# **EASTBROOK PRAYS**

A MONTHLY CALL TO PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH, CITY & WORLD—APRIL 2024

"I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." (Psalm 91:2)

#### **PRAYING** FOR THE CHURCH

## APRIL 1-6

As Summer Camp registration opens, please pray that God would provide a well-qualified team of counselors and camp teachers. Pray that the Holy Spirit would guide our planning and that He would work powerfully during our camp ministry this summer.

Pray for our leaders here at Eastbrook church including our Elders, Council members, Pastoral staff, and volunteer leaders that the Lord will protect them and keep them in Jesus name.

## APRIL 7-13

Pray for all Eastbrookers who are caregivers, whether for parents, spouses, children, or others. Pray that they would see the kingdom value in what they are doing and that they would get the rest and respite they need.

Please pray for those joining us at our next Small Group Launch that they can find a group to connect with and grow in their relationship with God.

## APRIL 14-20

Pray for those who attended the recent Lunch with the Staff, that they be drawn into greater community with other Eastbrookers—Bible studies, small groups, friendships—and that God is glorified in their midst.

Pray for the upcoming Living Well seminar, Grandparenting Matters, to be held Saturday, May 4. Pray that many Eastbrook grandparents would attend and learn new ways to be intentional Christian grandparents.

APRIL 21-30 Pray that the upcoming African Global Gateway will glorify Jesus. Pray that it will be a chance for us at Eastbrook to celebrate Jesus with our African brothers and sisters in our congregation. Pray that all guests who come will be blessed

Pray for all those coming to Leadership Community—that they will be challenged and encouraged as they serve Eastbrook by the commitment we are making to encourage discipleship moving forward.

### **PRAYING** FOR THE CITY

Please pray for the inmates throughout Wisconsin who are participating in programming to address addiction, trauma, and mental health challenges. Pray they would be receptive to instruction and have the courage and wisdom to apply what they learn in their lives. Pray for those who have been receptive to the seeds of the gospel. Pray that the Lord would water that seed to grow. Pray for those being released that we would continue to seek Jesus.

Pray for wisdom in fielding calls for new patients to the Bread of Healing clinic and the ability to prioritize needs appropriately. Pray for the right number of volunteers to give of their time and expertise to keep us well-staffed on clinic days in order to be able to extend hospitality, pray with those in need and care holistically for each person who comes to an appointment. Praise God for providing resources for the clinic

Pray for the ongoing friendships, for the families served and for the families serving, especially those at Eastbrook. Praise God for their willingness to step up, to love, to disciple, to mentor, and to pray for and with the families. Pray for the revamped efforts to bolster the Eastbrook Ministry Team. Pray for Anneke as she leads this team. Pray that the team will gather each month to pray for and support the ministry team.

Give thanks the Eastbrook Food Pantry renovation has finally taken place! Please pray that we will know how best to run the food pantry in this new way, and how best to decorate and set up the building such that it is a pleasant and welcoming space for all our visitors. Pray that we can use this opportunity to build new and deeper relationships with those in our community and among our dedicated volunteers.

### **PRAYING** FOR THE WORLD

Pray for our Muslim neighbors as they reach the end of Ramadan and celebrate what is called "the night of power". Pray that Jesus would move to draw our neighbors to Himself during this time. Pray for our field workers who are serving in the Middle East. Pray for Marshall and Terri as they continue to care for their neighbors, and for Marshall's video production efforts to engage the Arabic speaking world, particularly in the Holy Land.

Pray for our dear brother and worker David who lives in North Africa. Pray for David as he completes his studies for his MBA in a local university and begins to discern the next steps for him. Pray for resolution for the process of securing a long-term visa. Praise God for the many connections he has made, the local church he has joined, and the relationships he has made with his colleagues and neighbors.

Pray for our Eastbrook members and staff who are travelling to South Asia to continue to discern where God is leading our church into deeper relationships in the area we are calling the Crossroads of the Himalayas. Pray for the various meetings they will have with national workers who serve in marketplace, outreach, and medical missions. Pray not only for safe travels, but for God to remain close throughout the trip and discernment process.

Pray for our workers Abdi and Kawser who are visiting us the last week of April to be commissioned as Eastbrook-sent field workers. Pray for their ministry, based in Ethiopia, and focused on reaching out to people across the Horn of Africa through online, satellite, and social media platforms. Pray particularly for their ministry of providing one-on-one discipleship online and in person to new believers.