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#### **Prayer Conference Call:**

**Live:** 605-475-3270, **Access code** 882198# (Mon-Sat 6 AM)

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## **First Quarter Prayer Calendar 2021**

### **Focus: Faith, Hope, and Love**

**Statement:** What a year 2020 was: Pandemic, Covid-19, Racism, Country Divided, Protests, Election, and BLACK LIVES MATTER. Our eyes have been opened to 2020 vision. Here we are embarking on a New Year, 2021. To get through it, we need...

**FAITH:** Faith sees the invisible, believes the unbelievable. and receives the impossible. (Corrie Ten Boom) With renewed faith, we are never alone. There have been times when we felt the earth shake beneath us. Difficult times; financially, physically, mentally and spiritually. This is happening today to people throughout the world.

**HOPE:** Optimism is the Faith that leads to to achievement. Nothing can be done without Hope and confidence. (Helen Keller) We mustn't give up! We might be the one to communicate Hope to someone else. We must love and pray and hold one another up. (Mary C. Crowley)

**LOVE:** The greatest need in the world today is LOVE . . . More love for each other and love for the God above. (Helen Steiner Rice)

## **January**

**Prayer: New Year's Day, January 1<sup>st</sup>** - Holy Trinity, You created time with the utterance of these words recorded in Genesis: "In the beginning." We ask that You would remind us day by day that our time is in Your hands. Help us to look forward to the end of time and the realization of eternity with You through Jesus, who secured our eternity with You through His death and resurrection. In His name we pray.

## **Scriptures:**

### **The Weeks of January 3<sup>rd</sup> – January 16<sup>th</sup>**

**FAITH:** Romans 12:3 For by the graces given to me I say to everyone of you. Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of FAITH God has given you.

**HOPE:** Psalm 31:24 Be strong and take heart, all you who HOPE in the Lord.

**LOVE:** Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is LOVE, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness (23) gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is a law.

### **The Weeks of January 17<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>**

**FAITH:** Hebrews 12:2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus the author and perfecter of our FAITH, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**HOPE:** Psalm 33:18 The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, on whose HOPE is in His unfailing.

**LOVE:** 2 Timothy 1:7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but of power of LOVE and self-discipline.

**Prayer: Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>** - Hold your cross ever before our eyes, precious Savior, as we begin this Lenten journey to the cross. You formed us from the dust of the earth in Your image. And to this dust we will return. During this holy season, create in us contrite hearts, renew our spirits and prepare us for Your harrowing suffering at the crucifixion and for the magnificent joy at Your resurrection. We pray this in Your name. Jesus. Amen.

## **February**

## **Scriptures:**

### **The Weeks of February 1<sup>st</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**

**FAITH:** Matthew 17:20 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, if you have FAITH as small as a mustard seed, you can say to the mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

**HOPE:** Psalm 43:5 Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your HOPE in God, for I will praise Him, my Savior and my God.

**LOVE:** 1 John 4:8 Whoever does not LOVE does not know God, because God is LOVE.

### **The Weeks of February 14<sup>th</sup> – March 6<sup>th</sup>**

**FAITH:** Colossians 1:3-5 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of Your FAITH in Christ Jesus and of the love You have for all the saints - the FAITH and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth.

**HOPE:** Psalm 71:5 For You have been my HOPE, O Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth.  
**LOVE:** John 16:27 Jesus said, " The Father, Himself LOVE you because you have LOVED Me and have believed that I came from God.

## **March**

**Prayer: Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** - King Jesus, with the heavenly host, we honor You with our praise as we say, "Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest," As those of long ago laid palm branches at Your feet, may we show deep, abiding love and respect as we move forward into the week of Your Passion. Keep our eyes focused on the Joy received through Your resurrection. Amen.

### **Scriptures:**

#### **The Weeks of Weeks of March 7<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>**

**FAITH:** Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through FAITH, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**HOPE:** Psalm 130:7 Put your HOPE in the Lord for the Lord is an unfailing love and with Him is full redemption.

**LOVE:** John 3:16 For God so LOVED the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

#### **The Weeks of March 21<sup>st</sup> - April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**FAITH:** Romans 10:17 Consequently, FAITH comes from hearing the message and the message is heard through the Word of Christ.

**HOPE:** Proverbs 13:12 HOPE deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life. **LOVE:** Deuteronomy 5:5

**LOVE** the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.