

## Praying Together

### *March 13-April 8*

The answers to our prayers depend on the veracity and capacity of the object of our faith. To grow and mature in our spiritual life, we want to know God better. For the four weeks leading up to Easter, we are challenging our Summerside Church family to commit to growing in prayer together. You are invited to join others on those Sundays between the services from 10:45-11:15am in the Prayer Room, as well as using this guide to "pray together" in each of our own daily prayer times.

Rather than just thinking about our needs, the first three weeks will focus on the beginning of the Lord's prayer and the last week on our needs. The pattern in the Lord's prayer will help guide our weekly focus. You can pray for the requests listed in the last week throughout the month; we just wanted to make sure we keep our primary focus on God's name, kingdom, and will.

**Matthew 6:9-13** - Our Father in heaven,

- ① hallowed be your name,
- ② your kingdom come,
- ③ your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
- ④ give us... forgive us... protect us...

## God's Name | March 12 to 18

Meditate on the identity of the One we pray to and depend on. Pray that our perception and experience of God's glory (His character) would be enlarged during this season.

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**Proverbs 18:10** The name of the LORD is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.

**Hebrews 1:3** The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

**1 John 4:16** And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

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## God's Kingdom | March 19 to 25

Meditate on the ultimate authority of the King of kings. Pray that we recognize and learn to resist the inclinations and influences that oppose our allegiance to God.

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**Philippians 2:9-11** Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Matthew 13:31, 32** He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

**Deuteronomy 10:17** For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes.

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## God's Will | March 26 to April 1

Meditate on the desires and intentions of our Creator. Pray for understanding and insight since we see through such a dim window.

**1 John 5:14** This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

**Mark 3:35** Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

**Romans 12:2** Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

## Our Needs | April 2 to 8

The following are just given as suggested items to pray for. You may think of others.

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### Our Collective Spiritual Health

- Pray that pastors, staff, volunteers, members, and visitors will enjoy God's grace, wisdom, and power to live, serve, and grow more like Jesus every day.
- Pray for the Word of God to be rightly understood and explained in our Sunday services, community groups, and other programs.
- Pray that individuals would discover, develop, and share the broadest possible range of spiritual gifts for building up a healthy community.
- Pray for the London and area population to be blessed through our influence as salt and light as each of us serve in Jesus' name

### The Pastoral Search Team and Process

- Pray that they would be unified and practice godly wisdom and discernment.
- Pray that they would be thorough in their screening of potential candidates.
- Pray that the Lord would protect them from unnecessary and unfair criticism from any of us who are impatient.
- Pray for everyone engaged in the process to find God's will in the choices they make.

### The Good Friday and Easter Services

- Pray that the Holy Spirit reveals the horror of sin.
- Pray for acts of kindness and hospitality to communicate the love of God.
- Pray for an atmosphere of sober satisfaction and celebration for Jesus as our divine substitute.
- Pray for illumination and revelation as scripture is read.