

EASTER PRAYER GUIDE

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Sunday, March 20 – The Problem

“...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...” (Romans 3:23)

Thought of the Day: I sin, you sin, we all sin. There is no one, apart from Jesus, who has walked this earth without being tainted by the effects of sin and the fall of humanity. There is nothing you can do on your own to bring you into right standing before God. You will always fall short. We live in a world marked by sin – and it’s not pretty. There is lying, stealing, killing, and destroying; all qualities of a sinful and selfish world. People are filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed, and depravity. God’s judgment stands against those who oppose Him. God hates sin.

Action: Reflect on the last time you sinned. Where would you be without God?

Prayer: God, I know that I am sinful. I realize that I fall short of Your standard of perfection. I am broken, I am lost without You. I know that I live in a sinful world. I pray that even in the midst of my sin, You lead me in Your everlasting way. Draw me closer to You. Amen.

Monday, March 21 – The Solution

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

Thought of the Day: When we confess our sins before God, not only will we be forgiven, but we will be purified of all unrighteousness. Being purified doesn’t happen overnight; it’s a process of cleansing that happens on a day-to-day basis from the moment we say “Jesus I’m Yours.” In theological terms, we call this sanctification. It’s everyday becoming more and more like Christ. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we can be forgiven for our sins and this allows us to be in right relationship with God. His forgiveness extends so deep and wide that as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Here’s a hint: the east and west never meet!

Action: Do you have any unconfessed sin in your life? Confess it to God. Write it down if you have to.

Prayer: God, I ask You to forgive me all my sins, the ones I know and the ones I do not. I pray that You purify and sanctify me each day anew. Help me to become more and more like Christ. Holy Spirit, reveal to me anything that may hinder my journey with You. I thank You for sending Jesus to the cross so that I might have a full and abundant relationship with my heavenly Father. God, I give You all the glory and praise for ever and ever. Amen.

Tuesday, March 22 – Grace is Enough

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.” (1 John 1:9)

Thought of the Day: We are sinners living in a sinful world; but as followers of Jesus, we have been saved by grace. We are saved not by our works or our accomplishments, but only through the cross. Our righteous acts are but filthy rags before God. Grace allows God to look past our sins and freely give us eternal life despite our sinful nature. Grace is a blessing from above, a gift from God. Through His grace on our lives, we can have the desire and the power of God to carry out His will. His grace is sufficient for you.

Action: How has God’s grace been given to you? Write down a time when the grace of God was extended to you.

Prayer: God, it is by Your grace that I might find wholeness. It is by Your grace that I might find freedom from my sins. I thank You that I am now seen clean, whole, and spotless before you. You no longer look at me with judgment but with grace and everlasting love. I give You all the praise. Amen.

Wednesday, March 23 – Something to Give

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.” (1 Peter 4:10-11)

Thought of the Day: You have something to give. We all have something to give. As followers of Jesus, we are called to be faithful stewards of our gifts. We are to live for God in all areas of our lives. Whatever we say and whatever we do, it should be for the glory of God. No longer do we live for our own ambition, our own glory, but for the glory of God in that the honour and recognition belong to Him. We find our identity in Christ.

Action: Wherever you go, are you talking about God, serving God? Think of ways to get out and serve for the glory of God, then go do it! How can you bring glory to God’s name?

Prayer: God, I give You all the glory in everything I do. Let my speech and my actions bring glory to Your name. Show me ways in which I can bring You glory in my family, my workplace, and my community. To God be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Thursday, March 24 – The Message

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.” (Colossians 4:2-6)

Thought of the Day: The message of the Gospel should be at the very forefront of our lives. We should be so attached to the message as to be consistent with Paul’s description of being “in chains.” We might not always have the fearless tenacity of Paul, but we can start somewhere. There are opportunities everywhere to share the love of God with the people around us. We should continually be in prayer that God would give us opportunity to share the love of Jesus with the people around us.

What if you don’t know what to say? As Christians, the Holy Spirit speaks on our behalf and we can have confidence in this. But we need to make sure that we are continually developing our relationship with Him, through prayer, reading our Bible, and consciously choosing to live for God. Now get out there and share!

Action: Ask God to bring someone into your life with whom you can share the Gospel. Take it to the next level and invite them to church!

Prayer: God, I pray that You give me boldness when I share Your message of hope found in Jesus Christ. I want to be used by You. I pray that You bring people along my path that need to hear the Gospel and I pray that You give me boldness to go out and share. May I bring glory to Your name. Amen.



Good Friday (March 25)

“Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.” (John 13:14-16)

Thought of the Day: God, our Creator, humbled himself to the point of death, death on the cross. Why did He do this? Because He loves us. This is the same love that we are to extend outwards to the people around us. Yes, it’s a sacrificial love. Guess what? You cannot do this on your own! God has given us His Holy Spirit to help us love the unlovable. We can learn how to love others in the humble way displayed by Jesus when He washed the disciples’ feet. No one is greater than the other. Humble yourself and serve those around you.

Action: Find someone in your life today to serve. Do something extraordinary that they would never expect and perhaps you would never do to share the love of Jesus. This may look like buying food for someone hungry, or clothes for someone in need.

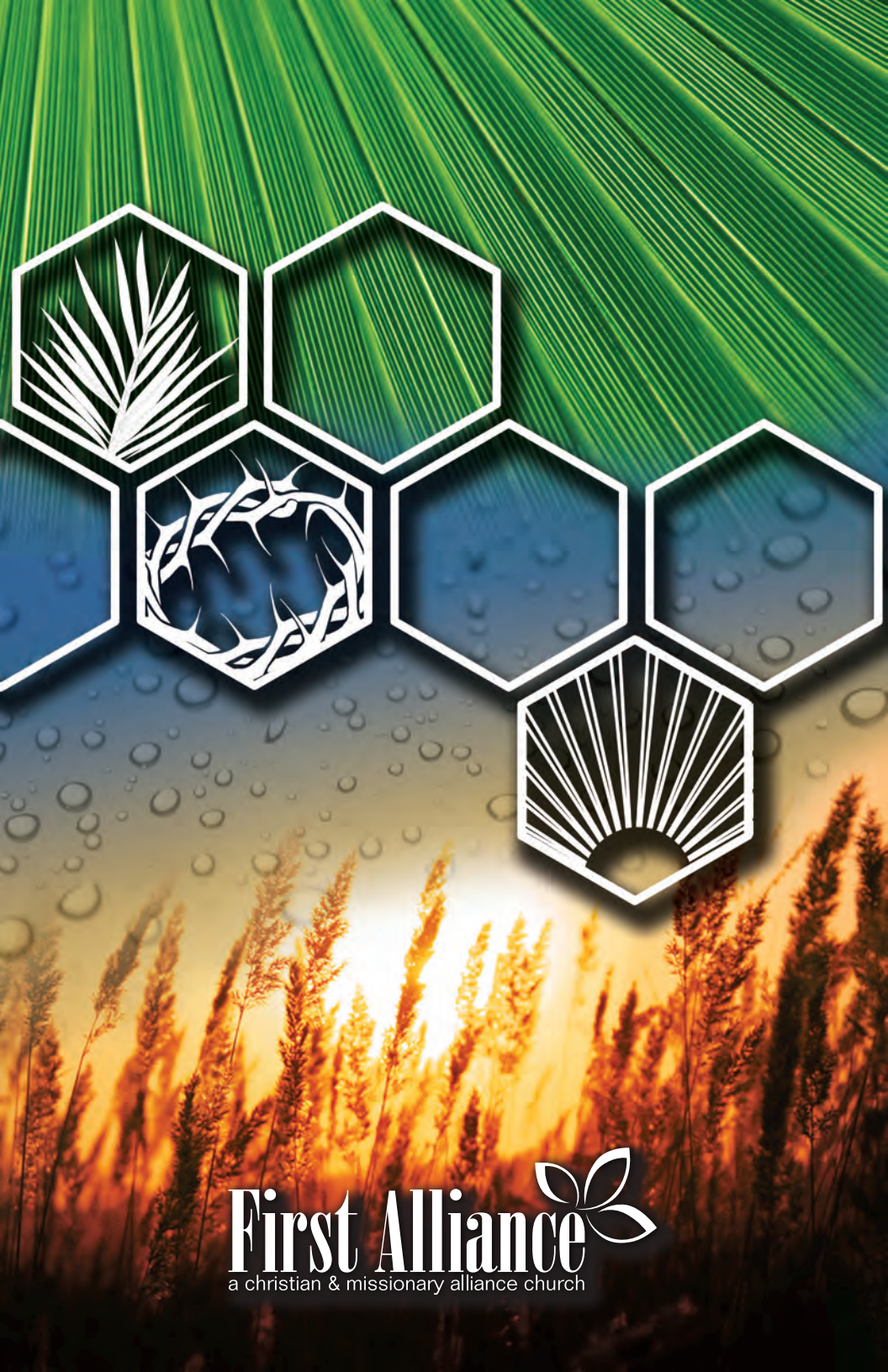
Prayer: God, I pray that You allow me to love with the same love with which You have loved us – a sacrificial love; a love devoted to service. Develop a servant heart in me so that I can serve in the same way You served your disciples by washing their feet. Allow me to not think of myself more highly than I ought to. May everything I do be in service to You and Your people. I thank you for the great example of humility You have shown us. Help me love the people around me with the same love You displayed before Your disciples. Amen.

Join us for a reflective communion service at FAC on Good Friday, 5:30 pm or 7:00 pm. DiscoveryLand offered at the 5:30 pm service for Infants-Kindergarten.

EASTER SERVICES @ FAC

Saturday, March 26	6:30 pm
Sunday, March 27	9:15 & 11:15 am

DiscoveryLand will be offered for infants-Grade 4 during all the services.



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