

Bible verses about prayer

> First of all, then, I urge that **supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings** be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of **God our Savior**, who **desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth**. [1 Timothy 2:1-4]

> 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. [James 5:16]

> Offer to God a **sacrifice of thanksgiving**, and **perform your vows** to the Most High, and **call upon me in the day of trouble**; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me. [Psalm 50:14-15 ESV]

> Therefore, **pray earnestly** to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. [Matthew 9:38]

> Rejoice always, **pray without ceasing**, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. [1 Thessalonians 5:16-18]

> But **when you pray**, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. [Matthew 6:6]

> **Watch and pray** that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. [Matthew 26:41]

> Likewise, **the Spirit helps us in our weakness**. For **we do not know what to pray for** as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. [Romans 8:26]

> To this end we always pray for you, **that our God may** make you worthy of his calling and may **fulfill every resolve for good** and every **work of faith** by his power. [2 Thessalonians 1:11]

April Prayer Guide

For the renewal of your soul,
your social circle, your family,
and your church.



Jesus' disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray..."

And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name. ..."" [Luke 11:1-2]

You know the Lord's prayer, but **do you have a habit of prayer?**

Prayer keeps us mindful of God's presence and care.

Prayer is not just asking God for stuff. God is not our butler.

Paul encourages Timothy, who is starting a new church to teach his people to pray with "**supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings**". This has been condensed into a nice acronym: **ACTS**

A Adoration and Acclamation of God's greatness

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. We adore you. [1 Chron 29:11 NLT]

C Confession of the things we have done and left undone

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [1 John 1:9]

T Thanksgiving for our salvation and all the blessings of life

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever! [Psalm 118:1]

S Supplication; asking God for help in these tough times

You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. [James 4:2]

Prayer Guide for April

Adoration: **Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!** [Psalm 32: 11]

Confession: **I have sinned against you, Father, in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. [Psalm 32:5]

Thanksgiving: **With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.** [Psalm 54:6 ESV]
 Speak your personal thanks to God for sustaining you physically (with health and home) and spiritually (with His Word and your Church).
Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done. Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia!

Supplication: **Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.** [Psalm 62:8]

As you bring your needs before the Lord, please use this guide to pray for Faith Lutheran Church & School. Your church needs your prayers.

April	Gracious Lord, hear our prayer to (insert the prayer of the day)
1 <input type="checkbox"/>	bring the school children & families closer to the church
2 <input type="checkbox"/>	fill the teachers with the light of Christ's life
3 <input type="checkbox"/>	grow our proclamation of the gospel in Huntsville
4 <input type="checkbox"/>	bless the needy in Walker County with hope and care
5 <input type="checkbox"/>	encourage the school teachers, aides, staff, and volunteers
6 <input type="checkbox"/>	provide for your mission here through our stewardship campaign
7 <input type="checkbox"/>	give wisdom to our Elders and our Word and Sacrament Ministry

April	Gracious Lord, hear our prayer to (insert the prayer of the day)
8 <input type="checkbox"/>	bless the Frank Turek event on campus
9 <input type="checkbox"/>	increase our hunger for your word and Bible study
10 <input type="checkbox"/>	fill us with the Holy Spirit, grace, and truth
11 <input type="checkbox"/>	protect our Pastor and church from all assaults of the enemy
12 <input type="checkbox"/>	bless those who create and those who receive our quilts
13 <input type="checkbox"/>	help us receive you in our hearts with the thrill of Palm Sunday
14 <input type="checkbox"/>	give wisdom to the church council members
15 <input type="checkbox"/>	encourage Jane in the administration of our church
16 <input type="checkbox"/>	have mercy on those who are sick and suffering
17 <input type="checkbox"/>	fulfill in us Christ's Mandate, "love one another as I have loved"
18 <input type="checkbox"/>	shock us with the penalty Christ paid for our sins
19 <input type="checkbox"/>	give wisdom to the school board members
20 <input type="checkbox"/>	increase our excitement in the miracle of your resurrection
21 <input type="checkbox"/>	bless the Women's Circles of Love and Charity for your glory
22 <input type="checkbox"/>	give peace to those who have lost loved ones
23 <input type="checkbox"/>	deepen the discussion of our BYOBB group for your glory
24 <input type="checkbox"/>	raise up evangelists, teachers, and preachers at Faith
25 <input type="checkbox"/>	increase our ability and willingness to support Faith financially
26 <input type="checkbox"/>	bless the school with a "totally radical" fundraising event
27 <input type="checkbox"/>	raise up more parents to worship God with their families
28 <input type="checkbox"/>	grow the Ratio Christi club and the faith of the SHSU students
29 <input type="checkbox"/>	increase the size and health of our congregation
30 <input type="checkbox"/>	increase our members' passion for serving on behalf of God

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.
 May this practice of prayer bless you, your friends/family, and Faith – YOUR church - as we grow to know God and make Him known.