

Earle Street Baptist Church

Daily Prayer Guide

January – June 2023



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).

FROM THE PASTOR

January 1 marks the beginning of a new year, my twenty-first anniversary at Earle Street, and a new season in the life and history of our church - - a season between pastors. After January 8, I will no longer be standing behind the historic pulpit in our beautiful sanctuary, but I assure you that I will still be praying for our church during this season of transition. And I will be using this prayer guide each day, as I always have, to join my prayers with yours.

God can be trusted to lead our church through this season of transition, just as God has led our church for more than a hundred years. Pastors come and go, but the church of Jesus Christ moves on. As Paul wrote to the Corinthians about his own ministry among them, and the ministry of Apollos, who succeeded him, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth." Of course, there is a role for the pastor to play in the life of the church. But it is God who can be trusted to move the church along.

In addition to praying at your normal time each day, don't forget to pray for our church at 12:12 each day (see Romans 12:12). There is something special about knowing that we are all praying at the same time for the same reason. The Deacons and Nominating Committee have specifically given us these specific prayer requests:

- Remain joyful in hope for our future.
- Remain patient as we go through transition and seek God's guidance.
- Remain faithful in praying for our church and its leadership.
- We all love our church and we love one another. Please pray that love will prevail in all our interactions.
- We ask prayer for unity in our fellowship and that God will lead us into unity of purpose and understanding of each other and of our mission.
- As we "wait on the Lord's guidance," pray that we will humbly follow God's leadership as we take actions.
- We ask God for patience for our entire congregation as we seek to fulfill our responsibilities according to God's desires for our church.
- We pray for wisdom, discernment, and inspiration from the Lord.
- We pray for forbearance, open hearts and minds, and trust in each other and in the process of finding our way forward at ESBC.
- We ask you to pray for good relations among our congregation as our work moves forward. May peace and love prevail in all our endeavors during our period of transition.

Serving our church for the past twenty-one years has been the greatest honor of my life; and if we will all unite in constant and focused prayer during this transition time, I believe that the church's best days are not behind us, but ahead of us.

I love you all,

Stephen

From the Prayer Team - In a Time of Transition

Whether we recognize it or not, each day of our lives – each moment – is a time of transition. We are constantly on the move, from a familiar past and present, into an unknown future. We don't know what may happen tomorrow. Our heavenly Father does. Not only does God know the future – He *controls* it.

James 4:14-15 - you do not know what tomorrow will bring... Instead, you ought to say, "If the Lord wills..."

God is in control; His wisdom is infinite, and His love for us is perfect. Because this is true, we can trust God. We must place our faith in God alone, who can never fail. Then, even in troubled times, we can live without fear.

As we pray regarding the pastor God will send, above all, we must seek God's will for our church family.

The Lord is our Shepherd; He is the only source of our provision and protection. He leads, guides, and directs His flock. We depend on God to provide us with fresh wisdom for *this* decision - wisdom we have never had before and never needed until now.

Psalm 127:1 – “Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain.”

Our Pastor Search Committee and other leaders will make wise decisions as our whole church prays together in unity, seeking God's will, and yielding our will to His perfect will. Let us pray that God will reveal His will and grant us discernment in His perfect timing, along with the endurance to follow Him.

Matthew 6:8 – “Your Father knows what you need before you ask him.”

God knows what our needs will be six months or two years from now; we don't.

Proverbs 3:5-6 – “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”

Each of us is a unique creation of God, with different gifts, experiences, and perspectives. In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul describes how we are one body with many members.

But how can we all pray together in unity when we are all so different? Paul answered this question in 1 Corinthians 13. Paul tells us the most excellent way – the only way – is to truly love one another.

Don't forget how our story ends. Heaven will be our home. Sometimes we think of heaven as a country, a kingdom, a beautiful paradise. But it is also our Father's house. John 14:2 says that we will dwell together as God's family in His home. We will share close, intimate relationships, unspoiled by sin.

Today we are aliens and strangers, pilgrims passing through this world. We are citizens of heaven, our true eternal home. We will live in the presence of our Redeemer forever.

January

Pray that we may see the world with new-creation eyes:

“Arise, shine Jerusalem, for your light has come” Isaiah 60:1

1. Lord, bless this new day and new year! May 2023 be a joyful and productive year. Give us strength that we may glorify you, God!
2. “Baptized into union with him, you have all put on Christ like a garment.” Thank you for seeing us all as equal, God. (Gal 3:27)
3. “I shall recount the Lord's unfailing love.” Lord, when we tell others about you, fill our mouths with your truth. (Isa 63:7)
4. Guide us in our studies, Lord. We delight in your works. (Ps 111:2)
5. “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and they who live by it will grow in understanding.” Amen, my king! (Ps 111:10)
6. We at ESBC are grateful to be joined to you, Lord, and we delight in our unity with each other. Please guide our transition period.
7. God, you have set the spirit of Christ in our hearts. Be near us as we whisper, moan, croak, or cry to you: “Abba, Father!” (Gal 4:6)
8. “I have formed you, and destined you to be a light for peoples, a lamp for nations, to open eyes that are blind.” Make us fearless advocates of your shalom, Lord. (Isa 42:6)
9. “The Lord will give strength to his people.” Praise God! (Ps 29:11)
10. We are no longer slaves to sin, Lord. Thank you for your sacrifice “once, for all,” my king! (Rom 6:10-11)
11. Lord God, king of the universe, we confess that Jesus is indeed your beloved son, with whom you are well pleased. (Mat 3:17)
12. When Jesus saw need, he acted to meet the need. Lord, may we not be passive in our love. Give us hearts for service.

January

**“The people that lived in darkness
have seen a great light;
light has dawned on those
who lived in the land of death’s dark shadow.” Matthew 4:16**

13. In all humility, loving Father, may we at ESBC follow your leadership as we make decisions during our transition period.

14. “There is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” Let us, like John, clearly see the truth of your theophany. (Jn 1:29)

15. “Once I said, ‘I have toiled in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing, and to no purpose.’ Yet my cause is with the Lord and my reward with my God.” (Isa 49:4) The voice of Messiah.

16. Thank you, O King, for expanding the bounds of your kingdom. Thank you for taking pity on the gentiles. (Isa 49:6)

17. Lord God, give us firm footing on our path. (Ps 40)

18. When you call, Lord, may my ears be receptive. “Here I am!” shall I reply, as our patriarchs and forefathers were willing to do. (*ibid*)

19. “God, my desire is to do your will; your law is in my heart... I have not kept your goodness hidden in my heart.” (Ps 40:8ff)

20. Lord God, may our church be patient with our leaders during our church’s transition period. May we be gracious and loving.

21. “I have seen it and have borne witness: this is God’s Chosen One.” Lord, may we proclaim it to the whole world.

22. Father, your son was generous with all those who were sick and suffering. Through him, we know your willingness to heal. Thank you, gracious king. (Mat 4:23)

23. Dear Lord, thank you for the ancient words of the prophets. Thank you for preparing the disciples to know the gift of Christ.

24. Lord God, give us clear eyes to see the adversary. When we feel we have no enemies in the world, give us discernment. (Ps 27)

25. “One thing I ask of the Lord, it is the one thing I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.” (Ps 27:4)

26. “Wait for the Lord; be strong and brave, and put your hope in the Lord.” (Ps 27:14)

January

**“The Lord has told you mortals what is good,
and what it is that the Lord requires of you:
only to act justly, to love loyalty,
to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8**

27. Lord, bestow wisdom on the leaders of our church. May their decisions be guided by your Holy Spirit.
28. Thank you, Lord, for showing what true sacrifice you ask of us – not of animals, but of our hearts, time, and actions. (Mic 6:6ff)
29. “Lord, who may lodge in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy mountain?” Christ Jesus may – therefore so may we! (Ps 15)
30. “My friends, think of what kind of people you are, whom God has called.” He has chosen us, and so we will boast! (1 Cor 1:26,31)
31. “Exult and be glad, for you have a rich reward in Heaven.” His love endures forever! Amen and amen! (Mat 5:12)

February

God Protects and Provides

The Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you 2 Thes.3:3

1. Father, no good thing will you withhold from those who walk uprightly. Psa.84:11 Help us walk with you.
2. Lord, with you as our shepherd, we lack nothing. Psalm 23:1 you gave your Son for us; will you not give us all things? Rom.8:32
3. God, you are the source of every blessing. Grant discernment for our leaders during the transition, that they may know your will.
4. Father, the future is uncertain - to us. But you know the future. You planned the future. You control the future.
5. Lord, you have told us in Scripture how the story ends. We have no reason to fear if we trust in You.
6. God, you offer us forgiveness for sin as part of the greatest gift: salvation in Christ. Every believer already has eternal life today.
7. Father, your Spirit fills us with love, joy, peace - all your fruit, even when our world appears to be spinning out of control.
8. Lord, you are always with us, even in this present darkness. Eph.6:12 strengthen our faith, to live for your glory.

February

Perfect Love Casts Out Fear, 1 John 4:18, There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus Romans 8:1

9. God, you are able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine. Eph.3:20 You know our need before we ask. Matt.6:8

10. Father, grant inspiration for us all toward the right leadership for our transition period. 1 Cor.2:10

11. Lord, we remember how Jesus suffered for our sins. Remind us that sin always causes suffering, for us and for those around us.

12. God, lead, guide and bless each gathering in our church. Give us growing relationships with our neighbors.

13. Father, you have promised to replace our anxiety with Your peace, when we pray and trust You. Phil.4:6-7

14. Let us love one another, for love comes from God. Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4:7, 11

15. God, prepare our minds and hearts to receive Your Word. Help our teachers and students to draw closer to You.

16. Father, Christ promised to leave His peace with us – the cure for our fearful, troubled hearts. John 14:27

17. Lord, grant us forbearance and open hearts as we work through our transition process, as you have been long-suffering with us.

18. God, remind us that walking closely with You always blesses us, and those around us. You have given our lives good purpose.

19. Father, when Paul listed the fruit of the Spirit in Gal.5:22-23, he started with love. Loving you and loving others is the foundation.

20. Lord, the last fruit on the list was self-control: denying our selfish desires, consistently choosing Your will as the path we will follow.

21. God, in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:11

22. Father, Deut.28 promises blessings for obedience curses for disobedience. Help us walk faithfully in your path for our good.

23. Lord, you are our perfect heavenly Father. Your love wants what is best for us: to walk with You. We think we know better; we insist on going our own way. Bind my wandering heart to Thee.

24. God, we trust you to work out your plan with godly leaders you provided in the transition process. Rom.13:1; 1 Tim.2:1-2; Prov.21:1

February

The Path of Life

You make known to me the path of life Psalms 16:11

25. Father, we fail to appreciate the many ways you care for us. Forgive our rebellion when we reject Your will for our lives.

26. Lord, fill us with wisdom to recognize Your hand on our life. Fill us with gratitude to acknowledge that we are unworthy.

27. God, forgive our selfishness when we ignore others and neglect to love. They will know we are Christians by our love.

John 13:34-35

28. Father, help us to be thankful for our church family and all the ways You sustain us.

March

“Those who live by the truth come to the light so that it may be clearly seen that God is in all they do.” John 3:21

1. “Happy is he whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is blotted out!” Hear my confession, Lord. I have sinned. (Ps 32)

2. Lord God, thank you for allowing Jesus to undo the sin that had divided God from man for so many years. (Rom 5:12-19)

3. Thank you, Lord, for maintaining good relationships among the people of our congregation during our transition process.

4. Lord, thank you for upholding your ancient promise, “All the peoples on earth will with to be blessed as you are blessed.” Thank you for making us children of Abraham. (Gen 12:2f)

5. “If I lift up my eyes to the hills, where shall I find help? My help comes only from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth.” (Ps 121)

6. Thank you, Lord, for your continual attention and care. Your love is an ever-present comfort to us, O God. (*ibid*)

7. Our heritage with Abraham is accomplished by our faith in you, O God -- not by our merit or virtue. Thank you! (Rom 4:13ff)

8. “No one can enter the kingdom of God without being born from water and spirit.” Make your mystery know to us, God. (Jn 3:5)

9. “It was not to judge the world that God sent his Son into the world, but that through him the world might be saved.” (Jn 3:17)

March

“But the time is coming, indeed it is already here, when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth.” John 4:23

10. Thank you, Christ, for maintaining peace among our congregation during our transition. You are our shalom and our harmony.

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

12. “Strike the rock; water will pour out of it for the people to drink.” Even when we complain, you still tend to our needs. (Ex 17:6)

13. Thank you for music, loving Father. “Come! Let us raise a joyful song to the Lord.” (Ps 95:1)

14. “Enter in! Let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord who made us, for he is our God, we the people he shepherds, the flock in his care.” (Ps 95:6f)

15. “Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, and that is proof of God’s love toward us.” Your grace abounds, Lord. (Rom 5:8)

16. “Since we have now been justified by Christ’s sacrificial death, we shall all the more certainly be saved through him from final retribution.” Thank you for your blessed assurance! (Rom 5:9)

17. Lord, our church entered our transition time with uncertainty. Thank you, gracious King, that love has prevailed over fear.

18. “God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” May we have no deception before you, Lord God. (John 4:24)

19. “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves; and we are convinced that he is the Savior of the world.” Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! (Jn 4:42)

20. “You have seen much but perceived little, your ears are open but you hear nothing.” Lord, remove the illusions that deceive us. Is 42:20

21. Hear my groans, Lord. Assuage the pain I can’t put into words.

22. “Prove yourselves at home in the light.” We strive to live in the light, and to illuminate the darkness in our world. (Eph 5:8)

23. “Learn to judge for yourselves what is pleasing to the Lord.” Thank you, O God, for nailing law to the cross. (Eph 5:10)

March

“Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes; and on the sabbath they rested in obedience to the commandment.”

Luke 23:56

24. We are grateful to you, dear Lord, that you have allowed our church leaders to cooperate during our church’s transition.
25. “All I know is this: I was blind and now I can see.” May our testimony be simple and profound. (Jn 9:25)
26. Lord God, you have put your spirit into us. You have taken dry bones and breathed life into them. You revive us! (Ezk 37)
27. “If you, Lord, should keep account of sins, who could hold his ground?” Your loving forgiveness is our treasure, God. (Ps 130:3)
28. “I wait for the Lord with longing; I put my hope in his word.” We eagerly await your return, Messiah! (Ps 130:5)
29. “There is now no condemnation for those who are united with Christ Jesus.” Lord, your assurance is priceless to us. (Rom 8:1)
30. “The master is here and is asking for you.” When you come, we will be ready, Christ. (Jn 11:28)
31. “Better the end of anything than its beginning; better patience than pride.” Thank you for giving our church members patience with each other during our transition period. (Ecc 7:8)

April

The Bond of Peace

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit Eph.4:3

1. Father, help our church to encourage, support and pray for one another, as brothers and sisters in Your family.
2. Lord, you give us hope: Through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we have hope. Rom.15:4
3. God, cause new groups to sprout up; send new teachers to lead. Accomplish all your purposes for each of your ministries at ESBC.
4. Father, you give joy and peace: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing. Rom.15:13
5. Lord, help us grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus. Equip us to share the gospel of Christ with the lost.

April

The Lord is Our Shepherd

Like a shepherd He will tend His flock Isaiah 40:11

6. God, fill each of us with Your Spirit, grace, comfort, and peace. Help us become more useful in serving You. 2 Tim.2:21, 4:11, Philemon 1:11
7. Father, you call us to unity. We can't have unity without other people. Strengthen our relationships with one another during this transition. Psa.133:1; Rom.15:5; Eph.4:13; Phil.2:1-2; Col.3:12-17
8. Lord, give us spiritual growth and opportunities to share truth with others; add members to our church family.
9. God, help us desire to walk with You, not only hearing, but doing. Holy Spirit, reveal Your wisdom to guide us.
10. Father, help us to seek Your perfect purposes for our life daily. Holy Spirit, produce Your fruit in each believer.
11. Lord, you are my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid. God is my strength and my song. Isa.12:2
12. God, help us say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not... God will come and save you." Isa.35:4
13. Father, you give us courage: I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Psa.34:4
14. Lord, you planted ESBC as a community, a family: *Your* family. Enable us to love our brothers and sisters during this transition.
15. God, you protect: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and delivers them. Psa.34:7
16. Father, your grace is sufficient: God is able to make all grace abound to you, in all things at all times. 2 Cor.9:8, 12:9
17. Lord, use Scripture to change our hearts. Send practical teaching filled with wisdom, so that we can apply Your truth.
18. God, you are the Father of mercies. You comfort us so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction. 2 Cor.1:3-5

April

God Calms Our Fears

The Lord is my helper; I will not fear Heb.13:6

19. Father, Christ is my strength: I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Phil.4:13
20. Lord, you give contentment: I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. Phil.4:11-12
21. God, you promise to meet all our needs, even our transition, according to the riches of your glory in Christ Jesus. Phil.4:19
22. Father, help us know how to pray. Make us aware of all the blessings you provide for us daily.
23. Lord, help each of us admit our sin and need for You. Enable us to love You and love others.
24. God, equip our leaders at ESBC to be a blessing in our city and to prepare each member to do Your will.
25. Father, enable us to recognize You as Giver of all. Lead us to the broken who need restoration, reconciliation, healing.
26. Lord, raise up missionaries to the ends of the earth. Enable every believer to live thankfully for Your glory.
27. God, you call us to count it all joy when we face trials... the testing of your faith produces perseverance. James 1:2-3
28. Father, nothing can thwart your purposes. Isa.14:27, Job 9:12
Fill us with confidence in your sovereign control of our transition.
29. Lord, you use pain for good: We rejoice in our sufferings, which produce endurance, character, and hope. Rom.5:3-5
30. God, you alone provide: my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Phil.4:19

May

Pray that as we worship God, we appreciate those who help to provide meaningful worship services.

1. Thank God for those who volunteer as ushers for our worship service.
2. Thank God for the creativity of those who serve on the Decorations Committee.
3. When we participate in communion and observe baptism may we appreciate those who serve on the Ordinance Committee.
4. As we worship by listening to musicians, the choir, and your word let us be thankful for the Sound Committee.
5. We at ESBC are grateful to be joined to you, Lord, and we delight in our unity with each other. Please guide our transition period.
6. We thank you for our children as they show love for you when they serve as acolytes.
7. The acolytes are blessed by an Acolyte Team whose members encourage and guide. We are thankful.
8. So many beautiful, sweet weddings have taken place at Earle Street. We appreciate the dedicated individuals on the Wedding Committee.
9. How important music is to our worship experience. Thank you for all the directors, leaders, accompanists, and members of the 7 choirs.
10. Our Earle Street Ringers and director, Janice, always leave us longing to hear more of the beautiful bells. We are thankful.
11. Thank God for the many local mission opportunities available to us. May we seek to serve.
12. God, you are the source of every blessing. Grant discernment for our leaders during the transition, that they may know your will.
13. Father, thank you for our members who serve and lead in community missions, Habitat for Humanity, Miracle Hill, and United Ministries.
14. Continue to provide opportunities to minister and witness at Land Ridge Apartments, Pendleton Place, and Greenville Church Without Walls.
15. Thank you for members who serve through Bridge Builders and Serendipity Women's Group.

May

Pray that we will share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed.

16. Thank you for our strong Scout Program. We pray that the leaders will continue to show your love to the boys and their families.

17. We pray for Connie Maxwell Children's Home and the local Marie Youngs Girls Home.

18. Bless our members who have been so faithful to support the staff and girls at Marie Youngs Girls Home.

19. Lord, grant us forbearance and open hearts as we work through our transition process, as you have been long-suffering with us.

20. Pray for the continuance of our longtime relationship with Triune Mercy Center.

21. Guide our members who serve on Food Services Committee, Recreation Committee, and Activities Committee as they help provide wonderful times of fellowship for us.

22. Thank you for the many faithful members who minister to our preschoolers, children, and youth.

23. "Welcome Home" – what an inviting, special greeting! Thank you, Father, for our friendly, helpful, and faithful greeters.

24. Help us to minister to the needs of one another through the many ministry teams.

25. We thank you for the willing, reliable, and caring members of the Bereavement Team. Lift them up as they show your love to those grieving.

26. God, you promise to meet all our needs, even our transition, according to the riches of your glory in Christ Jesus. Phil.4:19

27. We are so thankful, Father, for our Medical Ministry Team who desire to keep us healthy and safe.

28. Pray for the Paraclete Team as they minister to our homebound members with visits, phone calls, and cards.

29. Help us recognize the opportunities you give us to serve you and may we please you in serving.

30. May our words and actions show your love to others.

31. "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." James 1:22

June

“...hope that is seen is no hope at all.” Romans 8:24

1. God of hope, please fill us with the joy and peace of *believing* which is found when we hope in you. Ezekiel 47:5
2. Lord, during our transition period at ESBC I will put aside my personal desires for our church and seek your will.
3. Dear God, I fear being overwhelmed by the troubles that wash over me. Grant that I might feel the strength of your upholding hand. Isaiah 41:10
4. Father, please help me to trust that you will act in a loving way on my behalf. Help me to act, too, making me a brave participant in my own life. Exodus 14:22
5. Dear Lord, you have been over and around me since before I knew anything about you. Thank you for the wonder of your presence in my life. 2 Timothy 3:15
6. God, thank you for giving me so much to be grateful for, leading to the strength of contentment. Philippians 4:8
7. Dear Father, you have given me life and opportunity to live in the strength of faith. Help me to be faithful. 2 Timothy 3:14
8. God, grant that I make good use of what I have been given, for the sake of service in your name. 2 Timothy 3:17
9. Father, please guide our committees at ESBC in their search for your will during our period of transition.
10. Lord, when we feel distress, when we rest in the land of drought, hear our prayers and allow us to place our hope in you. Jeremiah 14:22
11. Father, surround me with your love as far as I can see and as deeply as I can feel. Joel 2: 23b
12. God, please give me strength for my journey and wisdom to recognize the source of my strength. Psalm 84:5
13. Father, silence that which roars loudly and threatens to separate us from you. Psalm 65:7
14. Humble me, O God. Teach me to say thank you and to recognize your grace and mercy. Luke 18:14b
15. God, may we feel your Spirit's inspiration poured into our hearts and lives. Joel 2:28

June

“for he himself is our peace.” Ephesians 2:14

16. Dear God, help all of us at ESBC to humbly follow your guidance in our transition.
17. Lord, please give me understanding that I may live more lovingly, gracefully, and curiously. Psalm 119:144b
18. Father, please give me the courage to ask you questions and the patience to wait for your answers. Habakkuk 1:2
19. Lord, please help us to see you, and to learn more of who you are. Luke 19:3
20. Father, how wonderful it is to be included in this inheritance, to be counted as one of your beloved children. Ephesians 1:11
21. Lord, thank you for the people in our lives who have influenced our faith. Help us to show love toward all the saints you place in our lives. Ephesians 1:15
22. Empowering God, help us to be courageous and to remember that your Spirit abides with us. Haggai 2:4b-6
23. Father, please help us to love one another, now during our transition, as never before.
24. Father, may we love, lift and help the people around us so that our focus is on building relationships. Luke 21:6
25. God, help us to turn to your Spirit for words and wisdom. May your Spirit speak through me. Luke 21:15
26. Father, please give us the strength to endure the changes in our lives. Let us turn to your steadfastness when we feel finite. Luke 21:5
27. God, please help us to remember that we are sinners; help us to remember that we have been forgiven. Malachi 4:1a
28. Righteous God, make my heart like your heart. May I reflect your love and justice in all my relationships. Jeremiah 23:5b
29. Dear Jesus, thank you for showing us how to sustain healthy relationships. In all of ours, may we reflect your love. Colossians 1:11-12
30. Lord, your will is more important than my selfish thoughts. Please guide me during our transition period at ESBC