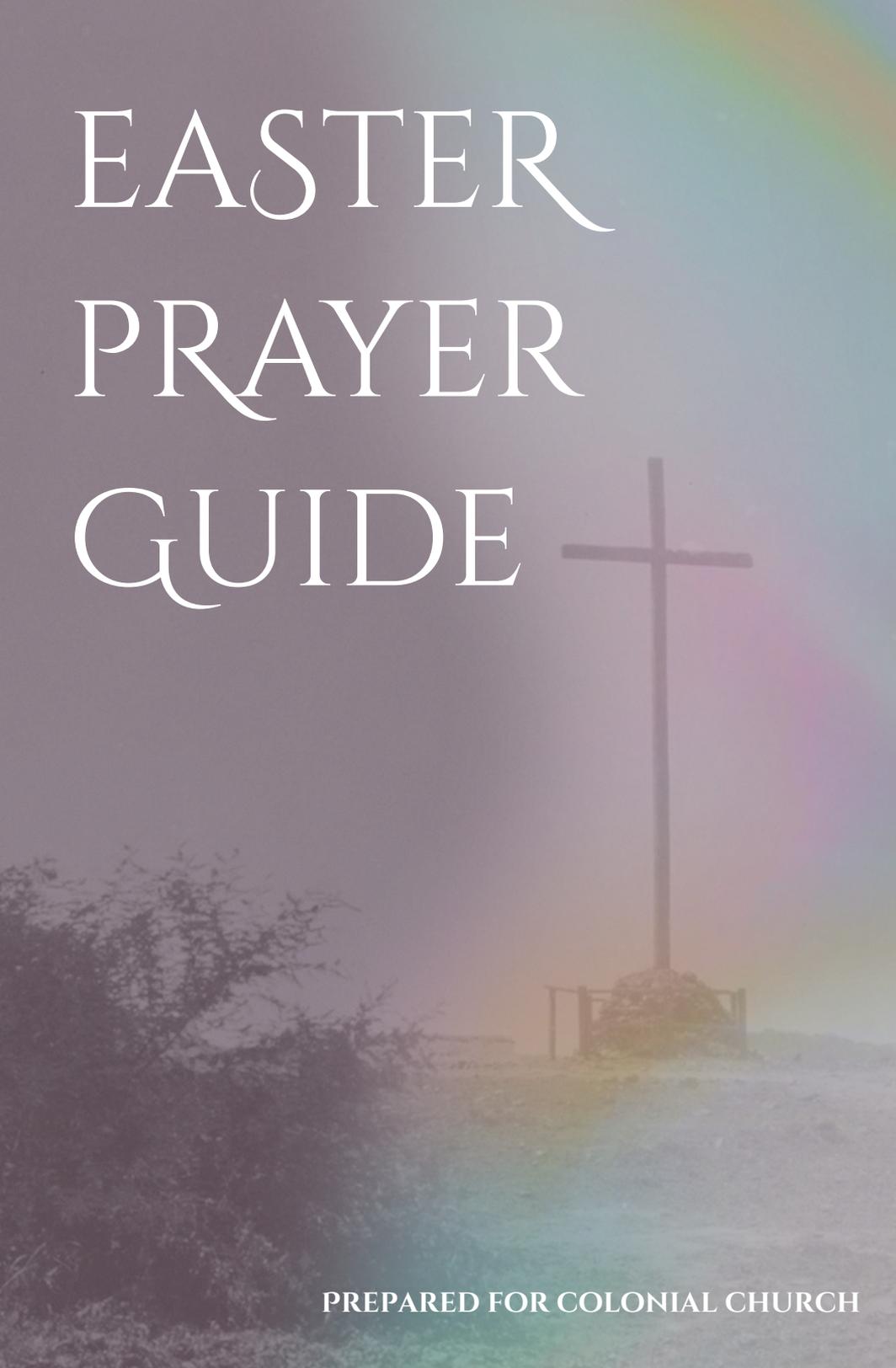


EASTER PRAYER GUIDE

A large wooden cross stands on a hillside, its base surrounded by a low fence. The background is a soft-focus landscape with a vibrant rainbow arching across the sky. The overall scene is peaceful and evocative of the Easter season.

PREPARED FOR COLONIAL CHURCH

Dear Colonial,

Dwight L. Moody, the well known 19th-century evangelist once stated that

“Every great movement of God can be traced
to a kneeling figure.”

D.L. was right. If you trace the growth of the Christian faith through our nation’s history, you find that no great movement of God has taken place without a great movement of prayer first.

As the lead pastor of Colonial, I can’t help but wonder what God might do here if only we, too, would seek Him more frequently and more fervently, humbly pleading with Him to do mighty things for His kingdom and glory right here in Wichita Falls.



As we approach Easter Sunday—the day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus—let’s pray intentionally for what God might do in our midst. Pray that the Lord would prepare hearts for the message of the gospel. Pray for friends, neighbors, and family members you hope to invite. Pray that the good news of Christ’s death and resurrection will be proclaimed clearly and received with faith. And pray that God would use this Easter not just for a meaningful service, but for genuine life change as people encounter the risen Christ. Let’s ask the Lord to bring about a great harvest at Colonial, not so we can pat ourselves on the back, but so we can say

“Look at what God did!”

Throughout this booklet you’ll find some general guidelines to help you pray for Easter Sunday, as well as more specific information to help you personally prepare your own heart to celebrate the Resurrection.

I’m so thankful that we are partners on this journey!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

Pastor Eric

EASTER SERVICES PRAYER GUIDE

5 Intentional Prayers over our Easter Services



1

PRAY FOR SPIRITUALLY PREPARED HEARTS

Pray that God would soften hearts and awaken spiritual hunger in those who will attend, especially people who rarely come to church. “Lord, prepare hearts to hear and receive the good news of the resurrection.”

Easter often brings people who are:

- grieving
- searching
- skeptical
- curious about faith

“Holy Spirit, please start working before they walk through the doors.”

2

PRAY FOR GOSPEL OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH INVITATIONS

Pray for specific people by name whom they plan to invite.

Pray for:

- courage to invite
- openness from friends and neighbors
- meaningful spiritual conversations

“God, open doors for conversations and help us invite people with genuine love.”

3

PRAY FOR CLEAR GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

Church, pray that the resurrection message will be clear, powerful, and faithful to Scripture.

Pray for:

- the preaching
- clarity of the gospel
- boldness and humility in proclamation

“Lord, let the message of Christ’s death and resurrection be heard clearly and received with faith.”

4

PRAY FOR LIFE CHANGE

Ultimately Easter is about resurrection power bringing new life.

Pray that people will:

- repent
- trust Christ
- return to faith
- take their next spiritual step

“God, bring people from death to life through the power of the risen Christ.”

5

PRAY FOR UNITY AND JOY IN THE CHURCH

Easter should also be a moment when the church celebrates the gospel together.

Pray for:

- unity among volunteers and leaders
- joyful worship
- genuine hospitality toward guests

“Lord, let our church reflect the joy of the resurrection.”

What are some other prayers you have leading up to Easter Sunday?



PERSONAL PRAYER GUIDE

A Gospel-Centered Journey Toward the Cross



Maundy Thursday

APRIL 2, 2026

THEME: Love That Serves

SCRIPTURES:

- **John 13:1-17**
- **Luke 22:14-20**
- **John 15:9-17**

REFLECTION:

On this night 2000 years ago, Jesus washed the disciples' feet and shared the Last Supper with them. The King of the universe knelt as a servant. He knew the cross was coming, yet His focus was still on loving His people. The gospel reminds us that we do not earn Christ's love...

...HE GIVES IT FREELY.

Because we've been served by Jesus, we're now called to serve others with humility.

prayer focus

1. GRATITUDE FOR CHRIST'S LOVE

- Thank Jesus for loving you even when you were undeserving
- Praise Him for serving humanity through the cross

2. A SERVANT'S HEART

- Ask God to remove pride and selfishness.
- Pray for humility in relationships at home, church, and work.

3. UNITY IN THE CHURCH

- Pray that our church would reflect Christ's love in how members treat one another.
- Ask God to deepen fellowship and mutual care.

GUIDED PRAYER

“Lord Jesus, You humbled Yourself to serve and love us. Forgive us for the pride that keeps us from serving others. Shape our hearts to reflect Your humility. May our church be known not for status or comfort but for sacrificial love. Amen.”

Good Friday

APRIL 3, 2026

THEME: **The Cross That Saves**

SCRIPTURES:

- **Isaiah 53:1–6**
- **Luke 23:32–46**
- **2 Corinthians 5:21**
- **Romans 5:8**

REFLECTION:

GOOD FRIDAY IS THE DARKEST MOMENT IN
HISTORY...

and yet it is called good because of what Christ accomplished. Jesus bore our sin, our shame, and our punishment so that we could receive forgiveness and life. The cross reveals both the seriousness of sin and the depth of God's love.

JESUS WILLINGLY TOOK OUR PLACE SO THAT WE
COULD BE RECONCILED TO GOD.

prayer focus

1. CONFESSION

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal areas of sin or compromise.
- Confess openly and receive Christ's forgiveness.

2. GRATITUDE FOR REDEMPTION

- Thank Jesus for paying the price for your salvation.
- Reflect on the freedom that comes through the cross.

3. SALVATION FOR OTHERS

- Pray for friends, family members, and coworkers who do not yet know Christ.
- Ask God to draw many people to the cross this Easter season.

GUIDED PRAYER

“Father, thank You for the sacrifice of Your Son. Jesus, You carried the weight of our sin so we could be free.

Help us never to take the cross lightly.

Use us to point others to the forgiveness and grace found in You. Amen.”

Holy Saturday

APRIL 4, 2026

THEME: **Trusting God in the Silence**

SCRIPTURES:

- **Matthew 27:57–66**
- **Psalms 130:5–6**
- **Lamentations 3:21–24**

REFLECTION:

Holy Saturday is the quiet day between the
cross and the resurrection.

The disciples felt confusion, grief, and uncertainty. It seemed like hope had died. Yet even in silence, God was still working. The resurrection was coming. Many believers experience seasons like this... times when God seems distant or prayers seem unanswered. Holy Saturday reminds us that God is still at work even when we cannot see it.

prayer focus

1. TRUST IN GOD'S TIMING

- Surrender situations where you are waiting for God to act.
- Ask for patience and faith during uncertain seasons.

2. HOPE IN THE RESURRECTION

- Thank God that death and darkness do not have the final word.
- Pray for renewed hope in Christ's victory.

3. SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

- Ask God to prepare your heart for the celebration of the resurrection.
- Pray for revival in your church and community.

GUIDED PRAYER

“Lord, when life feels uncertain and quiet, help us trust that You are still working. Strengthen our faith while we wait. Prepare our hearts to celebrate the victory of the resurrection with joy and confidence.

Amen.”

Prayer is the lifeline of the believer. It draws us into communion with God and aligns our hearts with His will. Scripture reminds us..

“Don’t worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God”

(Philippians 4:6)

Through prayer, we are not only heard, but formed, as we learn to trust His timing and His purposes. Jesus Himself taught us the necessity of persistence, saying,

“Pray constantly”

(1 Thessalonians 5:17)

As we pray, we participate in what God is already doing...

inviting His power, presence, and peace into every part of our lives.

AMEN.



EASTER
SERVICES TIMES

9:00 AM
&
10:30 AM