

DUTCH FORK CHURCH PRAYER EMPHASIS

MARCH 31 - April 27

At Dutch Fork Church, we believe in the power of prayer. During the next month, we are coming together as a church family to seek God's presence, guidance, and strength through a special Prayer Emphasis. Starting Monday, March 31, we invite you to join us in daily prayer as we unite our hearts and voices in faith.

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

<u>Daily Prayer Focus:</u> Each week, we will share a specific prayer focus to guide our collective prayers. Let's join in agreement and lift up Dutch Fork Church in prayer. The prayer guide will be available at church on Sundays, via email, and on our website.

<u>Sunday Morning Prayer Time:</u> Each Sunday during our worship service, we will come together to pray, focusing on the prayer theme for the week.

<u>Church Open for Prayer:</u> Our church building will be open every day for you to come and pray. You are welcome to sit in the sanctuary or in a classroom and spend time in prayer for our church, or prayer walk around our church campus. The church will be open weekdays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and Saturdays from 9-10 a.m. Please enter through the Hub.

<u>Evening of Worship & Prayer:</u> On Sunday, April 27 at 4 p.m., we'll conclude our Prayer Emphasis with an Evening of Worship & Prayer. This powerful evening will be a time to gather, celebrate God's faithfulness, and encounter His presence in a special way. Afterward, we'll enjoy a churchwide fellowship at 5 p.m. Bring a finger food to share and mark your calendars for this special evening!

We believe that when we pray together, our faith grows stronger and we experience God's transformative power. Let's press into this season of prayer as a church, united in the hope and purpose that comes through Christ. We can't wait to see what God will do in and through us as we seek Him together!

Join us in prayer, and let's make this season one of spiritual renewal and unity.

Psalm 103:2-5

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Day 1—Praise and Protection

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. Psalm 91:1-4

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100:1-5

Day 2—Confession

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. James 5:16

Day 3-Spiritual Healing

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2:1-5

Day 4-Physical Healing

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. James 5:14-15

Day 5-Revival

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite. Isaiah 57:15

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Day 1-Discernment

And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ; having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. Philippians. 1:9-11

Day 2-Wisdom for Decisions

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. James 3:17

For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. Proverbs. 2:6

Day 3—Divine Direction

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Psalm 32:8

Day 4-The Church (Leaders, Staff, Teachers, Volunteers)

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Day 5-Shared Vision

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. John 13:34-35

Isaiah 41:10

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Day 1—Empowerment of the Holy Spirit

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, ac- cording to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21

Day 2-Strength in Unity

...Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. Ephesians 4:15-16

Day 3—Courage

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Behold, all who are incensed against you shall be put to shame and confounded; those who strive against you shall be as nothing and shall perish. You shall seek those who contend with you, but you shall not find them; those who war against you shall be as nothing at all. For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Fear not, I am the one who helps you." Isaiah 41:10-13

Day 4—Perseverance

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. James 1:2-4

Day 5-Endurance

But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:31



Psalm 133:1 Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

Day 1—Unity in Spirit

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call. Ephesians 4:1-4

Day 2—Unity of Mind

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. 1 Corinthians 1:10

Day 3-Unity for Strength

Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on hearth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them. Matthew 18:18-20

Day 4—Unity in Worship

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:5-6

<u>Day 5—Unity in Purpose</u>

"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 22:36-40