

# RENEWAL & EASTER PRAYER GUIDE

## MARCH 6-10 Pray for the Preparation of Our Hearts and the Hearts of Those Invited to Renewal and Easter at Faith

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I kneel before the Father <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. <sup>16</sup> I pray that he may grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with power in your inner being through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup> and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, <sup>18</sup> may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God's love, <sup>19</sup> and to know Christ's love that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us— <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. **EPHESIANS 3:14-21**

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- Pray that we would grow in our knowledge and love of Jesus through a deeper reflection on and understanding of the gospel.
  - Pray that our hearts would be strengthened as we know and love Jesus more.
  - Pray that we will grow in love for our neighbors and the nations and desire for them to find new life through faith in Christ.
  - Pray that we would experience greater unity as a church family as we celebrate our shared faith in Jesus, who has redeemed us.
  - Pray that we would be prepared to welcome others to encounter Christ through the sharing of the gospel at Renewal and on Resurrection Sunday.

## MARCH 10-17 Pray for Renewal

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom should I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—whom should I dread? <sup>2</sup> When evildoers came against me to devour my flesh, my foes and my enemies stumbled and fell. <sup>3</sup> Though an army deploys against me, my heart will not be afraid; though a war breaks out against me, I will still be confident. <sup>4</sup> I have asked one thing from the Lord; it is what I desire: to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, gazing on the beauty of the Lord and seeking him in his temple. <sup>5</sup> For he will conceal me in his shelter in the day of adversity; he will hide me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. <sup>6</sup> Then my head will be high above my enemies around me; I will offer sacrifices in his tent with shouts of joy. I will sing and make music to the Lord.

<sup>7</sup> Lord, hear my voice when I call; be gracious to me and answer me. <sup>8</sup> My heart says this about you: “Seek his face.” Lord, I will seek your face. <sup>9</sup> Do not hide your face from me; do not turn your servant away in anger. You have been my helper; do not leave me or abandon me, God of my salvation. <sup>10</sup> Even if my father and mother abandon me, the Lord cares for me. <sup>11</sup> Because of my adversaries, show me your way, Lord, and lead me on a level path. <sup>12</sup> Do not give me over to the will of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, breathing violence. <sup>13</sup> I am certain that I will see the Lord’s goodness in the land of the living. <sup>14</sup> Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart be courageous. Wait for the Lord. **PSALM 27**

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- Pray that our neighbors will find new life in Jesus Christ through the saving power of the gospel and the renewing work of the Holy Spirit.
  - Pray for opportunities for believers to invite their lost loved ones, neighbors, co-workers, and classmates to Renewal, and that those who are invited would come.
  - Pray that local church bodies would be united by the gospel for the expansion of God’s Kingdom as we reach our neighbors together.
  - Pray that believers would reject apathy and fully engage in our God-given mission to proclaim the gospel.
  - Pray for the ongoing preparations, for sunny, warm weather on March 17, and for the good health of everyone involved in Renewal including volunteers, speakers, and musicians before and during the event.

## MARCH 18-24 Pray for Easter Outreach

<sup>35</sup> Jesus continued going around to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest." **MATTHEW 9:35-38**

- Write the names of people in your life who need to know Christ:

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- Pray specifically for the people you have written down and ask God for opportunities to share the gospel with them. Pray for opportunities to invite them to join us for worship on Resurrection Sunday.
- Pray that these people and other believers would come to church on Resurrection Sunday and hear the gospel.
- Pray that the Spirit would prepare the hearts of all who will attend on Easter to respond to the gospel.

## MARCH 25-31 Pray for Easter with Faith

<sup>7</sup> Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says:

*Today, if you hear his voice, <sup>8</sup> do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, <sup>9</sup> where your ancestors tested me, tried me, and saw my works <sup>10</sup> for forty years. Therefore I was provoked to anger with that generation and said, "They always go astray in their hearts, and they have not known my ways." <sup>11</sup> So I swore in my anger, "They will not enter my rest."*

<sup>12</sup> Watch out, brothers and sisters, so that there won't be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. <sup>13</sup> But encourage each other daily, while it is still called today, so that none of you is hardened by sin's deception. <sup>14</sup> For we have become participants in Christ if we hold firmly until the end the reality that we had at the start. <sup>15</sup> As it is said:

*Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.*

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup> No creature is hidden from him, but all things are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give an account. **HEBREWS 3:7-15, 4:12-13**

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- Pray that Pastor Steven and Pastor Lenin would be led by the Spirit to preach the gospel boldly and clearly from the Scriptures.
  - Pray for those who will attend our gatherings who do not know Christ. Pray that they may believe the gospel, repent of their sins, and receive new life in Christ.
  - Pray for the Spirit to work in and through our worship teams to lead our hearts to sing praises to the Lord.
  - Pray for all those serving and ministering on Resurrection Sunday.
  - Pray that all four Resurrection Sunday worship gatherings (6:30, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 AM) would open doors for more gospel conversations with those that we invited to worship with us.
  - Pray that all the logistics involved in accommodating extra guests and church members on Resurrection Sunday would run smoothly.