

DAY OF PRAYER



FRIDAY 24 APRIL 2020



JOIN US AT 9AM & 6PM
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Introduction

What a season of history we find ourselves in. What a moment for God's people to arise with faith and hope.

- With compassion, we mourn with those experiencing loss and trauma and ask for comfort afresh.
- With courage, we seek to respond with resilience and hope to the ever-changing landscape.
- With care, we do all we can to support the most vulnerable in our communities.
- Within community, we applaud and thank God for key workers on many frontlines.
- With conviction, we seek to advance the Gospel, partnering with Holy Spirit to reach those who do not yet know Jesus.

Compelled by love we do not shrink back, but advance. One of the ways we can advance, is as a united body through prayer. With a growing sense of momentum, we are calling the Movement to persevere in prayer. We are calling you to stand in the gap. To enable you to pray we've produced a simple prayer outline for you to use. Think about involving all generations as you pray today. There are creative ideas for you to incorporate.

Important information

On Friday 24 April, we will gather together live online using the Elim Pentecostal Facebook page to engage the Elim Movement in united prayer. Shortcut: elim.org.uk/facebook

Please join in at 9am where Chris Cartwright will be leading us in prayer.

Please join in at 6pm where Steve Ball will be leading us in prayer with communion. *(We encourage everyone to have their own communion prepared at home, using the most suitable food/drink available.)*

Answered Prayers

As we pray, we partner with God. We are expectant of answered prayers and testimonies of all that God is doing during this global pandemic.

Please share on social media, your pictures of how you and the church are praying using the hashtag #Elim:

facebook.com/elimpentecostalchurches

instagram.com/elimpentecostal

twitter.com/elimpentecostal

Please share with us your testimonies and stories of answered prayers, prayer@elimhq.net

Key verses

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. 2 Chronicles 7:14-15 (NIVUK)

Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you. Psalm 37:5 (NLT)

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Colossians 1:17 NIVUK)

Prayer Guides

This guide contains the following prayer guides.

- Morning
- Midday
- Evening
- Creative versions of the Lord's Prayer

Morning: God is Our Refuge (Psalm 37)

The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the Lord holds them by the hand. Psalm 37:23-24

God is our Refuge. A Refuge is a place of safety. A place of recovery. A place to rest and be restored. God walks with us and is steadfast in his love and faithfulness towards us. God is calling us to pray; to talk and listen, to communicate with him, to ask and intercede. We are to turn our attention away from what distracts us and towards him. If you are seeking something you are intently giving it your whole attention. He holds us by the hand.

In this season let us be a people who turn towards the God of hope, strength and refuge. Let us pray that many would discover, in God, a place of peace and wholeness.

1. **A PRAYER FOR MY LIFE:** God, I turn to you in prayer. I thank you that you are steadfast and faithful. You are my place of REFUGE. When I feel uncertain or fearful fill me afresh with strength and hope.
2. **A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH:** God, for those who are overcome by fear and are tempted to run away, draw them back with your grace and love. May the church rise up in hope and faith to demonstrate and declare your love and kindness.
3. **A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD:** God, this world needs a fresh revelation of your compassion and power. We cry out on behalf of those in need during the Covid-19 lockdown. Show them the reality of your presence. Make real to them the evidences of your grace. Save and rescue those in need.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for your church and other churches in your area. Pray for God's people, the church, to become people of refuge.
- Pray for compassion and courage to rise. Ask God for innovative and creative ways for people to turn to him.
- Pray for those who once followed Jesus. Ask God for them to return to faith.
- What specific people and places is God highlighting for you to pray?

Creative Idea: Build a den. Get creative.

A safe space. A place of refuge where you can shut out the noise. Crawl in and

pray for people who are finding the lockdown and uncertainty hard. Maybe someone who has lost a job. Maybe a friend from school. Perhaps someone who is ill. Read some verses from Psalm 37 and pray those for the people you know. Pray for those whose families are not safe spaces, and for those seeking to help them.

Midday: The Lord's Prayer (Luke 11: 2-4)

Stop and pray the Lord's Prayer. If possible, pause and say it out loud. Slowly. Think about each phrase.

- How are you sensing Father's presence?
- How can you worship God today?
- What does daily bread look like in your context?
- Where do we need to receive or offer forgiveness?
- In what area do you need to see God's Kingdom increasingly demonstrated?

*Our Father, in heaven,
Holy is your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

*For yours is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

Creative Idea: Active Prayer

Read and act out the prayer.

See the mime and paraphrase versions of the prayer at the end of this guide.

A big thanks to Engage Worship for this great idea.

engageworship.org/ideas/lords-prayer-two-versions#

Evening: Healing

*If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and **heal their land**. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place. 2 Chronicles 7:14-15 (NKJV)*

As we continue to pray, seek, humble ourselves and turn from evil God responds to us and promises to bring forgiveness and healing. He will '*Heal/Restore their land*', our land. This nation, your city, community and neighbourhood need God's power to bring transformation, healing, restoration and salvation. As we look around us there is much evidence of evil and sin, but God is more powerful than any tactic of the enemy. Let's cry out for the miraculous, for signs and wonders of his presence, activity and Kingdom.

4. **A PRAYER FOR MY LIFE:** God, greater are you in me, than any tactic of the enemy. Protect my heart, body, mind and soul as I contend in prayer and fasting. Show me how I can step out to see signs and wonders on my frontline.
5. **A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH:** God, we long to see more evidence of your supernatural power. Bring healing, transformation, salvation and restoration. Nothing is impossible with you! In this time of lockdown may the church arise with fresh hope and faith.
6. **A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD:** God, this world you created needs more and more of your presence and power. Bring your healing and restoration to the broken, lost, despairing and desperate. You are the hope of this world. Open eyes that they may see you Jesus!

Prayer Points:

- Physical healing (including people we know who are sick and those working on the front lines)
- Emotional/mental healing and well-being
- Financial healing for our economy, jobs, businesses, church finances.
- Spiritual healing for people to turn to God in the nation What specific people and/or places is God highlighting for you to pray?
- What young people or children can you pray for?

Creative Idea: Frontline Prayer

Get some plasters and a pen. Write down the names of people and places that need healing. Stick them to some cardboard/board as a reminder to keep praying for them.

Do you have any Emergency Services toys or items in the house? Any toy buses or trains? Get them and create a 'Frontlines' prayer spot. Every time you walk past this remember to pray for those on the frontlines.

TITLE: LORD'S PRAYER PARAPHRASE
READING: LUKE 11:1-13
WEEK: YEAR C, PROPER 12/ORDINARY 17
AUTHOR: DAVE HOPWOOD

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Our Father, who lives in heaven,
we want to praise you
and say how wonderful you are.
May we do the things that you want us to do,
and do our best to live our lives
according to the values of heaven.

Please show us how to do this,
and give us all the things we need -
help us not to be selfish.

We are sorry for the times when we have been selfish;
in fact we are sorry for all the things
we have done wrong.
We remember all those who have annoyed us,
hurt us or upset us,
and we ask for your help to forgive them.

Please keep us away from
the things that are not good for us;
and help us when we want do the things that are wrong.
Help us to resist the temptations that distract us
but instead to focus on you -
and all the good things you do for us.

Because you have made everything,
you own everything
and you love everyone.

You are God forever,
Amen.

TITLE: LORD'S PRAYER - MIME VERSION
READING: LUKE 11:1-13
WEEK: YEAR C, PROPER 12/ORDINARY 17
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Our Father in heaven:	<i>(Look up, like a child to a parent)</i>
Hallowed be your name,	<i>(Run hands over large imaginary name plaque hanging above and in front of you)</i>
Your Kingdom come;	<i>(Raise an ear to heaven as if listening for God's</i>
Your will be done	<i>guidance)</i>
On earth as it is in heaven.	<i>(Reach down and scoop up some "earth", rub it with fingers)</i>
Give us this day our daily bread.	<i>(Tip away the earth and with both hands lift up a bread roll and tear it in two, mime eating a chunk)</i>
And forgive us our sins,	<i>(Cup right hand as if holding sins, look into it then raise it out front and to your right)</i>
As we forgive those who sin against us.	<i>(Cup left hand, look at this then hold that out, so that you are balancing left and right, like scales. Turn both hands over and let all the sins go)</i>
Lead us not into temptation,	<i>(Reach out for something, then stop and retract hand)</i>
But deliver us from evil.	<i>(Hold hands up to shield face from danger)</i>
For yours is the kingdom,	<i>(Sweep hands together in front of you as if collecting up a large bundle)</i>
The power,	<i>(Lift the imaginary bundle up high - just as God has the power to carry us)</i>
And the glory,	<i>(Sweep hands across and above you as if smoothing out the sky)</i>
Forever and ever,	<i>(Remove watch from wrist and throw it away)</i>
Amen.	<i>(Bow heads, with hands clasped)</i>