



Opening Our Hearts to Pray Through April

Due to COVID-19, we're living in a world that is generally closed. April means "to open." Let me encourage you to pray and ask God to open things up again—starting with our hearts—and then our church doors for people to come and know God and worship Him! I believe God is using this different time to bring revival to many in our world. Revival begins with God's people letting God see into our lives and examine us thoroughly. Prayerfully, God will hear our prayer, forgive our sin, and heal our land (2 Chronicles 7:14)! Thank you for praying with us each day. —Pastor Dennis Schaffer

Day	Scripture	Prayer Requests
<input type="checkbox"/> April 1	Habakkuk 3:2, O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.	Pray for personal, church, and national revival. Pray for protection with COVID-19. Pray for Sunday school teachers as they continue to connect and build up people in their faith.
<input type="checkbox"/> April 2	Psalms 14:1, The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, There is none that doeth good.	Pray that God will open the eyes of unsaved people by using the current situation, so they would know Him. Pray for our pastors.
<input type="checkbox"/> April 3	Genesis 3:5, For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.	Pray that God's people will trust God's Word over Satanic lies. Pray that God's Word will encourage people and strengthen Christians.
<input type="checkbox"/> April 4	Genesis 8:6, And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made.	Pray for trust and encouragement in God seeing the world's situation is challenging. Pray for prayer warriors to abound in God's work. Pray for those who are older to know God's presence and love.
<input type="checkbox"/> April 5	John 12:12-13, On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.	Pray people will recognize and worship Jesus as Hosanna, the true and rightful King over this world and our lives. Pray that God will help us prepare for His return. Pray our witness and influence grows 100-fold.
<input type="checkbox"/> April 6	Matthew 26:7, There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat at meat.	Pray thanking the Lord for His great work of salvation in your life, and worship Him as your Savior. Pray and share your testimony to others.
<input type="checkbox"/> April 7	Mark 14:24, And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.	Pray and reflect on Christ's sacrificial example. Pray and ask the Lord for opportunities to spread His hope to people you know.
<input type="checkbox"/> April 8	Exodus 12:23, For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the Lord will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.	Pray and remember the work of Christ as He became sin for us and prepared the way for eternal death to pass over us. Pray for our academy and childcare center as they minister to our community.
<input type="checkbox"/> April 9	Luke 23:34, Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.	Pray thanking God for His great forgiveness. Pray to ask God's help in forgiving others who have wronged you or others close to you.
<input type="checkbox"/> April 10	John 19:42, There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.	Pray remembering Jesus' 3 days in the grave. Pray praising Christ for carrying your sin far away, so it will be remembered no more.
<input type="checkbox"/> April 11	1 Peter 3:18, For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.	Pray contemplating the exchange Christ made to give us His righteousness. Pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen you to live for Him. Pray for many to be saved at tomorrow's Resurrection services.
<input type="checkbox"/> April 12	Matthew 28:1, In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.	Pray you will be faithful to Christ by loving Him, by worshipping Him, and partnering with His people through church to preach Him to others. Pray that Resurrection Sunday will be victorious.
<input type="checkbox"/> April 13	Acts 10:40, Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly.	Pray knowing Christ is alive and proved it by showing Himself to others. Pray that others will know Jesus is alive by your testimony.
<input type="checkbox"/> April 14	Luke 24:32, And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?	Pray thanking God for His Word. Pray asking the Holy Spirit to illumine your mind as you study God's Word. Pray for wisdom to share what God teaches you with others personally and publicly.
<input type="checkbox"/> April 15	Genesis 41:56, And the famine was over all the face of the earth: And Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt.	Pray for medical, emergency, and government people to have Godly strength and wisdom as they aid and lead our nation and community.
<input type="checkbox"/> April 16	John 7:13, Howbeit no man spake openly of him for fear of the Jews.	Pray God's people will have a love for Christ that makes them bold and creative to share Christ. Pray for our ministry team leaders.

<input type="checkbox"/> April 17	Numbers 22:31, Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face.	Pray for spiritual insight to help you and others walk with God in pleasing ways. Pray humbly acknowledging God as the Lord, Creator, and Savior of the world. Pray for our church family.
<input type="checkbox"/> April 18	Psalms 24:7, Lift up your heads, O ye gates; And be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; And the King of glory shall come in.	Pray inviting God to intervene in your life and to help you praise Him in times of difficulty. Pray for tomorrow's church service.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> April 19	Colossians 4:3, Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:	Pray for missionaries and pastors around the world who share Christ and invite others to Him despite the persecution and criticism they face. Pray for parents to lovingly lead their homes.
<input type="checkbox"/> April 20	Deuteronomy 15:11, For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.	Pray for those who are out of work and have needs. Pray for wisdom and opportunities to help those who are needy. Pray God will rebuild our church and community soon. Pray for business restore and grow.
<input type="checkbox"/> April 21	Revelation 3:8, I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.	Pray for God to open doors of opportunity to reach people in our times, even when our own resources are little. Pray God's people will be obedient to meet, serve, give, and share His salvation.
<input type="checkbox"/> April 22	1 Samuel 3:1, And the child Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision.	Pray for a growing desire for our nation to return to the Bible and let it change our lives. Pray people are disciplined to teach others also.
<input type="checkbox"/> April 23	1 Peter 3:12, For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.	Pray to live a life of righteousness. Pray seeking God's heart, bringing petitions before Him. Pray for the lost to be saved from God's wrath.
<input type="checkbox"/> April 24	2 Kings 6:17, And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.	Pray for peace in the midst of the storm. Pray for God's people to have faith and know His personal protective presence. Pray for opportunities to encourage others about God's sovereignty and love.
<input type="checkbox"/> April 25	Revelation 3:20, Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.	Pray for many to answer Jesus' invitation to know Him. Pray for believers to have a close and precious walk with Christ. Pray for married couples to grow closer to Christ and each other.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> April 26	Revelation 19:11, And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.	Pray for our nation and world to know the real Jesus. Pray worshipping Christ for His faithfulness, truth, righteousness, and judgment.
<input type="checkbox"/> April 27	Matthew 6:3-4, But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.	Pray seeking to honor God with your life in private, so you may be able to also honor Him publicly. Pray our church would be careful to avoid hypocrisy. Pray we will not soon forget the lessons of this trying time.
<input type="checkbox"/> April 28	Matthew 6:6, But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.	Pray asking God to help you know Him more and more each day. Pray that God will help believers stay faithful to Him. Pray that God will use believers to change the world for His kingdom. Pray for students.
<input type="checkbox"/> April 29	Matthew 7:7-8, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.	Pray asking for God's will to be accomplished, knowing that God does answer prayer. Pray lifting up Christ, then pray for others, then pray for your own needs last. Prayer is a source of J.O.Y.—Jesus, Others, You!
<input type="checkbox"/> April 30	Malachi 3:10, Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be meat in mine house, And prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, If I will not open you the windows of heaven, And pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.	Pray that God will continue to bless you and others as you faithfully give tithes and offerings to Him through your church. Pray that through your giving someone will be saved, baptized, and walking as a disciple and follower of Jesus. Pray our church will continue to be faithful in sharing Christ as we prepare people for eternity and look forward to His soon return. Pray for May to be blessed by God in supernatural ways.

