



# 40 DAYS OF PRAYER

February 21 – March 31, 2024





## Praying the “One Another’s” of the New Testament

This year’s 40 Days of Prayer guide is structured around the “one another” commands from the New Testament. For each day of prayer, you’ll see a verse for that day, followed by a prayer focus from that verse. Along the way, you’ll notice that each week will include at least one “love one another” verse—that’s because there are so many of these verses in the New Testament! This is the “new commandment” given to us by Jesus, that we would love one another just as he has loved us (John 13:34). “Love one another” is the primary “one another” command, and every other “one another” command is helping us know how to love one another well!

We’re praying through these commands, instead of just teaching them, because we recognize the truth of John 15:5: “Apart from me,” Jesus said, “you can do nothing.” At the same time, Jesus also told us “If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples” (John 15:7–8). We’re asking him to help us love and serve and honor and encourage one another (and more!), trusting that he’ll bring about that fruit in us, and God will get the glory.

Finally, we cannot neglect to pray for those far from Christ. One reason we’re to love one another well is so that others will know that we’re Jesus’s disciples (John 13:35). It helps us advance the mission. At the same time, the lost need to hear the gospel, and we need to go to them. 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.



# WEEK ONE

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### **DAY 1: Wednesday, February 21**

*John 15:12 – This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. God’s word to us is that we are to love one another just as Christ has loved us. Ask God to help you and everyone at MCBC to love in this way.*

### **DAY 2: Thursday, February 22**

*Romans 15:5 – May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus. Harmony refers to differing part coming together as one whole. Ask God to help us to live in such harmony with one another at MCBC.*

### **DAY 3: Friday, February 23**

*Ephesians 4:1–3 – I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Pray that you’ll walk worthy of Christ’s calling in each of the specific ways mentioned in Ephesians 4:1–3.*

### **DAY 4: Saturday, February 24**

*Colossians 3:16 – Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Ask God to help us praise him well together tomorrow through song and encouragement.*



# WEEK TWO

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### **DAY 5: Sunday, February 25**

*1 Thessalonians 3:12 – May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you.*

Pray that we would not be content with where we are in loving one another, but that our love for one another would always be growing. Pray also we would grow in our love “for all,” that is, for those in around us in our broader community, both believers and non-believers.

### **DAY 6: Monday, February 26**

*Romans 12:16 – Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.* Pray for unity in our church body that transcends any social boundary.

### **DAY 7: Tuesday, February 27**

*1 Thessalonians 4:17–18 – Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.*

*Therefore encourage one another with these words.* Pray for those who have lost loved ones recently in our church, that they would be encouraged by the hope that we’ll be together again, and together, we’ll be with Christ.

### **DAY 8: Wednesday, February 28**

*Ephesians 5:18, 21 – Be filled with the Spirit . . . submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.* Pray that we would show deference to one another, counting others more significant than ourselves (see Philippians 2:1–4).

### **DAY 9: Thursday, February 29**

*Hebrews 3:13 – Exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. Pray that we would love one another enough to help one another fight against sin’s deceitfulness.*

### **DAY 10: Friday, March 1**

*Hebrews 10:24 – And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works . . . Ask God to help us grow in love and good works toward one another and the community. Ask him to help us be creative in our thinking about this (“consider”), finding new ways to love and serve.*

### **DAY 11: Saturday, March 2**

*Hebrews 10:25 – . . . not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Pray that we will remain faithful to meeting together, and that as we meet together (tomorrow!), we’ll make it a point to encourage one another.*



## **WEEK THREE** **40 DAYS OF PRAYER**

### **DAY 12: Sunday, March 3**

*Romans 15:7 – Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Pray that we would be a welcoming church, both for guests who come to our church services, and also welcoming others and one another into our homes and our lives. Ask God to show you how you can grow in the area of hospitality.*

**DAY 13: Monday, March 4**

*1 Thessalonians 4:9-10* – Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, for that indeed is what you are doing ... But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more. Pray that God will show you opportunities that you have this week to love others “more and more.”

**DAY 14: Tuesday, March 5**

*Colossians 3:12-13* – Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Pray that we would be quick to forgive one another, just as God has forgiven us in Christ. If there is anyone you need to forgive, ask God to help you grant that forgiveness and for him to bring restoration in that relationship.

**DAY 15: Wednesday, March 6**

*1 Thessalonians 5:15* – See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Pray that we would search out ways to do good to one another at MCBC and to everyone around us. Who can you “do good” to today and what would that look like?

**DAY 16: Thursday, March 7**

*Colossians 3:9-10* – Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Ask God to help us be people committed to the truth because of the gospel.

### **DAY 17: Friday, March 8**

*James 5:16 – Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.* Pray that God would continually grow in us a commitment to praying for one another. Pray specifically today for others you know well at MCBC—those in your Life Group, those you serve with, those you sit near on Sundays.

### **DAY 18: Saturday, March 9**

*2 Corinthians 13:11a – Finally, brothers, rejoice.* The “one another” is included in the command to brothers and sisters to rejoice. We’re to rejoice together! Pray that we would be a joyful community who loves celebrating together.



## **WEEK FOUR** **40 DAYS OF PRAYER**

### **DAY 19: Sunday, March 10**

*1 John 3:23 – And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.* Pray that our commitment to actively love one another would be because of the gospel—because the Son of God has saved us through faith in his name and has then called us to love one another.

### **DAY 20: Monday, March 11**

*Ephesians 4:32a – Be kind to one another, tenderhearted . . .* Is there anyone to whom you have developed a hardened heart? Pray that God would soften your heart, that you would be tenderhearted and kind towards that person.



**DAY 21: Tuesday, March 12**

*Ephesians 4:32b – . . . forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.* Continuing the thought from yesterday, if you need to forgive that person, pray that God would enable you to do so. Reflect on how Jesus forgave you and pray that we would forgive one another in the same manner.

**DAY 22: Wednesday, March 13**

*1 Peter 4:10 – As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace..* Ask God to help all of us serve one another well with the gifts, talents, and abilities that God has given to us. Pray that God would show you how you can use your gifts for good of others.

**DAY 23: Thursday, March 14**

*Romans 12:10a – Love one another with brotherly affection.* Ask God to give us a genuine affection for one another, that our love for one another would not be only due to God's instruction, but because we have warmth and fondness for one another.

**DAY 24: Friday, March 15**

*1 Corinthians 12:24–25 – God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.* Ask God to help us to care well for one another in the body. Pray specifically for those you know who are in need, asking God to meet their needs in part by showing you how you can express his care to them.

## **DAY 25: Saturday, March 16**

*1 Peter 5:5 – . . . Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Pray for humility in your own life and in the life of our church, trusting that God would give us grace to live in this way toward one another.*



# **WEEK FIVE** **40 DAYS OF PRAYER**

## **DAY 26: Sunday, March 17**

*1 Peter 4:9 – Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. Pray that we will show hospitality today and every day. Look for people at our worship gathering who you don’t know and welcome them warmly to Mountain Creek.*

## **DAY 27: Monday, March 18**

*Galatians 5:13 – Do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. Ask God to show you opportunities to serve others around you this week.*

## **DAY 28: Tuesday, March 19**

*Galatians 6:2 – Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. What burden do you know that someone else is carrying? How can you help lift that burden this week? Pray that God would help you do that, and help us continually do that for one another.*

**DAY 29: Wednesday, March 20**

*2 Thessalonians 1:3* – We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Give thanks to God for the way members of MCBC have loved you well and pray that this love will continue to increase.

**DAY 30: Thursday, March 21**

*Romans 12:10b* – Outdo one another in showing honor. Pray that we would honor one another in word and deed. Pray also that in honoring one another we would not show preferences but would honor everyone well (see James 2:1–9).

**DAY 31: Friday, March 22**

*Romans 15:14* – I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another. Ask God to use us to speak truth to one another, from informal everyday conversations to Bible studies that we participate in. Pray specifically also for our Life Group leaders and children & youth Sunday School teachers and small group leaders, that God would help them to teach faithfully.

**DAY 32: Saturday, March 23**

*1 Thessalonians 5:11b* – . . . and build one another up, just as you are doing. Pray that we would not follow the world in tearing each other down, but instead would be committed to building one another up. Ask God to help you encourage someone tomorrow as we gather together, pointing out how God is at work in that person's life.



# WEEK SIX

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### **DAY 33: Sunday, March 24**

*Ephesians 5:18-19 – Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart. Ask God to free us from distractions, helping us praise him well together today as we sing.*

### **DAY 34: Monday, March 25**

*1 Peter 4:8 – Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Pray that God would give us an earnest love that is committed to the good of one another, even when it is difficult due to sin.*

### **DAY 35: Tuesday, March 26**

*1 Thessalonians 5:11 – Therefore encourage one another . . . Pray that we would find ways to encourage one another to keep following Jesus faithfully. Think of someone who needs encouragement and ask God to help you give them that encouragement this week.*

### **DAY 36: Wednesday, March 27**

*2 Corinthians 13:11 – Comfort one another. Pray that we would offer comfort to those among us who are hurting. Remember that Jesus was known as “gentle and lowly in heart,” and pray that we would love one another in the same compassionate manner.*

**DAY 37: Thursday, March 28**

*Ephesians 4:25 – Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.* Ask God to help us to see how he has connected us to one another in Christ, and therefore that we would be committed to the good of one another.

**DAY 38: Friday, March 29**

*1 John 4:11–12 – Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.*

Today is Good Friday. As we reflect this evening on the love of Christ in his sacrifice on our behalf, pray that this same kind of love would mark us. Pray also that as we love one another in this way, it would help others see the truth of Christ through us.

**DAY 39: Saturday, March 30**

*1 John 1:7 – If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.* The Saturday after Jesus's death is marked by darkness, as Jesus was in the tomb. But we know the end of the story—that Sunday is coming, when his light would shine. Pray that we would walk in the light of the risen Christ, meaning that we would be committed to living out the implications of the gospel in our lives. Pray that as we live in that way, that God would strengthen our fellowship with one another.



# EASTER 40 DAYS OF PRAYER

## DAY 40: Sunday, March 31

*John 13:34–35 – A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.* He is risen! In light of Jesus's death and resurrection, pray that we would continue to love one another as a testimony to the world around us. Pray for our Easter services today, asking God to show the truth of Christ's love and bring others to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

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