

Easter Week of Prayer

Thank you for joining us for our week of prayer! This week, we are going to use the prayers of the Apostle Paul in Scripture as a model for our prayers. The prayers Paul prayed in the Bible were his prayers to God, but they are also God's Word to us. We have included many of Paul's prayers found in the New Testament and we encourage you to use them so that our praises and requests are guided by God's Word itself. We can pray God's Word back to God!

These prayer times will be a little more structured than a regular prayer meeting. Rather than going around and each of us praying for a number of things in a row, we are going to work systematically through our prayer list together. We ask that each person pray for one item or person/family and then let someone else pray for the next one. You will probably have the opportunity to pray several times.

Part 1: Praise

Let's spend a few minutes praising God for His many blessings. Praise Him for your salvation. Praise Him for His work in your life. Praise Him for His attributes as God. Feel free to use the following prayers as prompts:

Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable his judgments,
and his paths beyond tracing out!

"Who has known the mind of the Lord?

Or who has been his counselor?"

"Who has ever given to God,
that God should repay them?"

For from him and through him and for him are all things.

To him be the glory forever! Amen.

Ephesians 1:3

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

1 Timothy 1:17

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Part 2: Praying for Each Other

Let's now spend a few minutes praying through a segment of our church directory. The chart below will direct us to which segment we are praying for today (by last name). Feel free to use the following verses as prompts as you pray for an individual or family.

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
A-B	C-F	G-K	L-N	O-R	S-Z

Romans 1:8-10a

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you in my prayers at all times

Romans 15:5-6

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

2 Corinthians 13:7a

Now we pray to God that you will not do anything wrong

Ephesians 1:16-19a

I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

Ephesians 3:14-19

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Philippians 1:9-11

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Colossians 1:9-12

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

1 Thess 5:23-24

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.

Philemon v 4-6

I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ.

Part 3: Praying for Our Church Leadership & Staff

Let's now pray for a member of our church leadership and staff. Feel free to use the following verses as prompts.

Acts 20:28 & 36

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood....When Paul had finished speaking, he knelt down with all of them and prayed.

Philippians 1:1b, 3-6

To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons: I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

	AM	PM
MON	Sarah Quartel (Director of Worship & Communications)	Allister Walsh David Nunn (Deacons)
TUES	Steve Lambert (Pastor of Teaching & Discipleship)	Brian Taylor Shawn Freer (Elders)
WED	Maarten Theunissen (Deacon)	Karin Freer (Deacon)
THURS	Sam Deinum (Custodian) Carol Bain (Bookkeeper)	John Deinum (Deacon)
FRI	Aaron Woodhouse (Pastor of Community Outreach)	Debbie Michaud (Deacon)
SAT	David Power (Deacon)	Mark Memije (Pastor of Student Ministries)

Part 4: Praying for Our Missionaries:

Let's pray for our missionaries and the missions organizations we support. Feel free to use the following verses as prompts.

Ephesians 5:19-20

Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

2 Thessalonians 3:1-2

As for other matters, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not everyone has faith.

	AM	PM
MON	Martha Oates - Taiwan	Toronto City Mission
TUES	Aaron & Annegret Bowes - Germany	SAT-7 Christian broadcasting in the Middle East
WED	Don & Erin Longworth (Mahayla, Mercy, Katelyn) - New Brunswick/Benin	Fellowship Aid & International Relief FEB church planting
THURS	Daniel & Emily Ford (Hannah, Josiah, Tabitha) - Moldova	Valera & Laura Strugov (Jacob, Oliver, Luke) - Move-In Toronto & Malkutha Church
FRI	Louis & Denise Bourque - Quebec	Ray & Sandra Alary - Trans World Radio Canada
SAT	Bechara & Roula Karkafi (Jonathan, Robin) - Middle East	Darryl & Charlene Dash - Liberty Grace Church plant Toronto

Part 5: Praying for Other Gospel-Proclaiming Churches in Our Area & Across Toronto:

Let's pray for the other gospel-proclaiming churches in our area and across Toronto. We may not completely agree with all these churches theologically, but they are evangelical churches. Feel free to use the following verses, and others we've used previously, as prompts.

Ephesians 5:18

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

1 Thessalonians 1:2-8a

We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia [Toronto]. The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia [Toronto]—your faith in God has become known everywhere.

M	Waverley Road Baptist Church (Pastor Emmanuel Palisoc)	The Meeting House - East Toronto (Pastor Robin Ellingwood)	Grace Fellowship Church Don Mills (Pastor Julian Freeman)	Mount Pleasant Road Baptist Church (Pastor Lucien Atchale)
T	Calvary Church (Pastor Daniel Winter)	Christ Church (Pastor Kyle Hackman)	Westminster Baptist Church (Pastor David Robinson)	West Toronto Baptist Church (Pastor Justin Galotti)
W	First Filipino Church (Pastor Riz Castillo)	Don Mills Baptist Church (Pastor Will Lee)	Living Hope Baptist Church (Pastor RJ Umandap)	Willowdale Baptist Church (Pastor Bruce Jones)
Th	Thistletown Baptist Church (Pastor Hassan Bell)	Longbranch Baptist Church (Pastor Rob Miner)	Christie Street Baptist Church (Pastor Osmond Jerome)	Scarborough Baptist Church (Pastor Francis Williams)
F	Jarvis Street Baptist Church (Pastor Glendon Thompson)	Parklawn Baptist Church (Pastor Mario Bruno)	Morning Star Christian Fellowship (Pastor Justin Huffman)	North Victory Baptist Church (Pastor Henry Mansala)
S	Church of the Resurrection (Pastor Julia Burn)	Dovercourt Baptist Church (Pastor Arc Da Silva)	Royal York Baptist Church (Pastor Peter Mahaffey)	Downsview Baptist Church (Pastor Peter Charlebois)

Part 6: Praying for Our Government:

Now let's pray for our government. Each day we will pray for one of our elected officials. Feel free to use the following verses as prompts.

1 Timothy 2: 1-2

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

MON	Prime Minister Justin Trudeau & other world leaders
TUES	Nathaniel Erskine-Smith (MP Beaches-East York) & other MPs
WED	Premiere Doug Ford & other Premieres
THUR	Rima Berns-McGowan (MPP Beaches-East York) & other MPPs
FRI	Mayor John Tory & other Mayors
SAT	Brad Bradford (City Councillor Beaches-East York) & other City Councillors

Part 7: Praying for Salvations:

Let's close by praying for salvations. Pray for ten people to come to Christ through the ministries of Forward and through the witnessing of individuals from our church. Pray for the three people that God has laid on your heart to pray for and to witness to. Pray for boldness and opportunity. Pray that God would work in their hearts. Feel free to use the following verses as a prompt.

1 Timothy 2:1, 3-6

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people.... This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.