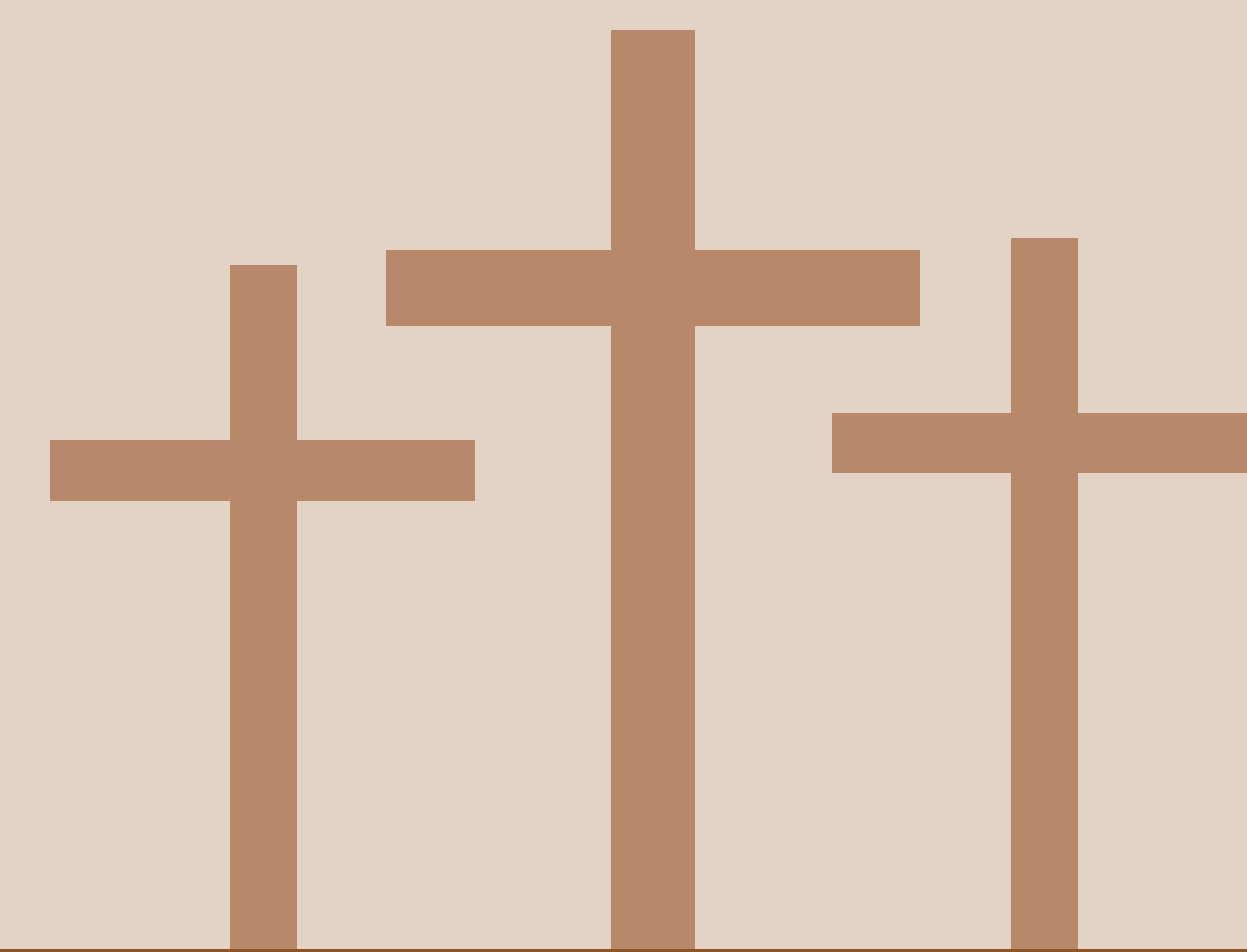


Easter



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1. This guide breaks down topics in order to pray regularly and thoroughly. The first week is praying for the unbeliever and the second week is for your own witness.
2. As you think about specific people to lift up in prayer, take time to consider and identify what is keeping them from believing, or how entangled are they in the world, and so forth.
3. Read the passages referenced for inspiration to continue praying.



Day 1

MONDAY, MARCH 15

Pray that God be glorified in the fulfillment of His salvation plan. Pray that God's good will be done for God's great glory (Ephesians 1:1-14). God reveals to us that He works everything past, present, and future for the praise and glory of His name. Within that plan, He assures us that He desires for people to turn to Him in repentance and faith. He receives no joy from seeing people perish. Pray, then, that God be glorified in the salvation of people whom we lift up. 2 Peter 3:9 reads, *The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.*

Day 2

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

Pray that God uses all circumstances to do His work in them. Pray that God, who is sovereign, will work every aspect of the person's hardships and joys to draw them to salvation. Often He saves people through difficult circumstances, through bringing them to the very end of themselves. Pray, then, that God would arrange circumstances, whether easy or difficult, to lead them to faith. *Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word,* reads Psalm 119:67. As you pray for the unbelievers you love, always pray to God: *"your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven"* (Matthew 6:10).

Day 3

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

Pray that God opens their hearts to believe the gospel. God must initiate and people must respond.

- Pray that God opens the hearts of these unbelievers so they can in turn believe, just as Lydia did. It says in Acts 16:14, *The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.*
- Pray that God gives them a heart of flesh. The Bible contrasts a heart of flesh to a heart of stone, a heart that is cold and unyielding.
- Pray that God works within these unbelievers to change their hearts into one that is alive and responsive to God. *And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh* (Ezekiel 11:19).

Day 4

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

Pray that they hear and see clearly the only way, truth, and life: Jesus. If unbelievers are to come to salvation, there is just one way. They must come through Christ and Christ alone. In John 14:6, *Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'* Remember, too, that He is the one who calls them to come and to be relieved of the burden of their sin (Matthew 11:28-30).

Day 5

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

Pray that God breaks the chains of sin and idolatry. Sin binds people to their lust and idols. We have met plenty of people who have enough comprehension about gospel points that they can restate them for us, but they are unwilling to leave their pleasures, joys, and former life. Some are unwilling to leave their former gods and superstitions.

- Pray that God will free them from the slavery of deception and lies. Unbelievers may believe they are free, but they are in fact enslaved.
- Pray that God liberates them by His gospel. *But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed* (Romans 6:17).
- Pray that God removes Satan's blinding influence. Unbelievers have been blinded by Satan and will only ever be able to see and appreciate the gospel if God works within them. So pray that God would give them sight—spiritual sight. *In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God* (2 Corinthians 4:4).

Day 6

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

Pray that God grants them true repentance. Every individual who seeks to feel God's sweet forgiveness must be reconciled through repentance in the name of Christ. Pray that God leads them to a place of humility and confession, so that they can experience the joy of forgiveness. 2 Timothy 2:25-26 says, *God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.*

Day 7

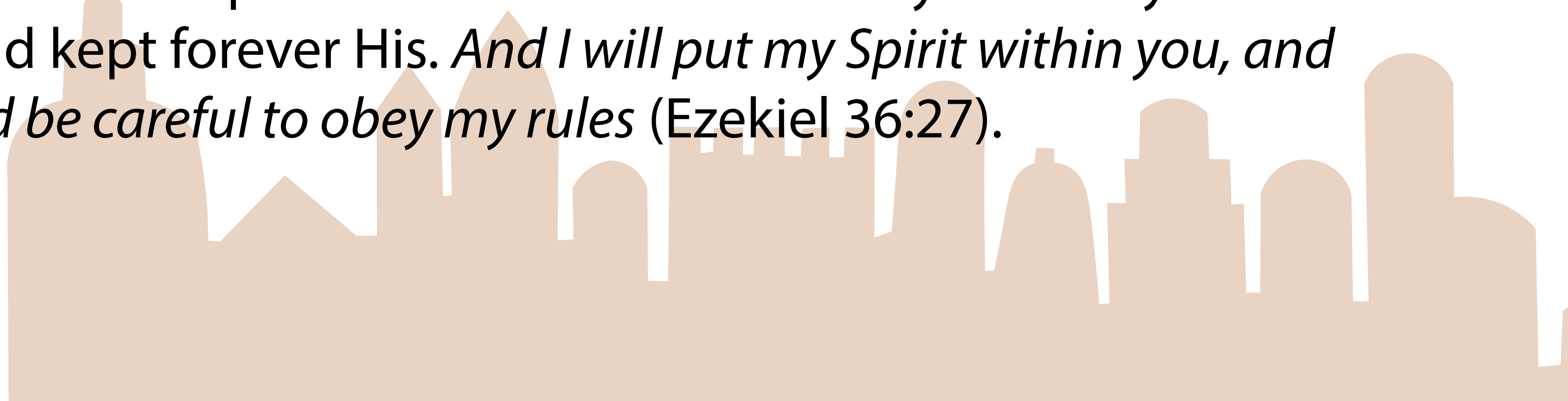
SUNDAY, MARCH 21

Pray for clarity of truth and the understanding of the full picture of salvation. People's current context comes with the baggage of preconceived notions. In other words, many people only have bits and pieces of the picture. Pray against assumptions and presumptions. We are not asking people to live by a new discipline program or to accept a cheap gift (Ephesians 1:18-23).

Day 8

MONDAY, MARCH 22

Pray that God puts His Spirit within them and seals them eternally. The great joy of salvation is being indwelt by God Himself. Pray that God would grant this honor to those unbelievers, that He would choose to take up residence within them. Pray that they would be guarded by the Spirit of God and kept forever His. *And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules* (Ezekiel 36:27).



You have prayed for unbelievers using different words and approaching the hope of their conversion from different angles, but you should also pray for yourself.

Day 9

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

Pray for a burden in your heart that is full of love to give. Paul was willing to tell the church at Rome of his great longing to see the salvation of the lost. Do you share this deep longing? Pray that God gives you a great burden for souls. *Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved* (Romans 10:1).

Day 10

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

Pray that you will develop or deepen your relationship with them in a significant way so that you can, in turn, speak truth. Pray that they may see the faith that is in you, as belief is supposed to move from faith to faith. *How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?* (Romans 10:14).

Day 11

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

Pray for opportunities and open doors to minister to them. Many people come to faith after seeing Christ's love displayed. Pray for opportunities to minister to them so that your love can have an evangelistic effect. *In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven* (Matthew 5:16).

Day 12

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

Pray for your perseverance through discouragement and rejection. Our temptation is to become discouraged in prayer; perhaps to pray for a while and when we see no visible results, to give up. But God calls us to persevere in speech, work, and prayer. *Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving* (Colossians 4:2). Also, consider the parable of the persistent widow in Luke 18:1-8.

Day 13

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

Pray for boldness in generating and taking opportunities to speak the gospel. Even Paul longed for this boldness and for the confidence that he was speaking the right and best words. Pray that God gives you boldness, and when you take the opportunities, that He guides your words. Pray for wisdom and discretion to be as winsome as possible. *"[Pray] also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel..."* (Ephesians 6:19).

Day 14

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

Pray for our church community and the worship service. Pray for our collective efforts to reach the lost. Pray for the services and the ministry efforts of the church.

God, at times, uses a succession of people to share the gospel with people before they are saved. Pray that God leads other Christians into the lives of the unbelievers you love, that they too would provide an example of Christian living and that they too would speak the gospel. *"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth"* (1 Corinthians 3:6).