

April

2020

COVID-19 Prayer Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			¹ Pray for single parents who are trying to hold down a job or pursue new vocational opportunities while caring for & educating their children alone.	² Pray that the Church arises in these perilous times to find innovative, responsible ways to love our neighbors, particularly the most vulnerable.	³ Pray for college students who were mandated to leave campus, especially those with no home to return to, & for international students who can't go home due to COVID-19.	⁴ Pray for students in grades K-12. Pray they continue to receive the education they need, be it virtually or through parental homeschooling, during this season.
⁵ <u>Palm Sunday</u> Give thanks for the Savior who came, rules, & reigns in unconventional ways. Thank God for the upside-down nature of the Kingdom & pray our expectations don't cause us to miss Jesus like many did upon his triumphal entry.	⁶ Pray for those living in unsanitary conditions amid the pandemic: the homeless, the elderly who live alone, orphans, & those in detention centers, prisons, & jails.	⁷ Pray for families caring for loved ones who are reeling from the impact of trauma. This includes those who have endured abuse (sexual, physical, spiritual, & emotional), & those suffering from PTSD, suicidal ideations, postpartum depression, eating disorders, & self-harm.	⁸ During Holy Week, as we remember in new ways amid COVID-19 that from dust we came & to dust we shall return, let us not only think about human mortality, but also spend time praying about the cost of discipleship & what we ultimately want our lives to mean.	⁹ <u>Maundy Thursday</u> Ask God what this command means in this season of COVID-19. "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." Ask, what does foot washing look like amid social distancing?	¹⁰ <u>Good Friday</u> Thank God for sending us Jesus, for Christ choosing to die for us & make reconciliation—with God & our neighbor— possible. But also, pray for the crucified masses today, for our broken criminal justice system which continues to execute innocent people, & for leaders who bend to the will of the masses, rather than ruling with integrity & justice.	¹¹ <u>Silent Saturday</u> Pray for all those who are suffering & desperately longing to hear from God but feel as if God is silent. Pray for them to feel God's presence & to be reassured that God truly is Immanuel! That God is still in control & is still faithful & sovereign even amidst their most trying trials & tribulations.

<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p><u>Easter Sunday</u> Praise God for the resurrection! That Christ conquered sin, defeated death, & disarmed the powers & authorities, making a public spectacle of them! Give thanks for the ability to be reconciled to God!</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>Pray for teachers to find innovative ways to teach, connect with, & educate their students.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>Pray for families in food insecure homes who don't have the resources to pay their bills & put food on the table.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>Pray for individuals who live in abusive environments during this time where many are being mandated to stay at home.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>Pray that the Church's countercultural, sacrificial love will lead to more people giving their lives to Christ—that everyone will know we are Christ's disciples by how well we love others.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>Pray for homeless shelters. Pray for the health of individuals residing in, & employees of, the shelter. Ask God how you can support a local shelter that may need supplies & how you & your congregation can help care for those with housing insecurities.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>Pray for incarcerated students who must complete this semester without professors or digital instruction. May God keep their spirits up & their focus intact.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>Pray for individuals with preexisting, chronic healthcare issues. Pray that they can access the healthcare they need amid this crisis.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>Pray for those who have had to alter their plans for life changing events: like weddings, funerals, & births.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>Pray for people suffering from social isolation, particularly those who suffer from depression or anxiety, & those who need routines for stability.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>Pray for students with special needs who aren't receiving the support & aids they're accustomed to as they continue their education.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>Pray the Church chooses to love in a climate of fear & fear mongering. Pray we resist us vs. them mentalities & realize we belong to each other.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>Pray for parents to spend intentional time discipling their kids & modeling how to love our neighbors as ourselves in this season.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>Pray for families who are unable to see, support, or commune with their elders because of quarantine restrictions.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>Pray for clergy & lay leaders who are discerning & figuring out how to provide good ecclesial care in these times.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>Pray for children, youth, & young adult ministers to find effective ways to connect & encourage young people to make good, responsible, Christlike choices right now.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>Pray for employees working in senior citizen homes caring for our elders. Pray for their health & give thanks for their servant hearts.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>Pray for farmers & migrant workers who are in the field producing fruits & vegetables that keep us healthy. Pray for their health & flourishing.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>Pray for people being released from jails & prisons because of COVID-19, that they find the support they need & make responsible choices that keep them from reencountering the criminal justice system.</p>		