



21

DAYS OF  
PRAYER

Starts 4/6/2025

Darby Creek  
Church



-

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything  
give thanks for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.  
1 Thessalonians 5:16

This prayer guide is not meant to be all inclusive, but a tool that we as a church body may use to approach the Lord in prayer. It is our intention that by praying along similar topics each day for 21 days, Darby Creek Church will grow in love, in unity, in the Spirit and in purpose. Our prayer is that as we seek God together, we will rejoice and thank Him together, seek His guidance and wisdom together, boldly make requests in Jesus' name and see God's amazing answers to prayers.

"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask  
whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.  
John 15:7 NASB95

## **Day 1: Sunday, April 6**

### **Praise and Thanksgiving**

**Psalms 9:1-2** “ I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart. I will tell of all the marvelous things you’ve done. I will be filled with joy because of you. I will sing praises to your name O Most High.”

**Psalms 28:7** “The Lord is my strength and shield. I trust Him with all my heart. He helps me and my heart is filled with joy.”

**Ephesians 1:6** “So we praise God for the glorious grace He has poured out on us who belong to his dear son.”

**Isaiah 25:1** “ O Lord, I will honor and praise your name, for you are my God. You do such wonderful things! You planned them long ago and now you have accomplished them.”

**Isaiah: 40:28** The Lord is the everlasting God, creator of the ends of the earth, He does not grow tired or weary, His understanding no one can fathom!

### **Prayer Suggestions:**

- ◆ Meditate on God’s character: his divine nature and eternal power. Pray that Darby Creek Church may be people that are quick to give thanks to the Lord and glorify Him.
- ◆ Praise the Lord in all circumstances, even when we cannot see what He is doing, know that He is working.
- ◆ The Lord is worthy to receive honor and blessing and glory so give it to Him daily!
- ◆ Count your blessings - Make a list of all the things you are thankful for- nothing is too small! You will soon see there are too many to count!
- ◆ Pray that as you walk through this day and every day that the Holy Spirit would help you to rejoice in the Lord and that He would use YOU to encourage and help others to be thankful through your example.

## Day 2: Monday, April 7

### Spiritual Revival

**Ezekiel 36:26** “And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.”

**Acts 3:19-20** “Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.”

**Psalms 51:10-12** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit

**2 Chronicles 7:14** “...if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

**Isaiah 57:15** For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

**Psalms 86:6** “Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?”

**Psalms 51:17, Luke 18:13, Lamentations 3:22-26**

### Prayer Suggestions:

- ◆ Pray our church body would have repentant, contrite hearts of flesh.
- ◆ Lord, we recognize that you are Holy beyond measure and you sit on the throne above all the universe. You are worthy and we have sinned against you. Holy Spirit, show us where we have fallen short, where we have been prideful and have acted with self-sufficiency and sinfulness.

Thank you for Your gift of forgiveness. Thank you Lord, that Your mercies are new every morning. Renew our love for You and restore to us the joy of Your salvation

- ◆ Pray that believers within our church would rededicate their lives to the Lord and be restored to their First Love.
- ◆ Pray we will be revived and ready to serve Him with joy and thanksgiving.

## **Day 3: Tuesday, April 8**

### **Unity in Our Church**

**Ephesians 4:32** Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

**Romans 12:18** If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

**Philippians 2:3-4** Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interest, but also to the interests of others.

**1 Corinthians 12:25-26** ...that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

**Philippians 2:1-9; Psalm 133:1-3; Romans 12:15-18; Ephesians 4:1-6; 4:25-27 & 29**

### **Prayer Suggestions:**

- ◆ That people would be committed to living out the Romans 12:18 verse "as much as it depends on you, be at peace with all men."
- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, guide us in doing all we can to live peacefully with others, putting the interests of others ahead of our own interests. Being kind to one another, tenderhearted and forgiving.

- ◆ Pray for protection of the unity of Darby Creek Church. Pray that we would not give Satan any room to cause division, discontentment or discord. Pray that any disagreements will be handled with love, grace, truth and humble hearts.
- ◆ Pray that we would resist the temptation of gossip and passing judgments but would walk in an attitude of grace, mercy, encouragement.

## **Day 4: Wednesday, April 9**

### **Physical, Spiritual, Emotional Healing**

**2 Timothy 1:7** For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

**Psalms 147:3** “He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.”

**Proverbs 17:22** “A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.”

**Isaiah 41:10** “Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.”

**Psalms 103:1-5** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

### **Prayer Suggestions:**

- ◆ Pray for those in our church that are dealing with depression, anxiety, grief, despair and other emotional difficulties. Ask God to take any anxiety and exchange it for His peace.
- ◆ Lord God, We humbly pray for those who are sick and those in need of healing. May the Holy Spirit bring restoration to their bodies. May they experi-

ence the touch of Your healing hand and be filled with Your peace and comfort. We pray for strength and courage to endure the physical pain, and we ask for wisdom and guidance for the medical professionals involved in their care. May they be instruments of Your healing grace and may Your presence be felt in every moment of their journey. We believe in Your power to heal and restore, for You are greater and more powerful than sickness. We trust in Your perfect will, timing and plan for each situation. We pray that the suffering they are enduring will lead them to a more intimate relationship and knowledge of you Lord Jesus. Glorify yourself in their lives, increase their faith and enable them to praise you through the valley.

- ◆ For yourself - Lord, be near me in my time of weakness and pain; sustain me by your grace, that my strength and courage may not fail. Heal me according to your will. Hold my heart with yours and renew my mind, body and soul. Give me the strength to move forward on the path you've laid out.
- ◆ Acknowledge and praise God that our sufferings here on earth will be small compared to the eternal glory of the Lord and the inexpressible joy of being in His presence. 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

## **Day 5: Thursday, April 10**

### **Darby Creek Elders and Their Families**

**1 Timothy 2:1-2 (NLT)** I urge you, first of all to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.

**Ephesians 6:18-19** praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,

**Galatians 6:9** Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

**Philippians 1:3-6** I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

### **Prayer Suggestions:**

- ◆ Pray specifically for our Elders and their families (Burliles, Charltons, Higgins, Nitzs, and Pharazyns) For spiritual and physical protection from the enemy's attacks on themselves or their families. Pray they have good times with the Lord each day and be personally fed from God's Word. Pray they do not fall into temptation or snared by Satan's lies.
- ◆ Guidance for Pastor Greg as he plans the Bible passages that will be preached for the rest of this year.
- ◆ Father, we lift our leaders up to You today. Draw them close to yourself, Your wisdom, and Your ways through Your grace. Lord, we ask that you would lead them in making the right decisions that align with what You would accomplish in Your will and Your plan.
- ◆ Dear Lord, Thank you for sending our pastors/elders to shepherd our church. I'm grateful for the love you put in their hearts for You and Your people. I appreciate the unique gifts and talents that enrich their ministries and our church. Would, You in turn, bless the pastors/elders today? Help the pastors to sense Your presence in such a sweet way. Fill them up, Lord, encourage them, and use them for Your glory.
- ◆ Pray for supernatural energy and strength for our pastors/elders. May they have enough energy to love and shepherd their own families after spending hours loving and shepherding the families at Darby Creek. Pray that even when they are utterly exhausted, they love their wives and precious children with as much fervor as the church body.



## **Day 6: Friday, April 11**

### **Darby Creek Children's Ministries**

**Luke 18:15-17** “Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

**2 Timothy 3:15-16** “You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus.

**Psalms 127:3** Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.

**Isaiah 54:13-14** All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children. In righteousness you shall be established; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you.

### **Prayer Suggestions:**

- ◆ Thank you Lord for all the children You entrusted to the care of Darby Creek Children’s Ministries. God, bless us with even more children of various ages to love, teach and disciple.
- ◆ Pray for spiritual wisdom, patience and grace for the teachers and helpers in Clubhouse and KICK to lovingly and accurately teach the scriptures to the children in ways that they can comprehend and will embrace. Thank God for our current teachers and helpers and pray that God will meet all their needs and call more volunteers to the youth ministry.
- ◆ Pray for spiritual wisdom and understanding for Nick Higgins and the Elders to see and follow God’s vision for the children’s ministry.

- ◆ Pray the children will be happy in Sunday school, make lifelong friends with each other and enjoy learning about Jesus. Pray for the salvation of all the children and for them to grow up following Him wholeheartedly.
- ◆ Pray that the children will always be and feel safe, comforted, content and loved (and happy) in our infant and toddler care and that parents will be at peace and be able to freely worship God and engage in the messages given in church.
- ◆ VBS: Ask the Lord to guide the planning of VBS for this summer and to provide all the various helpers needed. Pray for many children to attend, especially elementary age children. Pray that families will be impacted by the presentation of the Gospel and many will be saved. Pray that God will be glorified as the church unites to serve together. Pray that families without church homes may join our family as a result.
- ◆ Pray for our preteens and teens to grow in their relationship with the Lord and for the teachers and leaders of DCC to help answer their spiritual questions and be a support for their parents. Ask God to lead them to grow in the knowledge of God and for their relationship with God to become deeply personal as they “own” their faith.
- ◆ Thank the Lord for the MOMS (Moms on Mission) group. Pray for encouragement and spiritual wisdom for the leaders, workers and mothers. Pray that mothers would be drawn to this ministry, come to faith in Jesus and grow in their walk with Him. May they apply the Biblical truths they are learning in their parenting.

## **Day 7: Saturday, April 12**

### **Marriages of Darby Creek Church**

**Ephesians 5:24-28** Now as the church submits to Christ, so the wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

**Colossians 3:12-14** Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

**1 Peter 3:7** Likewise, husbands love your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you in the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

**Proverbs 31:10-12** An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.

### **Prayer suggestions:**

- ◆ Lord, we pray that the marriages in our church and our children's marriages would be healthy. May they be Christ centered. We pray that each couple would pursue deepening their relationship with You, individually and also as a couple by praying together and reading/studying Your Word together. May you strengthen these relationships with Your Spirit and may each couple work to not only maintain their marriage but continue to grow and improve their marriages so that they may glorify You.
- ◆ Pray that spouses would treat each other with love and respect, looking for ways to honor one another. May they love with God's grace and be slow to anger and quick to forgive.
- ◆ Pray that if there are problems developing in any of these marriages, that both spouses would be willing to get help through counseling and prayer.
- ◆ Pray that God would protect the marriage relationships from the lies and deception of Satan and the ways of the 'world.'

## **Day 8: Sunday, April 13**

### **Music Ministry**

**Psalm 101:1** I will sing of your love and justice; to you O Lord, I will sing praises.

**Psalm 100:1-3** Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

**Ephesians 5:19-20** "Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

### **Prayer Suggestions:**

- ◆ Pray that the Worship Team and congregation would all approach God with humble hearts. That the team will facilitate meaningful praise and worship through example and that the music would glorify Him and not us.
- ◆ That our church could focus on God when we are singing to God and not the things that distract us. Pray for God to help Charley to find excellent songs that will help the congregation worship.
- ◆ To faithfully pass the baton to the next generation, while still maintaining a multigenerational team. For the Lord to raise up more musicians and singers.
- ◆ That the Lord would raise up a young worship leader to assist Charley as he approaches retirement.

## Day 9: Monday, April 14

### Walking in Obedience to the Lord

**Psalm 119: 60** “I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments.”

**Psalm 143:10** “Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground! Psalm 143:10

**1 Samuel 15:22** And Samuel said, “Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice...”

**John 14:23** If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.”

### Prayer Suggestions:

- ◆ Pray for Darby Creek Church (and yourself) to grasp the importance of obedience to God’s Word.
- ◆ Pray we will be swift to obey when the Spirit is directing us.
- ◆ Lord help us demonstrate our love to the Father by obeying Your Word.
- ◆ Father, reveal those areas in our life that have not been brought under submission. Give us ears to hear what your Spirit is saying. Help us be doers of Your Word. Give us grace, faith, courage, strength and discipline to carry out what You instruct us to do.

## Day 10: Tuesday, April 15

### Darby Creek Church Small Groups

**Proverbs 27:17** As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

**2 Thessalonians 1:1-3** We ought always to thank God for you brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. Therefore among God’s churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.

**1 Thessalonians 3:12-13** May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

### **Prayer Suggestions:**

- ◆ Ask God to empower and equip our ministry leaders and small group leaders to faithfully lead their groups in a manner worthy of the Lord, so that He may be glorified
- ◆ Pray for spiritual wisdom and discernment as to what to study in the small groups
- ◆ Pray for unity within each small group and ministry. That they may be “of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in Spirit, intent on one purpose” Philippians 2:2
- ◆ Within the small groups, people would be increasing in the knowledge of God, and would be growing in the Biblical disciplines of Bible study, prayer, Scripture memory, sharing the gospel, and service, etc.
- ◆ For authentic relationships that encourage one another in their walk with Christ and support, serve and comfort one another through trials.

## **Day 11: Wednesday, April 16**

### **Darby Creek- Parenting Children / Families**

**Proverbs 22:6** Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

**Deuteronomy 6:4-7** Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. “These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. “You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

**Ephesians 6:4** Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.

### **Prayer Suggestions:**

- ◆ Spiritual wisdom and Godly discernment and grace for all parents raising up young children, teens and adult children.
- ◆ Energy and endurance to keep up with the demands of parenting
- ◆ For single parents to be spiritually strengthened and blessed with extra grace to parent well and point their children to Jesus
- ◆ For Grandparents to impact their grandchildren for Christ. Enable them to pour love, grace wisdom and Godly knowledge into them.
- ◆ For the prodigal children to return to their faith in the Lord and the salvation of all the children of Darby Creek.
- ◆ For strong family and extended family units, built on faith and trust.
- ◆ For fathers to be wise, faithful, tender, loving, servant leaders in their households. That they would lead by example by following Jesus and sacrificing for their family.
- ◆ For mothers to be faithful, wise, patient, kind and Godly examples for their children.

### **Day 12: Thursday, April 17**

#### **Salvation of Loved Ones**

**Acts 4:12 NASB** “And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved.”

**John 14:6** Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.

**Luke 18:1 NIV** Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show that they should always pray and not give up. NIV

**Luke 18:27** Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."

**2 Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

### **Prayer Suggestions:**

- ◆ Make a list of all those that you know that are not saved. Pray over each name. Persevere in prayer for them, even if it's a lifetime.
- ◆ Ask God to draw them to himself through circumstances, through people, through His Word and by His love. May He soften their hearts and lift the veil of deception from their spiritual eyes. May Satan's lies be exposed and God's truth be revealed.
- ◆ Be willing to let God do what He needs to do to bring them to repentance.

### **Day 13: Friday, April 18**

#### **The Singles in Our Church (and the Elderly)**

**Philippians 4:6-7** Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**1 Corinthians 10:12-13** So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will provide a way out so you can stand up under it.

**Galatians 6:9-10** Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.



## Prayer Suggestions:

- ◆ Pray that those who are seeking to meet a marital partner would ask God for his help and guidance.
- ◆ Pray that those who do meet someone would not fall into temptation.
- ◆ Pray for those who feel the Lord has called them to a life of singleness. Pray God would use them mightily for His Kingdom purposes as they serve Him without the distractions and commitments of those who are married.
- ◆ Pray that we, as a church, would be looking out and caring for our brothers and sisters in Christ, especially for those that have lost a spouse or have material needs.
- ◆ Pray that singles (never married, divorced, widowed, etc) will be and feel connected within the church and not alone.
- ◆ Pray that those who are growing elderly at DCC would stay connected and that the body would be faithful to reach out and meet their needs. Pray for physical and spiritual strength to endure the challenges they face.

## Day 14: Saturday, April 19

### Personal Evangelism

**Mark 16:15** "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."

**Matthew 4:19** And he said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

**Isaiah 12:4** "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted."

**Romans 10:13-14** "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?"

## Prayer Suggestions:

- ◆ God would prepare our hearts to be willing and open vessels to share the gospel message and that God would help us discern when those opportunities arise.
- ◆ Pray against fear or any excuses we tend to make to avoid being used.
- ◆ Ask for His creativity in ways we can be used to further His Kingdom
- ◆ Lord, we know that we ourselves at one time were “lost in sin” and that there is a whole world out there that desperately needs to know Jesus. Remind us, Holy Spirit, of the need and the urgency.

## Day 15: Sunday, April 20

### Darby Creek Church Sunday Mornings and Building

**Hebrews 10:25** “not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

**Psalms 122:1** “I with those who said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’”

**Psalms 95:1** “Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.”

**Acts 2:42** “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

**Psalms 22:22** “I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise you.”

**Colossians 1:28-29** We proclaim Him, admonishing every person and teaching every person with all wisdom, so that we may present every person complete in Christ. For this purpose I also labor, striving according to His power which works mightily within me.

## Prayer Suggestions:

- ◆ Thanking God for the Hospitality Team, Ushers and Refreshment Ministry. Ask that they have all the volunteers needed and serve by the grace of God. May they greet the church and visitors with welcoming hearts and the grace to share the love of Jesus.
- ◆ On Sunday mornings, people would connect with God through the music, prayer, the Word and through fellowship with one another.
- ◆ Pray that our fellowship on Sundays would be sweet, before and after the service and we would take advantage of that time to encourage one another, challenge one another, and pray for one another as needed.
- ◆ Thank God for and ask for continued safety and protection as we meet on Sunday mornings.
- ◆ Pray that the Grove Construction Project, the building we need, is available at a discount price and can be installed before VBS. Pray the interior will be completed before the school year begins in September.
- ◆ Praise God for our current financial situation where we can meet our budget and have a surplus.
- ◆ Thank God for the finances and the building improvements that have been made. Pray for continued finances and wisdom on building updates, projects or repairs.

## Day 16: Monday, April 21

### Missions

**Romans 10:13-15** For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

**Ephesians 6:19** (Paul asks for prayer) and pray in my behalf, that speech may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,

**Matthew 9:37-38** Then He \*said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”

### **Prayer Suggestions:**

- ◆ If you have any favorite missions organizations, take time to pray for them. Here are some organizations that make it their purpose to minister to the needs of people and offer the hope of Gospel: Samaritan’s Purse, Run Global, Tom Short—Campus America, Cru, Prison Fellowship, Open Doors International, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Compassion International and many, many more.
- ◆ Pray that the missionaries in the field would be supernaturally protected from hostile governing authorities.
- ◆ Pray that they would have adequate food, shelter and clothing.
- ◆ Pray that missions organizations would have adequate funding and would use their funding responsibly, wisely and ethically.
- ◆ Pray that many would be saved and that new churches would rise up all over the world to the ends of the earth.
- ◆ Pray that the Holy Spirit would give the missionaries the words to make known the mysteries of God and that it would be heard by those with ears to hear and hearts ready to receive.
- ◆ Pray for the Lord to send out more workers into His harvest.

**Day 17: Tuesday, April 22**

### **Governmental Leaders and Authorities**

**Romans 13:1** Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is

no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

**Proverbs 21:1** The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes.

**1 Timothy 2:1-3** 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.

**1 Peter 2:11-21**

### **Prayer Suggestions:**

- ◆ Father, we pray on behalf of those in positions of authority in our city, state and nation: so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. We pray for the President and all state and National leaders. We pray for our mayor, our city council members and other local leaders. Move them to make decisions that align with your will. We pray for those that do not know you, that you will make yourself known to them and bring them into repentance, that they may be saved.
- ◆ Pray that Godly men and women would be elected and appointed into office.
- ◆ Pray our religious liberties will be protected
- ◆ Pray for protection for our law enforcement officers and the men and women of the military.
- ◆ Strengthen and give courage to those in governmental leadership positions to do what is right for the country and not give in to fear, selfishness, pride or worldly wealth.
- ◆ Ask for Godly counsel and wisdom for judges across this land. Pray they would judge rightly according to the law and righteousness.
- ◆ Pray for World leaders, that God would raise up leaders according to His divine will. That they would allow for the preaching of the Gospel in their countries and provide protection for Christians.

## Day 18: Wednesday, April 23

### Persevering Through Trials

**James 1:12** “Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

**Romans 8:18** “ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us.”

**Matthew 19:26** “ But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, with men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.”

**Ephesians 3:20** “ Now all glory to God, who is able,through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.”

**Philippians 1:3-6** I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

### Prayer Suggestions:

- ◆ Lord, help me remain steadfast under trial, to run with endurance the race that is set before me and to rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation and constant in prayer.
- ◆ Bless me with the light of understanding.
- ◆ Help me not to fear the future, but to trust that you are in control when I am in despair.
- ◆ Help me to “be still and know that you are God.”

## Day 19: Thursday, April 24

### The Bride of Christ – The Church in America and in the World

**John 17:21** that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

**Galatians 3:28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

**Matthew 5:10** "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Matthew 5:14** "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

### **Prayer Suggestions:**

- ◆ Lord, grant us the humility and discernment to overcome divisions and work together for Your glory. May Your Church reflect Your unity and love in every aspect of our ministry. Break the barriers of racism and prejudice in America. Let us see each other through Your eyes.
- ◆ Pray that the Church in America would love one another as themselves by actively supporting and serving the "least of these" in our society, including but not limited to the poor, homeless, elderly, disabled, those with unwanted pregnancies needing support, the orphaned, the imprisoned, those addicted to drugs and alcohol and many more.
- ◆ Lord, awaken Your Church in America to be a light in the darkness. May we stand boldly for truth, preach unapologetically the Gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ.
- ◆ We pray for the safety and protection of Your Church across the world where Christians are persecuted and believers meet in secret. Father, strengthen believers who face opposition for their faith. Give them courage to stand firm. May countries closed to the gospel, miraculously allow it to be preached.
- ◆ Lord, guide pastors, teachers, and ministry leaders in America. Give them wisdom to shepherd Your people. Help them to stand against worldly influence and stay true to your Word. Protect them from Satan's schemes to destroy the Church.

## Day 20: Friday, April 25

### Darby Creek Church Community Outreach

**Mark 16:15** He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

**1 Peter 4:10** Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.

**John 15:16** You did not choose Me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will remain—so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give you. This is My command to you: Love one another.

### Prayer Suggestions:

- ◆ God to draw people from the new housing developments to our church fellowship
- ◆ MOM’s Ministry (Mom’s on Mission) That God would use this ministry to connect more young families to DCC.
- ◆ That the Lord would bring to fruition the plans and visions He has placed in our leaders’ hearts.
- ◆ For the church outreach events to bear fruit for the Lord Jesus including: VBS, Go! Sunday, School Supply Drive, Fall Festival, Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection, and Christmas Eve Services. May the Lord use us and these events to reach out to our community and our world with the love of Christ.
- ◆ For VBS attendance to increase this year. That we would reach families that so not currently have a church home and those who need salvation.

## Day 21: Saturday, April 26

### Prayer

**Colossians 1:9-14 NIV** For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the



knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**Ephesians 3:20-21 NIV** Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations for ever and ever! Amen.

**Philippians 4:6-7** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

### **Prayer Suggestions:**

- ◆ Matthew 6:9-13 “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”
- ◆ For our church to be a praying church having the understanding the importance of prayer
- ◆ For our church to be interceding for one another daily and giving thanks.
- ◆ That we would learn to pray using the Word of God
- ◆ To be persistent and faithful in prayer, and to not grow tired or weary of prayer
- ◆ Thank God for his love and his passion to have a relationship with us.
- ◆ Pray for the Prayer Ministry at Darby Creek

