

Daily Prayer Guide

January – June 2025



Our **Mission**

The mission of Earle Street Baptist Church is to worship God (worship); to share the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed (missions); to be a home to all who would enter (fellowship); to minister to the needs of one another (ministry); and to assist in spiritual growth (spiritual growth).

This daily prayer guide is offered as a way to encourage our church family to be unified in our daily praying, not as a substitute for our personal prayers.

The ESBC Prayer Team



January

January 1: Dear God, as we embark upon a new year, we give thanks for the unity our congregation experiences though your grace.

January 2: As we plan for future ministry at ESBC, God, please guide us to be in your will in all our endeavors.

January 3: Father, please use our congregation to promote peace and unity in our nation. May we be a Godly example to the world.

January 4: Dear God, we have so much to be thankful for at ESBC. Please guide us to increase in love for you, for one another, and for others.

January 5: Father, I give thanks that you are bigger than whatever I may feel or fear, see or experience. There is nothing in all creation that is beyond your knowledge, power, and love.

January 6: Lord, you created us in your image and entrusted the care of your creation to us. Please guide me so that I may be a faithful steward for all living beings.

January 7: Heavenly Father, please guide me to seek your ways and share your love with all your people so that I may live the life for which you created me.

January 8: Father, please open my mind to your possibility and grace when all I may see is impossibility.

January 9: Father, we thank you for your Word and for Jesus which keep us grounded in your faithfulness toward us. Help us to faithfully abide in you.

January 10: Lord, please help me to serve from my heart. Let the words of my mouth and the actions from my heart minister to others.



January

January 11: Dear Lord, may I offer comfort in times of distress. Lead and guide me as I show your love in the world.

January 12: Father, you are the lifter of our heads. You turn our darkness into light. You are the joy of our salvation.

January 13: Lord, giver of life, you hear us when we cry to you. You know our needs. You know our faith. Your grace and mercies are everlasting.

January 14: God, please help me to love you and my brothers and sisters with my heart, soul, and might.

January 15: Father, please help me to keep and remember your words in my heart today and every day.

January 16: God, I thank you for loving us from the beginning to the end of our lives.

January 17: Father, please help our church to understand the importance of prayer. May we lift our concerns to you in humbleness and sincerity.

January 18: Jesus, we ask for your guidance as we follow in your footsteps.

January 19: Lord, please give me faith to see life from your point of view, which is so much broader than mine.

January 20: Lord, we ask for your blessings upon those among us who feel oppressed or unappreciated. May we be your instruments of peace and unity.



January

January 21: God, please make your plans for our congregation plain to us. May we follow your guidance.

January 22: Father, we give thanks for our staff members who help us to grow in love for you and for our neighbors.

January 23: Lord, please help me to see blessings even in the smallest of gestures.

January 24: God, thank you that I am secure in your eternal care that endures through every generation.

January 25: Lord, among all that divides, help me listen to your voice above all others so that I may live by your truth.

January 26: Jesus, our sovereign, thank you for watching over us in joy, in sadness, and in all we do.

January 27: Father, please help me to recognize you in the faces of those who suffer.

January 28: God, please give us eyes to see Christ in our midst so that through us others may see him.

January 29: Merciful Father, please remind me that you are the God of promises who fulfills them in your timing, in your way. May I seek to align my will toward yours.

January 30: Gracious Lord, please help me learn how to not worry and to live in a spirit of gratitude.

January 31: Dear God, please refine my heart so that I may become more like you in thought, word, and deed.



February

February 1: As we begin Black History Month, Father, help us to respect the history of our brothers in Christ and show our love to all cultures.

February 2: Allow us, Holy Father, to base our lives on your unfailing love as we show our love to you and keep your commandments.

February 3: Teach us, Lord Jesus, to let go of grudges against our fellow man and instead to shower them with love.

February 4: Let us love the Lord with all our hearts because it is our strength.

February 5: Father, help us to attempt to comprehend the vastness of your love for us.

February 6: Teach us, Lord Jesus, to be in constant prayer with you because you listen to us because of your great love.

February 7: Thank you, Father, for your fresh mercies each day.

February 8: Inspire us, Heavenly Father, to seek your guidance each day.

February 9: Holy Father, guide our church in the Greater Way Covenant as we love you, love others, and make disciples.

February 10: Father, help us to accept your way for our church and not insist on our way.

February 11: Let's pray that our society will be a just nation in our dealings with others.

February 12: Let our prayer today be that we will love all people even our enemies to show that we are true children of God.

February 13: Let us remember that the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart, all our soul, and all our mind, then to love our fellow man as ourselves.

February 14: Help us to love all mankind, not just the ones who love us.



February

February 15: We thank you, God, for the feeling of unity we now sense in our congregation.

February 16: Let's thank God for the many wonderful ministry opportunities our church now engages in.

February 17: Let us continue to pray for our national leaders, unity in our nation, and peaceful relationships.

February 18: Help us, Dear God, to be able to discern your plan for our church.

February 19: Thank you, Jesus, for demonstrating the greatest love by laying down your life for our sins.

February 20: Thank you, God, for showing your great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

February 21: Help us to remember that love fulfills all the requirements of God's law.

February 22: May we never forget that when we place our faith in Christ Jesus, the most important aspect is faith expressing itself in love.

February 23: Help us to remember that of the three things that last forever, love is the greatest.

February 24: Let us pray that we will do everything with love.

February 25: Let us pray that we will love our neighbor as ourselves.

February 26: May we continue to "show deep love for each other for love convers a multitude of sins."

February 27: Let us love for love comes from God.

February 28: Let us allow our great love for others to expel our fear, for "perfect love expels all fear."



March

March 1: Thank you, God, for hearing our prayers for our church leaders. Give them wisdom and strength. *Romans* 1:9

March 2: Thank you, Lord Jesus, that you can do all things. Please lessen the burdens of those persecuted in other parts of the world. *Psalm 46:10*

March 3: Dear God, thank you for showing me the right path today. I will wait for you. *Psalm 25:4*

March 4: Holy God, may your perfect peace rest on me and my loved ones today. *Isaiah 26:3*

March 5: God, thank you for guiding my steps and leading me in the right direction. Help me follow always. *Psalm 119:105*

March 6: Thank you for blessing us so richly as we walk with you. *Psalm* 119:1

March 7: Dear Lord, when life gets hard, I will keep my eyes focused on you and you will see me through. 2 Thessalonians 1:7

March 8: Help me, Jesus, to help others as you have helped me. 2 Corinthians 1:4

March 9: Dear God, thank you for your perfect, unconditional love. I am grateful to be your child. *Romans* 8:38

March 10: Lord, thank you for letting me lean on you when I am weary.

Matthew 11:28

March 11: Dear God, I believe in you and I trust in your promises. They never fail. *Psalm 9:10*

March 12: Dear Lord, thank you for your amazing gifts. May I always be full of your good fruits. *Galatians* 5:22-23



March

March 13: I lift up my worries and doubts to you, Jesus. Replace my anxiety with your peace. *Philippians 4:6-7*

March 14: Dear God, may my words, thoughts and actions be full of your love! *Corinthians 13:13*

March 15: Lord, please be near the helpless, hopeless and hurting. Be their strength and hope. *Psalm 10:17*

March 16: Thank you, Lord, for your sacrifice and for adopting us into your family. *Galatians* 3:26-27

March 17: Thank you, God, for being light in my darkness. I am never alone for you are always with me. *Psalm 18:28*

March 18: God, you are my provider. Thank you that I have everything I need. *Psalm 2:31*

March 19: Dear Lord, Help me to be quiet and listen for your voice. Than help me to obey your prompting! *Samuel 3:10*

March 20: Dear Lord, thank you for walking with us through this time of transition. We trust you! *Hebrews 10:22*

March 21: Thank you, God, for your wonderful, amazing love. I am blessed to be your child. *John 3:16*

March 22: Lord, in troubled days, thank you that we can come to you for refreshment. *Psalm 23:3*

March 23: Jesus, all that we have comes from you. Help us to be generous in our giving and helping others. 2 Corinthians 9:7

March 24: We ask you, God, to provide health and healing for those who are suffering chronic and critical illnesses. *Mark 8:22*



March

March 25: Bless our children, Lord, as we teach them and strive to set a Godly example for them. *Matthew 19:14*

March 26: Heavenly Father, help us to have pure thoughts and motives for all that we do. Keep us from selfishness and greed.

March 27: Lord, thank you for those who serve others in the military, in law enforcement, in the medical fields and in education. Keep them safe and encourage them.

March 28: Thank you, Lord, for the sweet fellowship at Earle Street and for opportunities to minister to others.

March 29: God, we are thankful for the freedom we enjoy in out country. Help us never to take it for granted!

March 30: I am sorry, God, for all the times I disappoint you. Please cover my shame with your mercy. *Psalm 51:10*

March 31: My joy in you, Jesus, brings a richness to my life that is hard to understand. Thank you for being my All in All. *Acts 20:24*



April

Pray that we may have strength and courage to accomplish God's work:
"I press towards the finishing line." Philippians 3:14

April 1: "For anyone united to Christ, there is a new creation: the old order has gone; a new order has already begun." May we witness your new creation with reconciled eyes, O Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:17

April 2: "Give thanks to the Lord, invoke him by name, make known among the peoples what he has done, proclaim that his name is exalted." *Isaiah 12:4*

April 3: "Happy is he whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is blotted out! You are a hiding-place for me from distress; you guard me and enfold me in salvation." *Psalm 32:1,7*

April 4: "I have not yet reached perfection, but I press on." Philippians 3:12

April 5: Lord God, please bless the ministers at Earle Street Baptist Church. May your work be accomplished in partnership with them – but reassure them of your mastery.

April 6: May we run our race so as to win it, Lord God. May complacency and mediocrity be anathema to our heavenly mission. *Philippians 3:14*

April 7: "Stop dwelling on past events and brooding over days gone by." Lord, may we strain on for what lies ahead. *Isaiah 43:18*

April 8: "Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy." We have confidence, blessed Redeemer, that you have good things in store for us. Great things you have done for us! *Psalm 126*

April 9: Lord, be with our brothers and sisters who feel weak, down-trodden, and exhausted. Reveal to us new ways to love them.

April 10: We know that our church is more than bricks and mortar, dear God. Yet, protect our building, and may we be good stewards.



April

Pray that we may see God's redemptive arc: "The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still." Exodus 12:12

April 11: A blessed and terrible week awaits us, O Lord. Give us strength and peace so that we may participate in your passion along with the multitude of your angels and kingdom-dwellers.

April 12: "The Lord will judge his people and have compassion on his servants; for he will see that their strength is gone." *Deuteronomy 32:36*

April 13: "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever." Truly, we thank you, O God. *Psalm 118:29*

April 14: "My fortunes are in your hand... Let your face shine on your servant." Enlighten my path, Lord. *Psalm 31:15f*

April 15: Lord, we remember those who have gone before us who have made possible our religious and social liberties. May we cherish reformers and their sacrifices.

April 16: "How can I repay the Lord for all his benefits to me?" My king, accept my sacrifice: to act justly, to love loyalty, and to walk humbly with you. *Psalm* 116:12, *Micah* 6:8

April 17: "I shall lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Lord by name." Christ, thank you for inviting us to your feast. *Psalm 116:13*

April 18: "My servant will achieve success, he will be raised to honour, high and exalted." We wait patiently, O God. *Isaiah 52:13*

April 19: "I know that my vindicator lives and that he will rise last to speak in court; I shall discern my witness standing at my side and see my defending counsel, even God himself." *Job 19:25f*

April 20: "Why search among the dead for one who is alive?" Praise God! He is the God of the living. He renews life! *Luke 24:5*



April

Pray for our future, that Jesus may soon return to restore the Kingdom: "Arise, shine, Jerusalem, for your light has come." Isaiah 60:1

April 21: "Listen! Shouts of triumph in the camp of the victors: 'With his right hand the Lord does mighty deeds; the right hand of the Lord raises up'." He is risen indeed. Hallelujah! *Psalm 118:15f*

April 22: "You will show me the path of life; in your presence is the fullness of joy, at your right hand are pleasures for evermore." *Psalm 16:11*

April 23: "My chosen ones will enjoy the fruit of their labour." Praise God, who has guaranteed our victory! *Isaiah 65:22*

April 24: "Go, stand in the temple and tell the people all about this new life." Give us opportunities to share your Gospel, Lord. *Acts 5:20*

April 25: "Receive the Holy Spirit! If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven." Lord God, we forgive those who have sinned against us. Thank you for your unbounded mercy. *John 20:22*

April 26: "Happy are those who find faith without seeing me." Lord God, count me among the happy. *John 20:29*

April 27: "Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?" Lord God, grant new life to the congregation of Earle Street Baptist Church. May we work to restore your kingdom! *Psalm 85:6*

April 28: "Look, he is coming with the clouds; everyone shall see him, including those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the world shall lament in remorse. So it shall be. Amen." *Revelation 1:7*

April 29: "Then he breathed on them, saying, 'Receive the Holy Spirit!" Lord, may each breath I take today be a reminder to me of your love and nearness. *John 20:22*

April 30: "Be unbelieving no longer, but believe... Happy are they who find faith without seeing me." May my trust in you be unwavering, eternal Christ. *John 20:27*



May

TRUST

"Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God." *Psalm 20:7*

- May 1: We have trusted you Lord, in the past. You have proven over and over how you can be trusted.
- May 2: As we remember our past with you, may we, today, trust you even more.
- May 3: "Simply trusting everyday, trusting through a stormy way; even when my faith is small, trusting Jesus, that is all." Edgar Page Stites
- May 4: Father, please help our faith in you to grow daily and not be small.
- May 5: "Trusting as a the moments fly, trusting as the days go by; trusting him whatever befall, trusting Jesus that is all." Edgar Page Stites
- May 6: We trust you, Lord, to make plain to us your plans for our church.
- May 7: Help us to be wise as we work together to implement your plans for our church.
- May 8: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. *Psalm 3:5*
- May 9: In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. *Psalm 3:6*
- May 10: "Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey." John H. Sammis



May

OBEY

Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching." John 14:23a

May 11: As we pray today, let's read Exodus 20: 1-11. Father, help us to strengthen our relationship with you.

May 12: Read Exodus 20:12-17. Father, help us to strengthen our relationships with others.

May 13: Lord, we want to walk with you in the light of your word. Help us to be more intentional about the time we study your word.

May 14: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." *Psalm* 119:105

May 15: When we ask you, God, to guide our footsteps, give us the boldness and courage to move our feet.

May 16: Lord, give me understanding and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart. *Psalm 119:34*

May 17: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment." *Matthew 22:* 37-38

May 18: ""And the second is like it, "Love your neighbor as yourself." *Matthew* 22:39

May 19: "We'll walk by your side in the way; what you say we will do." John H. Sammis

May 20: Where you send us we will go "Never fear, only trust and obey." John H. Sammis



May

SERVE

"And now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul."

Deuteronomy 10:12

May 21: As we serve you, Lord, may we serve you with gladness.

May 22: Lord, help us to serve you only. You told us we can't serve two masters. Mathew 6:24

May 23: Father, as we read Ephesians 4:11-13, we recognize the many servants in our church who have been given different talents by you. Thank you for all.

May 24: Thank you for the unity in the faith that we have received from you.

May 25: Lord, may we continue to mature as we serve you.

May 26: Thank you for the many opportunities to serve you by serving others. May we serve with enthusiasm.

May 27: "Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea." Cecil Frances Alexander. May we continue to say yes.

May 28: In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures "Christian, love me more than these." Cecil Frances Alexander

May 29: Today, Lord we pray that our service in your church is pleasing to you.

May 30: May we continue to be strong in you and in your mighty power as we serve. Ephesians 6:10-18

May 31: We pray for strength, good health, discernment, rest, patience and joy for our amazing staff.



NEAR AND FAR

June 1: Dear Lord, As we near the end of the first half of the year, help us to look back for ways you have led us thus far, and recommit ourselves to living as a reflection of You wherever we are, this month and through the remainder of the year.

June 2: Help us know you are with us when we are on summer trips or vacations. No matter where we are, you are not away from us!

June 3: You, God, provide us with nourishment, rest and recreation so we can have the resources to serve you and others joyfully. Nehemiah 8:10

June 4: Help us always be representatives of You when we travel and in our lives at home.

June 5: Help us to see new sights and new people and new locations as gifts from you that help us learn and grow.

June 6: We ask blessings on all children and young people and schoolteachers throughout the summer months.

June 7: Show us how you can use us to be a blessing to the children and youth in our church and neighborhood. Show us ways to listen and connect with them.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

June 8: We pray for our church leaders as they continue to seek your will and guidance.

June 9: We give thanks for all who volunteer and serve in the activities and missions of our church.

June 10: Help us to know ways we can help and encourage our fellow church members and church leaders.

June 11: Help us to know we are all leaders in different ways, and to let you lead us to ways we can serve best.

June 12: Thank you for the gift of music, and for all who share in our music ministry which so enhances our worship and church life.

June 13: Help us to take time to listen and look to you in our plans and decisions.

June 14: Help us to encourage each other and work for the good of our church and its mission and its place in our larger community and world.



THE PEOPLE AND THE WORLD AROUND US

June 15: On this day we recognize and give thanks for fathers, and for all in our lives who are or have been like fathers to us.

June 16: We thank you, God for the fruits and flowers of the summer season. Help us take time to enjoy them!

June 17: Thank you, Lord, for pets, and for all the plants and animals with which we share Your world.

June 18: Thank you for summer rain and even the heat of the sun, and the blessings and beauty of the seasons.

June 19: Help us to recognize beauty wherever we are and give us the wisdom to see the new things you are doing in our lives. Isaiah 43:18-19

June 20: On this longest day of the year, we enjoy the gift of your light and love.

June 21: We give thanks for the love that we can give and receive through friends and family, those both near and far away.



GOD'S LOVE AND CARE

June 22: Help us Lord, to look to You for wisdom to make wise decisions in all areas of life. *Psalm 25:4/Psalm 32:8*

June 23: We thank you, God, for lightening our burdens and giving us strength and rest. Give us wisdom to accept your help each day. *Matthew 11:28*

June 24: Thank you, Lord, for being patient with us. Help us to wait patiently and trust that You will guide us as we await answers to our concerns. *Psalm 27:14/Philippians 4:19*

June 25: Help us know you are with us as we or our loved ones face health challenges.

June 26: God, You help us through friends, family, doctors and so many others. Help us to listen, recognize and accept that help as needed.

June 27: Dear Lord, thank you for the way prayer changes us and changes our perspective. Give us the courage to keep praying and looking to You in difficult times. *Ephesians 3:20/Psalm 27:1*

June 28: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you will overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." *Romans 15:13*

June 29: "For I am the Lord your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear, I will help you." *Isaiah 41:13*

June 30: "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 (keep) your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." *Philippians 4:6-7*



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THE ESBC GREATER WAY COVENANT

"LOVE GOD, LOVE NEIGHBORS, MAKE DISCIPLES"

MATTHEW 22:37-39 MATTHEW 28:19-20

The vision for Earle Street Baptist Church is that "the greater way" become our identity as a church, and the three components of "the greater way" become our core values.

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