

40 Days of Prayer for our State Convention in this Time of Transition

It's the desire of the search committee charged with the task of finding a new executive director to replace Dr. Joe Bunce, our current director, that our churches join us in prayer for our state convention during this time of transition. That is why we are providing this forty-day prayer guide. It is designed to be used starting Sunday, March 29th through to the date of the National Day of Prayer, May 7th. As you pray each day, note the request for that day. Know that as you do offer this request to God, you'll join other New Mexico Baptists in seeking God's blessing for our state convention during this time of transition.

There is great power in agreeing prayer.

“When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action.” – Matthew 18:19 (The Message)

As you make use of this guide, you'll notice that with each request there is a promise of Scripture to claim. Incorporate the promise in your prayers. Praying Scripture is a practice exemplified in the Bible. In Numbers 14:11-20, Moses prayed Exodus 20:5-6; in 2 Chronicles 20:5-12, Jehoshaphat prayed 2 Chronicles 7:13 and 1 Kings 8:37-39; and in Acts 4:23-31, the early church prayed Psalm 2. Prayers based on the promises of God will result in our seeing the power of God!

Prayers for our current Executive Director, Dr. Joe Bunce and his wife, Sharon, for their time of transition

Day One – March 29th

Pray for God to grant them peace as they go through this time of transition.

“And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”
– Philippians 4:7 (NIV)

Day Two – March 30th

Ask God to provide for their every need.

“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.” – Philippians 4:19 (NIV)

Day Three – March 31st

Pray for them to know the joy of the presence of the Lord in their lives.

“Surely you have granted him unending blessings and made him glad, with the joy of your presence.” – Psalms 21:6 (NIV)

Day Four – April 1st

Pray for God to lead them to discern how best to serve Him in this time of their lives.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take” – Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

Day Five – April 2nd

Pray for God to bless them with fruitfulness as they continue to walk with Him and serve Him.

“. . . I have chosen you and I have appointed and placed and purposefully planted you, so that you would go and bear fruit and keep on bearing, and that your fruit will remain and be lasting . . .” – John 15:16 (Amplified)

Day Six – April 3rd

Pray for God to enable them to learn contentment as their life circumstances change.

“I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I find myself.” – Philippians 4:11 (CSB)

Day Seven – April 4th

Pray for God to bless them with good health.

“I pray for your good fortune in everything you do, and for your good health – that your everyday affairs prosper, as well as your soul!” – 3 John 1:2 (The Message)

Day Eight – April 5th

Pray for God to grant them a passion to accomplish all God has in mind for them, even as He did Caleb.

“So here I am today, eighty-five years old! I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then. Now give me this hill country that the Lord promised me that day.”
– Joshua 14:10b-12a (NIV)

Day Nine – April 6th

Pray for God to bless their relationships with friends and family.

“Friends love through all kinds of weather, and families stick together in all kinds of trouble.”
– Proverbs 17:17 (The Message)

Day Ten – April 7th

Pray for God would bless them to be part of a loving, supportive and growing church family.

“And may you, having been [deeply] rooted and [securely] grounded in love, be fully capable of comprehending with all the saints (God’s people) the width and length and height and depth of His love [fully experiencing that amazing, endless love]; and [that you may come] to know [practically, through personal experience] the love of Christ which far surpasses knowledge [without experience], that you may be filled up [throughout your being] to all the fullness of God [so that you may have the richest experience of God’s presence in your lives, completely filled and flooded with God Himself].”

– Ephesians 3:17b-19 (Amplified)

Prayers for our convention staff during this time of transition

Day Eleven – April 8th

Pray for them to not be discouraged during this time of transition.

“But as for [the rest of] you believers, do not grow tired or lose heart in doing good [but continue doing what is right without weakening].” – 2 Thessalonians 3:13 (Amplified)

Day Twelve – April 9th

Pray for them to work together in unity.

“Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.” – Ephesians 4:3 (NLT)

Day Thirteen – April 10th

Pray that they will know God’s guidance in this time of transition.

“Your own ears will hear him. Right behind you a voice will say, ‘This is the way you should go,’ whether to the right or to the left.” – Isaiah 30:21 (NLT)

Day Fourteen – April 11th

Pray for them to grow in their knowledge of God during this time of transition.

“We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.” – Colossians 1:9b-10 (NLT)

Day Fifteen – April 12th

Pray that they might continue to be effective partners with our churches in the work of spreading the Good News.

“Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been partners in the spreading of the Good News about Christ . . .” – Philippians 1:4-5 (NLT)

Day Sixteen – April 13th

Pray for them to have a sense of passion for the work they are involved in.

“Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.” – Romans 12:11 (ESV)

Day Seventeen – April 14th

Pray for them to maintain their focus and reliance on God during this time of transition.

“Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.” – Psalm 73:25-26 (NIV)

Day Eighteen – April 15th

Pray that they might look forward to the future with confidence and embrace whatever changes may come.

“But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” – Philippians 3:13b-14 (NIV)

Day Nineteen – April 16th

Pray that God would give them wisdom in all their decisions.

“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.” – James 1:5 (NIV)

Day Twenty – April 17th

Pray that they would trust God and find both comfort and confidence in His presence and protection.

“The Lord will keep you from all harm - he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.” – Psalm 121:7-8 (NIV)

Prayers for the churches of our convention during this time of transition

Day Twenty-One – April 18th

Pray that we would be faithful to pray for our search committee and the search process.

“Brothers and sisters, pray for us.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:25 (NIV)

Day Twenty-Two – April 19th

Pray that we would be faithful to pray for our convention staff.

“As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by failing to pray for you.” – 1 Samuel 12:23 (NIV)

Day Twenty-Three – April 20th

Pray that we would remain unified in purpose.

“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!” – Psalm 133:1 (NIV)

Day Twenty-Four – April 21st

Pray that we would remain focused on our primary task of making disciples.

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” – Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)

Day Twenty-Five – April 22nd

Pray that we would remain faithful to support our state convention and the SBC by giving through the Cooperative Program.

“This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God.” – 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (The Message)

Day Twenty-Six – April 23rd

Pray that we would be a light to all of New Mexico.

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” – Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)

Day Twenty-Seven – April 24th

Pray that we would stand together in pointing New Mexico to the truth of God’s Word.

“Holding forth the word of life.” – Philippians 2:16a (KJV)

Day Twenty-Eight – April 25th

Pray that we would humble ourselves before the Lord in absolute dependence and reliance on Him.

“Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God [set aside self-righteous pride], so that He may exalt you [to a place of honor in His service] at the appropriate time.” – 1 Peter 5:6 (Amplified)

Day Twenty-Nine – April 26th

Pray that we would be passionate in our pursuit of knowing and doing God’s will.

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” – Romans 12:1-2 (ESV)

Day Thirty – April 27th

Pray that we would unashamedly and unapologetically share the Good News to all without Jesus in New Mexico.

“For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes . . .” – Romans 1:16a (NLT)

Prayers for our future Executive Director and his family

Day Thirty-One – April 28th

Pray that he and his family would be assured that assuming this position is the will of God.

“Now may the God of peace—who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, and ratified an eternal covenant with his blood—may he equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to him. All glory to him forever and ever! Amen.”

– Hebrews 13:20-21(NLT)

Day Thirty-Two – April 29th

Pray that he and his family would have peace as they follow God's leadership in his assuming this position.

"You, LORD, give perfect peace to those who keep their purpose firm and put their trust in you." – Isaiah 26:3 (GNT)

Day Thirty-Three – April 30th

Pray that he and his family would be blessed by the new relationships they will develop.

"Just as lotions and fragrance give sensual delight, a sweet friendship refreshes the soul." – Proverbs 27:9 (The Message)

Day Thirty-Four – May 1st

Pray that he and his family would be enabled to courageously go through this time of change as they follow God's guidance and focus on His presence.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." – Joshua 1:9 (NASB)

Day Thirty-Five – May 2nd

Pray that he and his family would be blessed with a wonderful local church family to call their spiritual home.

"Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality." – Romans 12:10-13 (ESV)

Day Thirty-Six – May 3rd

Pray that he would be a man of vision, seeking to follow God's guidance as he leads our convention.

"If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed." – Proverbs 29:18 (The Message)

Day Thirty-Seven – May 4th

Pray that he would be a man who leads with a pastor's heart.

"And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will guide you with knowledge and understanding." – Jeremiah 3:15 (NLT)

Day Thirty-Eight – May 5th

Pray that he would be a man who has a passion to share the Good News to see New Mexico come to Christ.

"I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!" – 1 Corinthians 9:16b (NIV)

Day Thirty-Nine – May 6th

Pray that he would be a man of faith.

"And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him." – Hebrews 11:6 (ESV)

Day Forty – May 7th

End these forty days of prayer for our convention during this time of transition by thanking God that He hears and answers our prayers when we pray according to His will as revealed in His Word.

"The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth." – Psalm 145:18 (NIV)

"For this reason I am telling you, whatever things you ask for in prayer [in accordance with God's will], believe [with confident trust] that you have received them, and they will be given to you."

– Mark 11:24 (Amplified)

"This is the [remarkable degree of] confidence which we [as believers are entitled to] have before Him: that if we ask anything according to His will, [that is, consistent with His plan and purpose] He hears us. And if we know [for a fact, as indeed we do] that He hears and listens to us in whatever we ask, we [also] know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted to us] the requests which we have asked from Him."

– 1 John 5:14-15 (Amplified)