



*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;
For this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

As we journey together through this Holy Week commemorating the days leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, join EastLake Church in continuing to pray for the Church, our families, friends, and neighbors through this global crisis.

❖ **Palm Sunday | For Gratefulness in the Midst of Trial**

*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.
The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?
The LORD is with me; he is my helper.
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.
Psalm 118:1, 6-7b, 29 NIV*

God, thank you for your steadfast love. Open our eyes to see goodness all around us, even in the midst of these trying times. Remind us as we enter into this Holy Week that you are our ever-present help in times of need. Sustain us with your promise of peace found in Jesus. May we encounter your presence even more deeply throughout this week, and may we remember your great love for us. Amen.

❖ **Monday | For Spiritual Renewal**

*I pray that out of God's glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.
Ephesians 3:16-17a NIV*

God, thank you for the richness of your grace towards us. May you anoint the shepherds of your Church with wisdom, power and grace as they share the Good News of Jesus to a grieving world. May your words spoken through them reawaken people all over the world to your spirit that dwells with us. By the power of your spirit, may your word of peace, hope and love go forth to draw us all back to you. Amen.

❖ **Tuesday | For Boldness to Share the Good News**

*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?
And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written:
"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"
Romans 10:14-15 NIV*

Jesus, your word is truth and is powerful to save. May you give us the boldness to love others as you love them, and to share your good news. We lift up our family, friends, and neighbors – may you open their hearts to hear and receive your Gospel. May their lives be renewed and transformed as they draw near to you and follow your way. Amen.



❖ **Wednesday | For the Flourishing of the Church**

But blessed are those who trust in the Lord
and have made the Lord their hope and confidence.
They are like trees planted along a riverbank,
with roots that reach deep into the water.
Such trees are not bothered by the heat
or worried by long months of drought.
Their leaves stay green,
and they never stop producing fruit.
Jeremiah 17:7-8 NLT

Jesus, in the midst of this crisis that the entire world is experiencing, may we, your Church, remain planted by your streams of living water. May we see this season as an opportunity to grow in faith, to draw ever nearer to you, to experience your presence ever more deeply, and to share your love among those who don't know your peace. May your Church come alive again and bear more fruit through and beyond this time. Amen.

❖ **Maundy Thursday | For Faithfulness in our Service to Others**

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.
Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.
John 13:14-17 NIV

Jesus, thank you for being our model for serving others. Help us to serve one another in humility – looking out for the interest of others, not merely our own. Let us not grow weary in doing good. As we serve our families, friends and neighbors, may we point them towards you. Amen.

❖ **Good Friday | For Light in the Darkness**

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.
Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl.
Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.
In the same way, let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:14-16 NIV

God, we know that night has befallen us. We know that darkness is all around us in this shared moment in our lives. Even in the sunniest of days, we sense the ominous darkness as if time has warped. We don't know how long this is going to go for. Father, at this moment of darkness, at this moment of night, may we reflect the light of your son Jesus. This night is simply too dark, and we cannot reflect your light on our own. May you empower us with your spirit to shine brightly. Amen.



❖ **Holy Saturday | For Resurrection Hope and Joy**

I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall.

I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me.

Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

Lamentations 3:19-24 NIV

God, we know that you are at work even as we wait for an end not only to this global crisis, but an end to our own individual trials. On this Holy Saturday, may you remind us that you are the God who suffers with and for us; and that you are the God who is present with us in our grief. Thank you for mercies that are new every morning. We await Easter morning in joyful hope. Amen.