



40 Days of
Prayer

March 1–April 9, 2023

How to get the most out of these 40 Days of Prayer:

Every year we take the forty days leading up to Resurrection Sunday as a period of focused prayer, and this 40 Days of Prayer Guide is designed to assist you in that.

This year's guide is structured around the "armor of God" passage from Ephesians 6:10–18. At the top of each week, you'll see a verse or two from that section of Scripture, and each day of prayer during that week will be built on that theme. Be sure to read each week's verses, maybe even daily, as you pray throughout that week.

Additionally, be sure to write the first name of someone who is far from God in the blank in the top margin on each set of pages, and make it a point to pray for that person by name each day in these 40 Days. Ask God to shine the light of the gospel in his or her life (2 Corinthians 4:4–6), to send someone to that person with the gospel (Matthew 9:37–38), and even to open doors for you to be the one to share the good news with that person (Colossians 4:3–4). Look for opportunities during these days to share the gospel and to invite that person to join us at MCBC.

A final tip: Do whatever it takes to use this prayer guide daily. Maybe that's as simple as tucking it inside your Bible that you read every day. Maybe for some, you need to set a reminder on your phone. Maybe you should leave it on your nightstand or in the center console of your vehicle. Do whatever works best for you to fill these 40 Days with prayer.



Week One

March 1–4

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 6:10–12)

DAY 1: Wednesday, March 1

Ask God to strengthen all of Mountain Creek with “the strength of His might” over these 40 Days of Prayer. Pray that as we spend this time in concerted prayer, He would grow us in our knowledge of Him, our love for His Word, our commitment to one another, and our concern for the lost.

DAY 2: Thursday, March 2

Pray that we would all put on the armor of God daily, relying on Him to protect us against the schemes of the enemy. Ask God to help us in the fight against temptation.

DAY 3: Friday, March 3

Ask God to help us not get distracted, but to remember our mission to share the message and make disciples of Jesus Christ. Be sure to pray for your one, someone you know who does not know Jesus.

DAY 4: Saturday, March 4

Ephesians 6:11 says that our life is a wrestling match in many ways. Pray that God would give us endurance, so that we would all stay faithful and not fall away.



Week Two

March 5–11

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, (Ephesians 6:13–14)

DAY 5: Sunday, March 5

Pray that our time in worship today would bear fruit, both in our lives and in the lives of unbelievers who may have been with us.

DAY 6: Monday, March 6

Pray for our college students, youth, and children at Mountain Creek. Ask God to help them stand firm in the faith as they grow up in a world opposed to God and God's ways.

DAY 7: Tuesday, March 7

Ask God to help us live firmly grounded in the truth of Christ, and that we would stand firm and not compromise on the gospel.

DAY 8: Wednesday, March 8

Read 2 Corinthians 5:21 and thank God for the truth that Christ took our sin on Himself and now we are covered by His righteousness.

DAY 9: Thursday, March 9

Ask God to help us live free of guilt and shame because Christ has taken our sin on himself. Be honest before God about any areas where you feel condemned or where you hear Satan's accusations against you, and ask God to help you live confident because of Christ's righteousness given to you.

DAY 10: Friday, March 10

Pray this line from the Lord's Prayer, in Matthew 6:13: "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." Pray for your family and for those individuals in your Life Group, that God would strengthen us today in the fight against temptation.

DAY 11: Saturday, March 11

Think of an area of life where you are tempted to not stand firm in the faith. It may be a big area where you're tempted to compromise, or a seemingly small or insignificant area. Pray specifically for your faithfulness in that area of life.



Week Three

March 12–18

... and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. (Ephesians 6:15)

DAY 12: Sunday, March 12

Pray for your one by name. Ask God to help you be ready to share the gospel of peace and to give an opportunity for that.

DAY 13: Monday, March 13

Pray for Jake & Haley and Kevin & Alexis, members of our church serving Christ in Africa. Ask God to give them open doors to boldly proclaim the gospel (Ephesians 6:19).

DAY 14: Tuesday, March 14

Pray for our national, state, and local government officials. Ask God to help them govern in a way that promotes a society where we can lead peaceful, quiet, and godly lives (1 Timothy 2:1–2), leading to proclamation of the gospel (1 Timothy 2:3–4). Pray also for the salvation of our elected officials.

Pray For Your One: _____.

DAY 15: Wednesday, March 15

Pray that our youth and college students would have boldness to testify to the gospel of God's grace to their peers in their schools, sports teams, and places of work.

DAY 16: Thursday, March 16

Pray for lost family members by name. Ask God to send you or others into their lives with the gospel.

DAY 17: Friday, March 17

The gospel is called "the gospel of peace." Pray that you would know God's peace in your life that comes from having peace with Him through Jesus Christ, and extends to every area of our lives as we trust Him and live by faith.

DAY 18: Saturday, March 18

Pray for our time of worship tomorrow morning, that the gospel would be proclaimed clearly so that believers would be strengthened in Christ and unbelievers would hear the message of peace with God through Jesus.



In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; (Ephesians 6:16)

DAY 19: Sunday, March 19

God grows faith in us as we look at the Faithful One, Jesus Christ. Read and meditate on Hebrews 12:1-3, and ask God to help you keep looking to Jesus this week. Ask Him to bring Jesus to mind throughout your week.

DAY 20: Monday, March 20

Pray that our children and youth would repent of their sin and trust in Jesus, even at a young age. Pray for specific children at MCBC by name.

DAY 21: Tuesday, March 21

Pray for specific church members who come to mind today. Ask God to help them live by faith in their workplaces, homes, and in the community so that they're not harmed by the attacks of the enemy, "the flaming darts of the evil one."

DAY 22: Wednesday, March 22

Faith serves as a shield because the Lord Himself is a shield. Read Psalm 84:11 and thank God for the good things He brings in your life and for the ways he protects you as your shield.

DAY 23: Thursday, March 23

Pray for those who come to mind from our church family who are enduring difficult seasons of life. Ask God to enable them to keep living by faith, to protect them, and to use even their hardships to strengthen them and to point others to Christ.

DAY 24: Friday, March 24

Pray for our deacons – Eddie Fisher, Bob Gilbert, Mark Greene, Gavin Lawless, John Lawless, Chase Livingston, Wayne McJunkin, Daniel Taylor, Shane Taylor, and David Vaughn. Ask God to continue to be their source of strength as they serve our church.

DAY 25: Saturday, March 25

Pray for our pastors and staff members. Ask God to protect them and their families from the world, the flesh, and the devil.



Week Five

March 26–April 1

... and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, (Ephesians 6:17)

DAY 26: Sunday, March 26

The “helmet of salvation” tells us that our minds are covered by and protected by the gospel. Read Hebrews 11:24–26. Ask God to help us be those who, like Moses, consider the reality of what we have through faith and to make conscious choices to live faithfully as followers of Christ.

DAY 27: Monday, March 27

Pray for our musicians and choir, who will be leading us in singing God’s praise this coming Sunday. Ask God to help them walk closely with Christ as they lead us in worshipping Him.

DAY 28: Tuesday, March 28

Psalms 119:11 encourages us to store up God’s Word in our heart so that we might not sin against Him. Pray that God would help us use the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, in the fight against sin. Ask Him to bring specific verses to mind in our moments of need.

DAY 29: Wednesday, March 29

Pray that our children would grow a hunger for the Word of God, and that this hunger for God’s Word would continue to grow throughout their lives.

DAY 30: Thursday, March 30

Pray for your one, asking God to use the word of the gospel bring him or her to faith in Jesus Christ.

DAY 31: Friday, March 31

Pray for mission teams going out from Mountain Creek over the next several months to Kentucky, Boston, and North Africa. Pray for that through their works and their words, the Word of God would move forward.

DAY 32: Saturday, April 1

Pray for our nursery workers, children and youth teachers, and Life Group Leaders. Ask God to help them to faithfully teach the Word of God tomorrow morning, and ask God to bless the ministry of the Word here at Mountain Creek.



Week Six

April 2–8

... praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, (Ephesians 6:18)

DAY 33: Sunday, April 2

Pray for those who are homebound and those who care for them in our church. Make supplication for them by thinking of specific needs—physical, emotional, and spiritual—that they may have, and pray for those needs.

DAY 34: Monday, April 3

Pray for parents, grandparents, and others at Mountain Creek who are seeking to raise the next generation to know and follow Jesus. Ask God to give them perseverance, wisdom, and fruit.

DAY 35: Tuesday, April 4

As these 40 Days draw to a close, ask God today to help us all to continue to “pray at all times in the Spirit.” Pray also for your own prayer life to be strengthened.

DAY 36: Wednesday, April 5

Think of those who have experienced tragedies around the world in recent months (earthquake victims in Turkey & Syria, war victims in Ukraine, community members in East Palestine, Ohio, victims of violence, etc.). Make supplication to God on their behalf, praying both for believers and non-believers in these areas.

DAY 37: Thursday, April 6

Ask God to help our children, youth, and college students to seek wise and godly counsel as they grow up so that they will not be swayed by the influences of the culture around them.

DAY 38: Friday, April 7

Today is Good Friday. Take a few minutes to read John 17–19 and reflect on Christ’s death on your behalf. Colossians 2:14 tells us that in Christ’s death, God was nailing our record of debt to the cross, that our debt due to our sin would be canceled through the death of Christ. Confess any known sin in your life, and give thanks to God for what He has done for you in Jesus.

DAY 39: Saturday, April 8

Pray for our worship service tomorrow. Pray for those serving as greeters and in the parking lot, those at the sound board, nursery workers, musicians, choir members, and pastors. Ask God to help us to be hospitable and welcoming to guests. Pray that the gospel would go forward clearly for the good of both believers and nonbelievers.



Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20–21)

DAY 40: Sunday, April 9

He is risen! In Christ, God has done far more abundantly than we could ever imagine, and now the same power that raised Christ from the dead is “at work within us” (see Romans 8:11). Ask God to empower us to boldly live in light of Christ, the One who endured the cross, despising the shame, and is now and forever seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Pray that we would live for Him, that our words and deeds would honor Him, and that we would keep telling others about what He has done in Jesus.

Pray For Your One: _____.



Notes
