

Prayer Time

APRIL 2022



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MENNONITE
CHURCH

*"PRAYER IS THE BREATH OF FAITH.
PRAYER MEETINGS ARE THE LUNGS OF THE CHURCH."*

~ C. H. SPURGEON

FOR THIS TIME OF GATHERED PRAYER:

Find a place in the sanctuary that is comfortable for you.
In order to keep everyone as safe as possible, please respect physical distancing protocols and keep face masks in place.
Don't forget to switch off cell phones.

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Welcome the silence. Listening is as much a part of prayer as speaking. If you have trouble hearing others who are praying out loud, take that as an opportunity to simply support that person in prayer, knowing that God will hear.

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In spoken prayers for others, please be respectful of privacy & confidentiality boundaries; unless a matter is already public knowledge, avoid naming individuals and their personal situation without the express permission of those involved

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You may enter or leave at any time as you need.
We will conclude the formal time at 6:55 with praying the Lord's Prayer together;

MEDITATING ON THE CROSS:

The cross on the wall of our sanctuary is plain and smooth. The one that stands in our worship space for Lent is rough and adorned with both thorns and flowers, symbols of our sins and God's healing grace. Read the accounts of Jesus' death and resurrection from one of the Gospels. Meditate on a cross, visualizing Jesus suffering and dying there for you. Then take in the truth that He is no longer there — It is finished! He is risen indeed!

PERSONAL PRAYERS FOR THIS SEASON:

Let us pray for open hearts to receive God's grace as we gather around the Lord table on Good Friday, and for new life to re-inspire us as we look forward to celebrating Easter Sunday together for the first time since 2019
— praise God!

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY:

We pray for Peter Janzen and his family, as he receives treatment for cancer.

We pray for our Alan Teichroeb who has stepped in to lead the Church Board, and for the search for a new chairperson.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:

We pray for the first nations peoples who are seeking paths of justice and healing between their communities and the church institutions that have caused so much harm.

We pray for our workers in regions of suffering & need, serving through our denomination's aid agencies and their partners; that God may keep them from harm and grant them strength, compassion and joy for the tasks

before them. These include:

Mennonite Central Committee

Westview Centre for Women

Mennonite Disaster Service

Mennonite Economic Development Associates

Pray for families experiencing financial burdens because of rising costs.

My Prayers throughout the month of April :

