

Prayer Time

APRIL 2023



***"Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance,
but laying hold of His willingness."***

~ Martin Luther

THIS TIME OF PRAYER:

Welcome the quiet! In a noisy world, silence may make us uncomfortable, but embrace its presence, and keep focusing yourself on remaining open to hear what God might want to say to you in the stillness.

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You may pray out loud if you wish. 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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If you wish, pray the words of a song from the hymnal, or seek out a Psalm from the Bible.

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We will conclude the formal time at 6:55 by praying the Lord's Prayer together.

PERSONAL PRAYERS FOR THIS SEASON:

In this Holy Week, where do you find yourself spiritually on the road between the gate of Jerusalem, the hilltop of Golgotha, and the empty garden tomb?

Just going along with the crowd? Confused & afraid with the disciples? Cynical & turned off like Jesus' critics? Overwhelmed with emotion like Mary the mother of Jesus? Eager to share the good news like the women at the tomb? Pray for the living Christ to meet you, where you are at.

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY:

Pray for a Spirit of mutual affection and unity among us as we gather at the Lord's Table on Good Friday.

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As Spring flowers raise brightly coloured blossoms for all to see, from energy that is at work deep within the bulb, how can we show to the world around us something of the power or God at work on the inside of our faith community?

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Some of our ministry teams are struggling to discern how to realize their vision in the present realities of church and community life. Pray for our ministry teams: Spiritual Life, Worship, Engagement, Education, Service and Facilities; for direction, wisdom, focus, and passion.

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Pray for our sister congregation, Dire Gefersa Miserete Kristos Church in Adis Ababa, Ethiopia.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:

Pray for the communities in the US, that have been devastated by violent storms.

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The Mennonite World Conference has called upon its members to pray for the village of Khuafu, Myanmar, which has a significant Mennonite population. It was recently bombed by military factions. Among the dead are 4 members of the Mennonite church, including a pastor's daughter. 29 members were seriously injured, including the the pastor himself.

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Pray for humane & just treatment of the world's refugees, particularly those who reach our borders, and seek a future in our communities.

My Prayers throughout the month of April:

