



40 Days of Prayer

Wed. 4/13 – To kick off our 40 days of prayer together, let's pray for the process itself – that through the next 40 days, the Spirit will move in us and through us to accomplish exactly what God desires for us to as we move toward our anniversary.

Thurs. 4/14 – As we move toward a celebration of the past 40 years, let's thank God today for the older members of our church – those who have helped build and support this body, and on whose shoulders we all stand.

Fri. 4/15 – Tomorrow is our Illuminate event. Pray today that God will bless our time together; that we'll grown to love and appreciate each other more; and that a large team of people will rise up to support the ministries of our church family.

Sat. 4/16 – Vision – it's a tricky word and often hard to define. We want our church to have a vision, a sense of purpose, and a role to fill in bringing light into our world. Pray for the Spirit to guide our leaders to a God-given vision.

Sun. 4/17 – Today we get to gather to celebrate God's love and grace together. Pray this morning for our Bible classes – that they'll be a blessing to an increasing number of people, and that through them we find renewed connection to God.

Mon. 4/18 – This is what is generally referred to as "The Passion Week" – the week leading up to Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. As we prepare to celebrate Easter, pray for God to lead you to invite someone to join us Sunday.

Tues. 4/19 – Each Tuesday night, we have a networking roundtable that meets to help individuals who are looking for employment. Pray today for all of our brothers and sisters who need jobs right now; for peace, patience, and provision.

Wed. 4/20 – There are five men that are currently filling a sacred role in our church. They are responsible to God for the health of our church and our members. Pray for God to bless our elders with wisdom, power, and strength.

Thurs. 4/21 – Maundy Thursday - the night within the Passion Week that Jesus spent in the upper room with His disciples. There, He prayed intently for us, His church to be one. Make the unity of God's church the center of your prayers today.

Fri. 4/22 – It's Good Friday today. Whether you're the type that seeks out a Good Friday service or not, this is an ideal day to consider and be thankful for the love of Jesus that drove Him to endure the pain and humiliation of the cross...for *you*.

Sat. 4/23 – Many of our children and parents are in Indianapolis today for Leadership Training for Christ. Pray for our children as they display the talents God has given them and for all of our families to return safely this evening.

Sun. 4/24 – Happy Easter! It is only natural to offer up prayers of thanks today for God's power and authority as we celebrate Christ's victory over the grave and the amazing grace of God that allows us to share in that victory. He is risen!

Mon. 4/25 – Monday nights are Financial Peace University nights at NCOC. This is a ministry dedicated to helping people live responsibly and eliminate debt. Pray today for all of our church family to be good stewards of our resources.



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Tues. 4/26 – Today we ask you to lift up our ministry staff. Pray that God will be right in the middle of building up our staff as we look to fill the preaching role. Pray also that our staff be bathed in God’s wisdom and love in ministering to our church.

Wed. 4/27 – If you watch the news at all, you know that there are places of great unrest in our world right now. While it’s difficult at times to know exactly what is best, pray today for God to bring peace to those areas and for His church to thrive.

Thurs. 4/28 – Our church is blessed with a great group of teens. Pray for them to be strong in their faith, to be light in the darkness around them, and for them to literally be people that change the world with the love of Christ.

Fri. 4/29 – It’s not much fun to talk about it, but the reality is that our church is in need of some financial stability. Pray for God to help us overcome the financial obstacles so we can turn our full attention to ministry and mission.

Sat. 4/30 – Tomorrow we’ll have a special worship service combining our regular worship with International Worship. Ask God to bless that time together and to continue to use our FriendSpeak ministry to reach members of our community.

Sun. 5/1 – As we gather today to celebrate God together, we will see a beautiful picture of diversity. Thank God today for the uniquely diverse make-up of our church and ask Him to use our diversity as a reflection of His beauty.

Mon. 5/2 – Today we turn our attention to our children. We are blessed with a beautiful group of children at NCOC. Pray today for God to draw each of them close to His side and to prepare them for lives of bold service in His Kingdom.

Tues. 5/3 – In a church our size, there are always people hurting. Today, let’s lift up those in our church that are hurting from the pain of losing a loved one, regardless of how recently. Ask God to bless them with extra peace and comfort.

Wed. 5/4 – What is a church? It’s a collection of people joined together to show the world the love of Jesus. Today we honor and lift up the servants of our church – the deacons, ministry leaders, and others who serve our church in love.

Thurs. 5/5 – We all know that the church was created to share the love of God with the world. Lift up our church today as source of light in the dark world, praying for God to help us establish a great presence in our immediate community.

Fri. 5/6 – One of the great (and often underappreciated) strengths of the church is single members. Pray for those of our church that are single – for God to use them to show us all what a life lived out with God as the only center really looks like.

Sat. 5/7 – There’s a meeting of elders and deacons happening today (which you are welcome to join). One of the topics to be discussed is church growth. Pray our leaders have wisdom and for the Spirit to lead us into a time of growth.

Sun. 5/8 – It’s Mother’s Day! Today we lift up our moms (young, old, single, widowed, step-moms...all of them) and ask God to bless them in loving their own children, and in showing us a uniquely beautiful snapshot of His great love.

Mon. 5/9 – We kick off our work-week by remembering those who are sick and hurting today. We lift up our shut-ins, our injured, and all those whose physical health is failing right now, praying for healing, strength, and peace in their lives.



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Tues. 5/10 – While we are always conscious of our efforts to reach our community, we also partner in spreading the Gospel globally. Pray today for our missionaries, and for all those working in foreign lands, to share God's love.

Wed. 5/11 – The real work of the church is done outside the walls of the building. It happens in our neighborhoods, on the train, at school, and at work. Pray today for God to use you to bring His love and peace to a neighbor, friend, or co-worker.

Thurs. 5/12 – It's the time of year when colleges are letting out for the summer. Today we lift up our college students, asking God to bless their development and to guide them into lives of productive and daring work in His church.

Fri. 5/13 – The church is full of people at all stages of their faith. Today, pray for those God is calling to give their lives to Him right now that they'll hear Him and have the courage and faith to respond by giving their lives fully to Him.

Sat. 5/14 – Tomorrow we will have one of our debt-reduction collections. Pray for God to prompt all of us to give generously and with gracious hearts so that our debts can be paid quickly and we can turn our attention fully to ministry.

Sun. 5/15 – Today is Senior Sunday. We'll honor and celebrate our 2011 graduates during our worship time. Pray for them as they start new chapters in their lives. Pray also for them to courageously lead God's church into the future.

Mon. 5/16 – Pray today for the widows and widowers of our church family. Pray for God to bless them with beautiful and peaceful memories of their loved ones and with an overwhelming sense of His presence and purpose in their lives.

Tues. 5/17 – Teaching – it is one of the greatest privileges and responsibilities in the church. Today we lift up all those that teach, from nursery through adults, asking God to bless them with wisdom and bless them in their sacred duty.

Wed. 5/18 – We're just a few days away from the celebration of our 40th anniversary. Pray for the preparations being made and for God to bless our gathering as we celebrate the work He's done in us...and what He has yet to do.

Thurs. 5/19 – Summer is nearly upon us. Today we pray for our youth group's mission trip to Oklahoma City and for the Let's Start Talking team that is coming here to work with FriendSpeak. Ask God to bless our efforts in sharing His Word.

Fri. 5/20 – The church is God's, and His alone. We exist because of Him and for His pleasure. Pray for God to lead our church. Pray for His Spirit to guide us boldly and powerfully into the next 40 years of our service to Him and to our community.

Sat. 5/21 – In keeping with the anniversary theme, there is a marriage seminar at our building today. Pray not only for those at the seminar, but for God to strengthen and bless all of our marriages, especially those struggling now.

Sun. 5/22 – Happy Anniversary! Join us this morning for a celebration of all that God has done through and for us. Offer Him thanks and praise for being faithful and steadfast. Honor Him for assembling this body at this time in this place and ask Him to give us one heart that is purely and completely devoted to Him.