

# 21

**DAYS OF  
PRAYER &  
FASTING**

February 23 - March 16, 2026



**GATEWAY**  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

How do I  
*fast & pray?*

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# PREFACE

There are some homes we never forget. Whether it's the greeting at the door, the aroma in the kitchen, or the fire in the hearth, certain places leave an imprint on our hearts. They make us want to linger a little longer and come back every chance we get.

And so it should be in the household of God.

Jesus called us to be the salt and light of the world, a distinction that was meant to be an invitation. Light warms the house and pushes back the darkness, while salt seasons and preserves the feast. He knew the cold and hungry would walk by and see something the rest of the world could not offer them. The values we build within these walls beckon the lost and lonely to come inside.

But it's difficult to instill values if only a select few live by them. ***Creating a culture is a family affair.*** It requires everyone to stoke the fire, pass out the dishes, and pull up every chair in the house for our guests. When each of us prays, we help create something the rest of the world is desperate for—a family and a feast. An open seat at the table with the King.

**WE WANT TO BE A  
PRAYING CHURCH,  
NOT JUST A CHURCH  
THAT PRAYS.**

Join us in the next 21 days as we pray through our family values. As members of Gateway, we pursue the presence of God, build a foundation of prayer, stand on the authority of the Word of God, invite others into an authentic family, cultivate spiritual growth, reach the next generation, and advance God's Kingdom. We will learn what the Bible says about each of these



values, how our world longs to see them, and how they have impacted our family of churches. Come discover your role in the household of God and leave an imprint on the heart of your city. Hear the Founder of the feast bid a starving world, “*Come and eat.*” Sit down at the table He has prepared for us.

**WE ARE A CHURCH  
THAT PURSUES THE  
PRESENCE OF GOD.**

*But first, let us pray.*



# INTRODUCTION

After studying Jesus' teaching on how to fast and pray (Matthew 6), we want to invite you to join us as we devote ourselves to doing just that.

## PRAYER

We believe that prayer is the great privilege of those who by faith in Jesus have been reconciled to God. Prayer is not simply the means by which we receive something from Jesus. It is a glorious opportunity for us to approach the throne of grace and seek the face of our Redeemer. In prayer, we both seek and see him—gazing on his face, not just searching for his hand. With him clearly in view, our prayers become a response to his glory and goodness, not just a reaction to our need or want.

For the next 21 days we will follow the prayers of Jesus in Matthew and of Paul in his letter to the Ephesians, letting them guide our prayers. Paul's great desire for the church was that they see and believe the greatness of God's love for them, revealed in Jesus. He wanted them to know Christ even as he sought to know him. He longed for them to experience the fullness of God, being daily renewed in their inner being. Paul wanted the church to be a living, growing testimony to the life-changing power of the gospel. And we want the same things for you and for the entire Gateway Church community.

### **BUT WHEN YOU PRAY ...**

*Matthew 6:6*

Each day, we will focus on a few verses. We'll provide some encouragement and a few prayer points from the passage. As you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to lead you. You might also make a list of needs and requests that you want to bring to the Lord during these 21 days. Keep that list handy as you pray, and be sure to



note when and how you see God responding to your prayers. We would love to encourage you to find a prayer partner for this journey. It might be your spouse, a close friend, or someone from your Life Group. Commit to praying and encouraging each other during these 21 days. Schedule times to pray together. Share your prayer lists and talk about how you see God answering prayers along the way.

## FASTING

Fasting is an integral part of this prayer journey that we don't want you to neglect. It is not a way to manipulate God or prove our sincerity. Think of it as a way to turn from what gives physical sustenance and focus on what feeds and nourishes your soul. One theologian says we starve the flesh to feed the spirit.

AND WHEN  
YOU FAST ...

Matthew 6:16

### Types of Fasts:

- **Complete Fast:** liquids only for a period of time. Consider a 24-hour period (This booklet will assume Mondays. We discourage complete fasts on Sundays which are feast days. The sabbath is a day to delight in the richness and beauty of Christ. Consider any other day of the week if Mondays don't work for you.)
- **Partial Fast:** skipping a meal or certain foods.
- **Selective Fast:** removing a specific comfort (sweets, coffee, etc.).
- **Soul Fast:** fasting from media, social platforms, entertainment, etc. (We encourage you to consider soul fasts on Sundays to be more wholly devoted to time with family and friends.)

If you have medical conditions, please consult a healthcare provider before fasting from food. Use the time you would normally eat or scroll to pray, read Scripture, worship, and listen.

***We've set Mondays as the days we will all fast together, but we encourage you to fast on other days as well based on what best fits your schedule.*** We encourage you to not choose Sunday, the sabbath, for fasting. That is a day of resting, rejoicing, and feasting in the joy of the Lord.

Paul's prayers, which have been recorded for us in Ephesians, are rich and sweet. Over the next 21 days, let these Holy Spirit-inspired prayers lead your praying. You might consider memorizing them or rewriting them in your own words. However you choose to engage, we hope you'll make the most of this

**CONTINUE STEADFASTLY IN PRAYER, BEING WATCHFUL IN IT WITH THANKSGIVING.**

*Colossians 4:2*

opportunity to be renewed and refreshed by time spent seeking the face of God.





## NOTE TO PARENTS

If your household includes children, we have provided a simple prayer model for each day and a question to prompt their own prayers. When praying with kids, you may choose to simply read the verses for the day and then move straight to this family-friendly prompt. Discuss the question and pray briefly based on kids' answers. The words provided can help guide young kids.

**RETURN TO ME WITH ALL YOUR  
HEART, WITH FASTING, WITH  
WEeping, AND WITH MOURNING**

*God in Joel 2:12*

### Each day you will find:

- **Two Scripture passages**, one from Matthew, one from Ephesians (Note: some members of Gateway will be seeking to memorize the Matthew verses each day)
- A short **reflection**
- Several **prayer prompts**
- A **kids prayer prompt** for households



# FAMILY ACTIVITY

## SCRATCH AND SEEK

The 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting booklet is a tool to guide you into a regular routine of reflection on scripture, prayer, and fasting. When strengthening a new habit, a helpful motivation is to track your progress and have a visual prompt.

We've created a family-friendly, three week calendar, and called it **Scratch and Seek**. This page is meant to stay on your fridge or in a prominent place, as a visual reminder to read the daily scripture and prompts, and it has a motivational component to reveal a message. Here is how it works:

- Open the booklet to the correct date. Read the scripture passage, the daily prompts, and spend time in prayer.
- After the reading is complete, find the corresponding date on the **Scratch and Seek** page. Scratch off the sticker to reveal a single word.

At the end of the 21 days, an Easter message will be revealed.

The **Scratch and Seek** pages can be found at the Kids Check In Counter and are available for anyone who would like one (but please, one per family).

May your hearts be filled with joy, persistence and hope, as we not only build these spiritual disciplines individually, but we do so together as a church, with purpose and gratitude.



DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING, BUT IN EVERYTHING BY PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING LET YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN TO GOD.

*Philippians 4:6*

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scratch and seek

Each day, read the scripture passages, kids prompt, and prayer in the booklet. Then scratch off the sticker for that date. At the end of the 21 days, there will be an Easter message.

Feb 23	Feb 24	Feb 25	Feb 26	Feb 27	Feb 28	March 1
March 2	March 3	March 4	March 5	March 6	March 7	March 8
March 9	March 10	March 11	March 12	March 13	March 14	March 15

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BUT HE ANSWERED, “IT IS WRITTEN, “MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT COMES FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.”

*Matthew 4:4*



# DAY 1 // DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

## BLESSED BY GRACE

Monday, February 23 (A Day of Fasting)

*Matthew 5:1–6*

*Ephesians 1:3–6*

## Reflection

In Jesus we have redemption and forgiveness through His blood. The kingdom is given to the poor in spirit, the grieving, the meek, and the hungry. Paul echoes this: in Christ we are already blessed with every spiritual blessing. Before Gateway strives, we receive. Before we obey, we belong.

## Prayer Prompts

- Bless God. Express your awe and wonder and gratitude for his indescribable gift of salvation.
- Pray that knowing God's grace would teach you, and your brothers and sisters at Gateway, to resist temptation and live godly lives.
- Ask God to renew and strengthen you to share the good news of the gospel of Jesus with those around you today.
- Pray that our congregation would become a refuge for the weary and broken in Abbotsford.

**KIDS PROMPT:** What is the most amazing thing about God?

**Pray with Kids:** “Jesus, thank you for loving our church. Help us trust you and follow you today.”



# DAILY PRAYER GUIDE // DAY 2

## MERCY PEOPLE

Monday, February 24

*Matthew 5:7–12*

*Ephesians 2:4–7*

### Reflection

Ask God for wisdom and revelation in knowing Him. Ask that the Lord would use you as His instrument even if it brings insult, injury, or evil against you. The blessed life looks upside down: mercy, purity, peacemaking, and endurance under pressure. Paul reminds us that we live only because God is rich in mercy. Gateway can give mercy because we have first received it.

### Prayer Prompts

- Thank God for the faith family of God at Gateway.
- Confess sin and receive God's forgiveness.
- Ask God to fill your heart with joy in the gospel.
- Pray for Gateway to grow in knowing Christ.

**KIDS PROMPT:** What do you think about Jesus dying for you?

**Pray with Kids:** “Jesus, thank you for forgiving us. Help us be kind and forgiving today. Amen.”



# DAY 3 // DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

## SALT AND LIGHT

Wednesday, February 25

*Matthew 5:13–16*

*Ephesians 5:8–10*

### Reflection

Ask God to enlighten the eyes of your heart with hope, and that the Lord would use you as an agent of healing in the world. Jesus calls His people salt and light — preserving and illuminating the world. Paul says we were once darkness, but now we are light in the Lord. Gateway's life together should make God visible in our city.

### Prayer Prompts

- Ask where our witness has grown quiet or cautious. Ask God to tear down lies of unbelief. Pray that you would have the courage of your conviction to remind others of God's love by letting the light of Christ shine for others to see and bless God.
- Pray for those in our community who feel weary. Ask the Lord how you can be an agent of hope and healing to others.
- Ask God to use our church to bless families and institutions in our community.

**KIDS PROMPT:** Who helps you know God better?

*Pray with Kids:* “Jesus, help us shine your light with our words and actions today. Amen.”



# DAILY PRAYER GUIDE // DAY 4

## FULFILLED IN CHRIST

Thursday, February 26

*Matthew 5:17-20*

*Ephesians 2:8-10*

### Reflection

Jesus fulfills the law and gives us a righteousness beyond rule-keeping. Paul reminds us we are saved by grace and created for good works. Gateway's obedience flows from gratitude to God for what He's already done on the cross.

### Prayer Prompts

- Thank God for raising Jesus from the dead.
- Ask for a surrendered heart, and for God to put His law on our hearts.
- Ask God to show our church the good works He has prepared for us locally, and for courage to live it out.
- Pray for gospel-shaped culture in every ministry of Gateway.

**KIDS PROMPT:** What do you love about God?

**Pray with Kids:** “Jesus, thank you for loving us first. Help us do good because we love you. Amen.”





# DAY 5 // DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

## HEARTS OF RECONCILIATION

Friday, February 27

*Matthew 5:21–26*

*Ephesians 4:31–32*

### Reflection

Christ dwells in our hearts through faith, and changes our view of the law. The curse of the law is lifted! Now, in gratitude to God, we seek to follow God's law with joy in our hearts. Kingdom communities pursue peace quickly.

### Prayer Prompts

- Thank Jesus for forgiving our debt.
- Ask the Spirit to reveal any unresolved tensions in our faith family, and pray for courage to pursue reconciliation in any and all matters.
- Ask God to heal any strained friendships or families.
- Pray for Spirit-filled obedience at Gateway.

**KIDS PROMPT:** What does it mean to say “I’m sorry” to someone?

**Pray with Kids:** “Jesus, help us say sorry and forgive others like you forgive us. Amen.”





# DAILY PRAYER GUIDE // DAY 6

## PURE HEARTS

Saturday, February 28

*Matthew 5:27–30*

*Ephesians 5:3–5*

### Reflection

Jesus addresses the heart, not just actions. Paul calls believers to holiness that fits our identity. The gospel frees us for joyful purity.

### Prayer Prompts

- Ask God to cleanse our hearts as individuals and as a church.
- Pray for protection over marriages, singles, and youth at Gateway.
- Confess where distractions weaken devotion. Pray for Spirit-filled obedience as a church.
- Thank Christ for His patient and transforming grace.

**KIDS PROMPT:** How can you make good choices (like cleaning your room, or being nice to a sibling) even if mom or dad doesn't offer a reward to do so?

**Pray with Kids:** “Jesus, help us think good thoughts and make good choices today. Amen.”



# DAY 7 // DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

## FAITHFUL LOVE

Sunday, March 1 (A Day of Feasting & Soul Fasting)

*Matthew 5:31–32*

*Ephesians 5:25–27*

### Reflection

Jesus lifts up covenant faithfulness. Paul shows Christ's sacrificial love for the church. Our relationships tell the gospel story.

### Prayer Prompts

- Thank Jesus for loving Gateway faithfully.
- Pray for strength and joy in our marriages and relationships.
- Intercede for healing where relationships are fragile.
- Ask God to shape our love after Christ's love.

**KIDS PROMPT:** Who has shown you love this week? How can you show God's love to others?

**Pray with Kids:** “Jesus, thank you for loving your people. Help our families love like you. Amen.”



# DAILY PRAYER GUIDE // DAY 8

## PEOPLE OF TRUTH

Monday, March 2 (A Day of Fasting)

*Matthew 5:33–37*

*Ephesians 4:25*

### Reflection

Jesus calls for simple, honest speech. Paul echoes: speak truth. Gateway's credibility in the community depends on integrity in ordinary life.

### Prayer Prompts

- Thank God that Christ lives in you.
- Ask for strength to resist temptation.
- Confess where words of truth are: *softened* for comfort, or *hardened* to hurt rather than to heal.
- Pray that we would be a community of integrity, and known as trustworthy in our city.

**KIDS PROMPT:** Why is it important to tell the truth even when it's hard?

**Pray with Kids:** “Jesus, help us tell the truth even when it's hard. Amen.”



# DAY 9 // DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

## RADICAL GRACE

Tuesday, March 3

*Matthew 5:38–42*

*Ephesians 4:1–3*

### Reflection

God's love is deeper than we can measure, and changes our hearts to love our neighbor as Christ loves us. Jesus reshapes justice into generosity. Paul urges humility and patience. The gospel trains us to respond with grace, not defensiveness.

### Prayer Prompts

- Thank Jesus for His patience with you.
- Ask God to help you to encourage and bless others, even those to whom it is hard for you to love.
- Ask God to make our church a peacemaking presence.
- Pray for gentleness in disagreements.

**KIDS PROMPT:** What is grace? What is mercy? Can you think of a time someone showed you kindness you didn't deserve?

*Pray with Kids:* “Jesus, help us be kind when others are not kind to us. Amen.”



# DAILY PRAYER GUIDE // DAY 10

## LOVING ENEMIES

Wednesday, March 4

*Matthew 5:43–48*

*Ephesians 4:32–5:2*

### Reflection

Jesus calls us to love even difficult people. Paul says we walk in love as Christ loved us. The cross defines our community life.

### Prayer Prompts

- Thank Jesus for loving you while you were still a sinner and enemy of God.
- Ask Christ to reshape our hearts.
- Pray for unity in our congregation.
- Ask God to show our community unexpected grace through us.

**KIDS PROMPT:** Is it sometimes hard to be kind? How can you show love like Jesus does to others, even if they are unkind to you?

*Pray with Kids:* “Jesus, help us love people even when it is hard. Amen.”



# DAY 11 // DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

## WORSHIPPING FOR AN AUDIENCE OF ONE

Thursday, March 5

*Matthew 6:1–6*

*Ephesians 1:16–18*

### Reflection

Jesus warns against performing spirituality. Paul prays for hearts to know God. Our life is shaped before the Father who sees.

### Prayer Prompts

- Confess where you might do good deeds to be seen. Praise God for His patience with you.
- Ask God to deepen Gateway's private devotion.
- Pray for the Lord to give our church a deep hunger for Scripture and prayer.
- Thank God that He sees and cares for our church.

**KIDS PROMPT:** What does worship mean? How can you worship God in your heart today — not just with words but with actions?

**Pray with Kids:** “Jesus, thank you that you hear us when we pray. Amen.”



# DAILY PRAYER GUIDE // DAY 12

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Friday, March 6

*Matthew 6:7–13*

*Ephesians 3:14–19*

### Reflection

Jesus teaches us to pray simply and boldly. Paul prays we would grasp God's love. Prayer forms Gateway before it directs Gateway.

### Prayer Prompts

- Praise God for adopting us as His people.
- Ask for daily dependence as a church.
- Pray for forgiving hearts as individuals, families, and as a church community.
- Ask that we would know Christ's love more deeply together.

**KIDS PROMPT:** How do you picture God? Based on Jesus teaching on prayer, how should we see God?

**Pray with Kids:** “Jesus, thank you that God is our Father and loves us. Amen.”



# DAY 13 // DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

## FORGIVEN TO FORGIVE

Saturday, March 7

*Matthew 6:14–15*

*Ephesians 4:32*

### Reflection

Jesus connects receiving forgiveness with extending forgiveness. Gospel communities refuse to keep score.

### Prayer Prompts

- Thank God for forgiving your sins.
- Ask where bitterness may still linger in your heart. Pray for freedom from any and all resentment.
- Intercede for restored relationships in our families and community.

**KIDS PROMPT:** What is ‘sin’? Is it hard to forgive someone (a brother, sister, or friend) when they do something unkind?

**Pray with Kids:** “Jesus, help us forgive others like You forgive us. Amen.”





# DAILY PRAYER GUIDE // DAY 14

## TREASURES OF THE HEART

Sunday, March 8 (A Day of Feasting & Soul Fasting)

*Matthew 6:19-24*

*Ephesians 1:18*

### Reflection

Jesus shows that our treasure directs our hearts. Paul points us to our rich inheritance in Christ. Gateway is formed by what we value.

### Prayer Prompts

- Ask the Lord to reveal to you what competes for the throne of your heart.
- Thank God for eternal hope.
- Pray for generosity with time, gifts, and finances.
- Ask for undivided devotion as a church.

**KIDS PROMPT:** What is something you really, really love? How can you show that Jesus is even more important to you than those things?

**Pray with Kids:** “Jesus, help us love You more than our stuff. Amen.”



# DAY 15 // DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

## FREEDOM FROM WORRY

Monday, March 9 (A Day of Fasting)

*Matthew 6:25–34*

*Ephesians 3:20–21*

### Reflection

Jesus calls us to trust the Father's care. Paul reminds us God can do more than we imagine. Anxiety shrinks when God grows bigger in Gateway's life.

### Prayer Prompts

- Name the worries that you carry in your heart. Give them to the Lord.
- Ask God for daily trust.
- Thank Him for past provision at Gateway.
- Pray for peace amid uncertainty for families and leaders.

**KIDS PROMPT:** When do you feel worried? How can remembering God's love help you have hope?

*Pray with Kids:* “Jesus, help us trust God when we feel scared. Amen.”



# DAILY PRAYER GUIDE // DAY 16

## HUMBLE VISION

Tuesday, March 10

*Matthew 7:1–5*

*Ephesians 4:2*

## Reflection

Jesus warns against proud judgment. Paul calls us to humility. The gospel teaches us to examine ourselves before correcting others.

## Prayer Prompts

- Confess critical attitudes in your heart.
- Ask for the Lord to treat you how you treat your enemies (that one might sting a bit).
- Thank God for His patience with us.

**KIDS PROMPT:** Is it easier to see other people's mistakes or your own? Why do you think that is?

*Pray with Kids:* “Jesus, help us be kind instead of bossy. Amen.”



# DAY 17 // DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

## ASKING THE FATHER

Wednesday, March 11

*Matthew 7:7–11*

*Ephesians 1:19–20*

### Reflection

Jesus invites bold prayer. Paul points to God's power at work in believers. We pray with confidence because God is generous.

### Prayer Prompts

- Bring specific needs of Gateway to God.
- Thank Him for hearing our prayers.
- Ask for faith to keep asking.
- Pray for God's power in our ministries.

**KIDS PROMPT:** What is something you need help with right now? What does it mean that God is a good Father who loves to give good gifts to His children?

**Pray with Kids:** “Jesus, thank you that God likes when we ask for help. Amen.”



# DAILY PRAYER GUIDE // DAY 18

## THE GOLDEN WAY

Thursday, March 12

*Matthew 7:12*

*Ephesians 5:1-2*

### Reflection

Jesus sums up kingdom life with love. Paul says we imitate God by walking in love. Our calling is relational.

### Prayer Prompts

- Thank Christ for His sacrificial love toward you.
- Ask how we, as a church, can love our neighbors better.
- Intercede for our surrounding community.

**KIDS PROMPT:** Who could you help or serve today — someone at home, school, or in your neighborhood?

**Pray with Kids:** “Jesus, help us treat others the way we want to be treated. Amen.”



# DAY 19 // DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

## THE NARROW WAY

Friday, March 13

*Matthew 7:13–14*

*Ephesians 4:1*

### Reflection

Jesus calls us to the life-giving path. Paul urges us to live worthy of our calling. Gateway's choices shape our witness.

### Prayer Prompts

- Ask for the Lord to continue to hold you in the palm of His hands.
- Ask for discernment in our church's direction.
- Pray for perseverance in faithfulness.
- Intercede for those drifting from the faith.

**KIDS PROMPT:** Have you ever chosen the harder right thing instead of the easier wrong thing? What helps you follow Jesus even when it's not popular?

*Pray with Kids:* “Jesus, help us follow you even when it is hard. Amen.”



# DAILY PRAYER GUIDE // DAY 20

## KNOWN BY FRUIT

Saturday, March 14

*Matthew 7:15–20*

*Ephesians 5:8–9*

### Reflection

Jesus teaches that true faith produces fruit. Paul says light produces goodness and truth. The Spirit grows Christ's life in Gateway.

### Prayer Prompts

- Thank God for His transforming work in your life. As for His to continue to mold and shape you for His Kingdom-building purposes.
- Pray for holiness and joy in our congregation.
- Intercede for spiritual growth across every age group.

**KIDS PROMPT:** If someone watched your life this week, what “fruit” would they see? What kind of fruit (kindness, honesty, love) do you want to grow in?

*Pray with Kids:* “Jesus, help us grow good fruit in our lives. Amen.”



# DAY 21 // DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

## BUILT ON THE ROCK

Sunday, March 15 (A Day of Feasting & Soul Fasting)

*Matthew 7:24–27*

*Ephesians 2:19–22*

### Reflection

Jesus ends with a call to build on obedience, not just hearing. Paul reminds us we are God's dwelling place. Lives rooted in Christ endure storms.

### Prayer Prompts

- Thank God for being our foundation.
- Ask for obedience, not just knowledge.
- Pray for resilience in trials.
- Commit Gateway again to Christ's Lordship and mission.

**KIDS PROMPT:** What does it look like to build your life on Jesus every day? What happens to a house built on sand when a storm comes?

*Pray with Kids:* “Jesus, help us build our lives on you. Amen.”





# CLOSING PRAYER

*Father God, draw us, Your children at Gateway Community Church nearer to You.*

*Shape us by Your Word, fill us with Your Spirit, and make us a people of prayer, humility, courage, and love.*

*May our fasting and praying lead us to deeper joy in Christ and faithful witness in Abbotsford and beyond.*

*Come alongside us Lord, and help us to see that these patterns are not just for these set aside 21 days, but that they are life giving for all the days to come. Send your Spirit to encourage us to live into these patterns, and help us to commit to regular connection with you.*

*Amen.*



# LENT // WATCH & PRAY

*I hear the Saviour say: “Thy strength indeed is small.  
Child of weakness, watch and pray; find in Me thine all in all.”*

These familiar and beautiful words hail from the classic hymn, **Jesus Paid it All**, originally penned by Elvina M. Hall (1865). They are an echo of Jesus’ words to His closest disciples as He went out to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night He was betrayed (see Matthew 26).

## **WATCH & PRAY**

Christ knows our weakness, and so He calls us to watch and pray—to pay attention and to seek Him. This is the very sentiment behind this booklet and the collection of prayer prompts and suggestions that it contains. The season of Lent is an opportune time to reconnect spiritually with God through prayer, fasting, worship, and the Word.

We encourage you to consider this resource and other ways, so that you might watch and pray. Recognize and remember the ways that you are a child of weakness. Then pay special attention to the Lord Jesus—the grace and mercy that He gives for you. And find, once again, that all you need is found in Him.

We pray that you are encouraged as you seek deeper connection to Christ through this season of Lent and beyond.

*God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.*

*Submit yourselves, then, to God....*

*Come near to God and He will come near to you.*

James 4:6-8



# EASTER WEEKEND AT GATEWAY

At the culmination of Lent we come to **Good Friday**, the day when the church of Christ commemorates Jesus' suffering and death on the cross at Calvary.

It is a time of sober remembrance but also of celebration, for at the cross Jesus has overcome the power and the curse of sin, once and for all. For us at Gateway, the crowning moment of this special service of worship is at the Table of the Lord where we share together in a special time of Communion.

Three days after the cross came Christ's Resurrection. On **Easter Sunday**, we shed the grief associated with the grave and celebrate the glory of the risen Christ, the Victor over sin and death.

This year, these services will feature the music ministry of the **Gateway Choir & Orchestra**. Please plan to join us and share in these special times of worship, refreshment, and fellowship.

Good Friday Service: April 3, 2026, 10.00am  
Easter Sunday Service: April 5, 2026, 10.00am

Children's Ministry programming (age 3-gr.3) will be provided on Easter Sunday, and Nursery ministry provided on both days.





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