

EASTBROOK PRAYS

A MONTHLY CALL TO PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH, CITY & WORLD—APRIL 2020

Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer. (Psalm 4:1)

PRAYING FOR THE CHURCH

APRIL
1-11

Pray for President Trump, Governor Evers and all other federal, state, and local politicians and health advisors as they make critical decisions that affect people's lives. Pray that they would truly have wisdom from God. // Praise the Lord for the opportunity to acknowledge His reign this Palm Sunday. Thank Him for the great miracles He has done in our lives. Pray that we will see Jesus as our exalted King this Palm Sunday.

APRIL
12-18

Praise Jesus, that he is risen. Praise Jesus that by his death and resurrection, he has broken the power of death and hell and set us free. We are redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. // Pray for all of our church leaders (small groups, classes, ministry teams) as they serve their groups by calling and connecting with their members. Pray also for those not yet connected into a group in the church.

APRIL
19-25

Pray for the staff in Ministry Services as we adjust to this season of changes in schedules, processes and limitations. Pray for protection from discouragement, health challenges and anything that hinders serving with joy and light. // Pray for members of our congregation who might have lost loved ones to the COVID-19 virus. Pray that God will comfort them in Jesus name. Pray that God will give our political leaders wisdom in these difficult times.

APRIL
26-30

Pray for Eastbrookers who are in care facilities, where they cannot leave their rooms at this time. If you know one of them, call or send a card to him or her with godly encouragement. // Pray for our Eastbrook Kids and Eastbrook Students leaders as they explore creative ways to continue ministry to families during this time. Pray for them as they arrange re-scheduled events for spring and summer.

PRAYING FOR THE CITY

Lift the team serving in the Food Pantry up in prayer. Praise the Lord for the resources that enable Eastbrook to be equipped to serve our neighbors facing a food emergency during these unprecedented times. Pray for safety and health of all individuals visiting and serving the pantry. Ask the Lord to draw near to our neighbors with a Peace that surpasses understanding.

Praise God for the resurrection of Jesus! Thank the Lord for the hope we find in Him. Pray for those throughout the city facing hardship, that they would be drawn to the Hope found in Christ. Pray for encounters with Jesus for everyone worshiping at home this week. Ask God to show you how you can share the Hope and Love of Christ with your neighbors in this Easter season.

Pray for the women at Milwaukee Women's Correctional Center that participate in the Eastbrook Women's Prison Ministry. As they have been locked down without visitors for an extended period, pray for the limited Bible instruction they are able to receive, that it would deepen their relationship with the Lord and be a source of Joy and Light. Pray for the hearts of the women to continue to soften toward the Lord.

Continue to lift your neighbors up in prayer. Pray for opportunities to build relationship and embody the love of Jesus to your neighbors. Ask God to show you ways to serve those around you and to open your heart to love on your neighborhood. Make a plan to do at least one act of service for a neighbor this week.

PRAYING FOR THE WORLD

Pray for our friends serving in the Middle East, that they would be strengthened and encouraged during this time of global crisis. Pray for the students and families that they serve – that during this time of social isolation they would know the peace and comfort that comes from Jesus. Pray for wisdom and direction as they respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pray for our friends serving in Europe as they continue their work of investing in and equipping teams to reach out to their city. Pray for their family as they prepare to welcome their second child and adjust to the demands of a growing family. Pray for wisdom and direction as they prepare for coming ministry.

Beginning Thursday April 23, millions of people will participate in a month long period of prayer and fasting called Ramadan. Pray for the Muslim world, that during this time of self-denial, they will hear the voice of Jesus. Pray for dreams, visions, and a revelation of Jesus.

Pray for our friends in the horn of Africa and the relationships they have built in their community. Ask the Lord to continue the work that he began in their hearts and lives. Pray for encounters with God that completely shake their current worldview and allow them to see God as He truly is.

