



40 Days of Prayer

March 22, 2026 – April 30, 2026

Day 1 – March 22

“Then he said to them, ‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.’” (Mark 8:34) Almighty Father, may we put others before ourselves honoring your command to deny self and become a servant. Amen.

Pray for “Patient Trust”

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.
We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay.
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.
We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.

And yet it is the law of all progress
that it is made by passing through some stages of instability—
and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you;
your ideas mature gradually—let them grow,
let them shape themselves, without undue haste.
Don’t try to force them on,
as though you could be today what time
(that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will)
will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit
gradually forming within you will be.
Give Our Lord the benefit of believing
that his hand is leading you,
and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself
in suspense and incomplete.

—Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ
excerpted from *Hearts on Fire*

Day 2 - March 23

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19) Almighty Father, may your light shine so brightly in us that others will come to know you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Pray that God is already working the heart of our next pastor, stirring a desire to come to our church.

Day 3 – March 24

“Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life... Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?” (Matthew 6:25) Almighty Father, may we cast aside worry and enjoy the present that you have made for us. Amen.

Pray for our Pastor Search Committee Co-Chair, Wayne Turner, that God would grant him wisdom, strength, perseverance, and humility. Pray for the Turner family and all of Wayne’s other responsibilities.

Day 4 – March 25

Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant...” (Matthew 20:26) Almighty Father, may we humble ourselves and become a servant that shows the world our love for you. Amen.

Pray for Earle Street Baptist Church that we will continue to live out our purpose, mission, and vision.

Day 5 - March 26

“For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.” (Matthew 6:14) Almighty Father, may we show mercy when wronged, and let the peace of God reign in us. Amen.

Pray for our PSC Co-Chair, Amy Moore, that God would grant her wisdom, strength, perseverance, and humility. Pray for the Moore family and all of Amy’s other responsibilities.

Day 6 – March 27

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:33) Almighty Father, may we seek to be more like you so that others will look into our face and see the image of Christ. Amen.

Pray for discernment, wisdom and strength for each of the members of the Pastor Search Committee.

Day 7 – March 28

“You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world.” (Matthew 5:13-14) Almighty Father, may we be salt and light wherever we go preserving what is good, and overcoming darkness with light. Amen.

Pray that our next pastor is seeking to grow closer to God each day.

Day 8 – March 29

“So, in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you...” (Matthew 7:12) Almighty Father, may we treat others with dignity and respect knowing that doing so is what honors Christ. Amen.

Pray for PSC member, Grey Register, that God would grant him wisdom, strength, perseverance and humility. Pray for the Register family and all of Grey’s other responsibilities.

Day 9 – March 30

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” Matthew 7:7) Almighty Father, we thank you that in our seeking, doors are opened. Amen.

Pray that our church will continue to support and trust the work of the Pastor Search Committee.

Day 10 – March 31

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.” (Matthew 5:7) Almighty Father, may we show mercy to others as you have shown to us. Amen.

Pray for PSC member, Meredith Smith, that God would grant her wisdom, strength, perseverance and humility. Pray for the Smith family and all of Meredith’s other responsibilities.

Day 11 – April 1

“Kings will be silenced because of him, because they will see what they haven’t seen before; what they haven’t heard before, they will ponder.” (Isaiah 52:15) Lord, we turn our eyes and ears to you. Fulfill our longing, Christ.

Pray that the PSC will look, not to their own interests, but to the interests and needs of the church as they make their decisions.

Day 12 – April 2

“I tell you, I won’t drink wine again until that day when I drink it in a new way in my Father’s kingdom.” (Matthew 26:29) Lord, we eagerly anticipate joining you in your new way. (Matthew 26:29)

Pray for PSC member, Margo Love, that God would grant her wisdom, strength, perseverance and humility. Pray for the Love family and all of Margo’s other responsibilities.

Day 13 – April 3

“Because he didn’t despise or detest the suffering of the one who suffered—he didn’t hide his face from me. No, he listened when I cried out to him for help.” (Psalm 22:24) Today we cry out with Christ, and we know that we are heard.

Pray that we will be united in our decision regarding the individual who is called to become our next senior pastor.

Day 14 – April 4

“When I was panicked, I said, ‘I’m cut off from your eyes!’ But you heard my request for mercy when I cried out to you for help... All you who wait for the LORD, be strong and let your heart take courage.” (Psalm 31:22,24)

Pray for PSC member, Denise Plumblee, that God would grant her wisdom, strength, perseverance and humility. Pray for the Plumblee family and all of Denise’s other responsibilities.

Day 15 – April 5

“I won’t die—no, I will live and declare what the LORD has done... This is the day the LORD acted; we will rejoice and celebrate in it!” (Psalm 118:17,24) Christ has risen! He has risen indeed!

Pray that the PSC will continue to act with humility, respecting and loving one another as they go about their work.

Day 16 – April 6

“I will sing to the LORD, for an overflowing victory!” (Exodus 15:1) You have opened the gates wide for us, Loving Christ. May we press on to freedom with you.

Pray for PSC member, Steven Rau, that God would grant him wisdom, strength, perseverance and humility. Pray for the Rau family and all of Steven’s other responsibilities.

Day 17 – April 7

“The enemy said, ‘I’ll pursue, I’ll overtake, I’ll divide the spoils of war. I’ll be overfilled with them. I’ll draw my sword; my hand will destroy them.’ You blew with your wind; the sea covered over them. They sank like lead in the towering waters.” (Exodus 15:9-10)

Pray that we will patiently await God’s timing as the pastor search process continues to unfold.

Day 18 – April 8

“Oh Mary, don’t you weep, don’t you mourn / Pharaoh’s army got drowned / Oh Mary, don’t you weep!” (Traditional Spiritual)

Pray for PSC Co-chair, Amy Moore, as she and Wayne lead the PSC. Give them wisdom, strength, perseverance and humility as they lead.

Day 19 – April 9

“And last of all he appeared to me, as if I were born at the wrong time.” (1 Corinthians 15:8) We trust that you have planted us where you want us, almighty King. May we now do the work you have prepared for us.

Pray for a sense of God’s peace among the PSC, even in times that may seem chaotic or busy.

Day 20 – April 10

“Again, I will build you up, and you will be rebuilt, virgin Israel. Again, you will play your tambourines and dance with joy.” (Jeremiah 31:4) We look to work with you in building your kingdom, Lord God.

Pray for PSC Co-chair, Wayne Turner, as he and Amy lead the PSC. Give them wisdom, strength, perseverance and humility as they lead.

Day 21 – April 11

Lord, grant us rest. Thank you for demonstrating its importance.

Pray for a fresh wind of God’s Spirit to blow throughout our life as a congregation, renewing us and inviting us into God’s work all around us.

Day 22 – April 12

“Thomas responded to Jesus, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus replied, ‘Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don’t see and yet believe.’” (John 20:28-29) Count me among the happy, loving Christ. **Pray for endurance for the PSC as they patiently work through the search process, resisting the pull to rush to the finish line, instead having no timetable but God’s.**

Day 23 – April 13

“Peter and the apostles replied, ‘We must obey God rather than humans!’” (Acts 5:29) May we always remember that yours is the supreme authority, Adonai. We bow to no one but you. **Pray for God’s strength and guidance in the pastor’s former church.**

Day 24 – April 14

“If their plan or activity is of human origin, it will end in ruin. If it originates with God, you won’t be able to stop them.” (Acts 5:38-39) May we join you in your unstoppable work, O Christ. May we love as you love. **Pray that we would surrender all bitterness, division and anger within our church family; that God would empower us to love one another with a patient, forbearing love.**

Day 25 – April 15

“Praise God, all of you who are his messengers! Praise God, all of you who comprise his heavenly forces! Sun and moon, praise God! All of you bright stars, praise God!” (Psalm 148:2-3) **Pray that the future pastor and his/her family would feel peace and excitement about the opportunity to lead our church.**

Day 26 – April 16

“You have a pure and enduring inheritance that cannot perish—an inheritance that is presently kept safe in heaven for you.” (1 Peter 1:4) Lord, we thirst for what you have in store for us. May our hunger for the Kingdom drive us into loving action. **Pray that we will open our hearts as a congregation and decide that we are going to love our new pastor.**

Day 27 – April 17

“Although you’ve never seen him, you love him. Even though you don’t see him now, you trust him and so rejoice with a glorious joy that is too much for words.” (1 Peter 1:8) Attune our hearts to your nearness, O Christ. **Pray that the PSC will be diligent and thorough, wise and thoughtful as they identify and meet with potential candidates.**

Day 28 – April 18

“We are witnesses of everything he did, both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him up on the third day and allowed him to be seen, not by everyone but by us. We are witnesses whom God chose beforehand.” (Acts 10:39-41) Give us eyes to see your presence, Christ. **Pray that God is preparing a community of friends and neighbors for our next pastor and his/her family, that they would feel a powerful welcome and a deep sense of belonging.**

Day 29 – April 19

“On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus... Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey. They were prevented from recognizing him.” (Luke 24:13,15-16) Reveal yourself to us, Christ. **Pray that we will commit to fully supporting our new pastor and his/her family.**

Day 30 – April 20

“Then Jesus said to them, ‘You foolish people! Your dull minds keep you from believing all that the prophets talked about.’” (Luke 24:25) Reveal the meaning of scripture to us, Christ. (Luke 24:25) **Pray that our next pastor will ‘finish well’ in their current place of ministry; that they will feel a sense of completion and well-being in the kingdom work and relationships in which they have been invested.**

Day 31 – April 21

“When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. But they urged him, saying, ‘Stay with us. It’s nearly evening, and the day is almost over.’ So, he went in to stay with them.” (Luke 24:28-29)

May we offer you hospitality, Christ.

Pray that our next pastor will be strengthened by the love that the congregation looks to share with him/her. May we be a blessing to the pastor and his/her family.

Day 32 – April 22

“After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.” (Luke 24:30) We are grateful for our daily bread. Bless it for us, Christ.

Pray that each member of the staff will connect with the next senior pastor, allowing each other to grow and thrive in their ministries.

Day 33 – April 23

“Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight.” (Luke 24:31) Open our hearts, Christ, so that we can see what our eyes cannot: that you remain present with us.

Pray for unity within the PSC, that they will continue to work as a team and will be unified behind the candidate that they recommend to the church.

Day 34 – April 24

“They said to each other, ‘Weren’t our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?’” (Luke 24:32) Light fires in our hearts, Christ. May we burn for your presence.

Pray that the candidate and his/her family will have clarity during their visits and a clear understanding that this is the next step in the ministry that God has called them into.

Day 35 – April 25

“As you set yourselves apart by your obedience to the truth so that you might have genuine affection for your fellow believers, love each other deeply and earnestly.” (1 Peter 1:22) May we see ourselves as a people set apart from the world, O Christ.

Pray that we will be mindful of our spoken and unspoken expectations of our new pastor and this next season of ministry.

Day 36 – April 26

“I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture.” (John 10:9) Guide us, good shepherd! May your love be our beacon.

Pray that our next pastor will be able to have a time of restoration and renewal between leaving their last congregation and becoming a part of ours.

Day 37 – April 27

“They shared food with gladness and simplicity. They praised God and demonstrated God’s goodness to everyone.” (Acts 2:46-47) May Earle Street Baptist Church reveal your salvation to those in our community who feel broken, risen Christ.

Pray for community and relationships that are life-giving to be developed for our next pastor and their family.

Day 38 – April 28

“When he was insulted, he did not reply with insults. When he suffered, he did not threaten revenge. Instead, he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.” (1 Peter 2:23) We entrust ourselves to you, almighty King.

Pray for unity of spirit within our PSC, our staff, our leadership, and our congregation.

Day 39 – April 29

“Though you were like straying sheep, you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your lives.” (1 Peter 2:25) We gladly follow your guidance, good Shepherd. See our joy! (1 Peter 2:25)

Pray that we would be sacrificial in love, willing to set aside our own wants and preferences for the larger call of God in our midst.

Day 40 – April 30

“Yes, goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life.” (Psalm 23:6) Pursue us, Christ! We do stray, but you will not let us get away. We stand in awe of your deep love.

Pray “not My will, but Yours be done.” Amen.

Luke 2:42b

“The goal I pursue is the prize of God’s upward call in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 3:14

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.

See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up: do you not perceive it?”

Isaiah 43:18-19