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Second Quarter Prayer Calendar 2020

Focus: Faith and Hope

Faith: Without faith it is impossible to please God. To experience that kind of FAITH means being active, not sitting back bemoaning life and waiting for change. It means loving and believing in ourselves and using the transforming power of God's Holy Spirit to move our lives forward.

Hope: Have you ever hoped for something? Maybe bigger house. A smaller dress size. A day to yourself. Or maybe more serious things like a physical healing or restoration of your marriage? The word HOPE in the Greek translation is elpis, meaning "confident expectation in the unseen future" or the happy expectation of good.

April

Prayers: Holy Week

Palm Sunday (April 5th) Hosanna! Save me, O Lord! This week, bless my time in Your Word as I remember exactly how You saved me from sin, death, and the devil; By Your death and resurrection. Blessed is He who came in the name of the Lord! King of kings, I bow before You with gratitude for all You have done for me. In Your name I pray. Amen.

Holy (Maundy) Thursday (April 9th) Lord of love, You gave us a new covenant and a new command. Strengthen us in Your Word and in Holy Communion, sustaining us for our tasks on this earth: to love one another. As we love You and others, fulfill Your will in us, in the plans You have set before us. Give us strength to gladly serve You, who loves us more than we can fathom. In Your name we pray. Amen.

Good Friday (April 10th) Holy Savior, the bittersweet pangs of this day pale in comparison to the anguish You suffered on my behalf. Every terrible sin committed was placed on You, and You bore it all. Forgive me, Lord, for all my sins, which You took to the cross. It is a humble joy to know that You have covered all my sins with Your holy blood and they are all paid for. Guard my heart this day as I worship You. Amen.

Holy Saturday (April 11th) Mighty Savior, we know the victory has been won, but the wait can be long and fearful. Comfort us with Your Spirit when we feel lost in darkness and uncertainty. Remind us that even when things seem bleak, you will return in victory over all, just as You declared victory over Satan in hell. As we watch the growing light, remind us that You make all things right. In Your name we pray. Amen.

Resurrection Sunday (April 12th) Alleluia! Praise the Lord! O Almighty Redeemer, You defeated sin, death and hell itself. I am free! What joy there is this day! Jesus, forgive me when I lose sight of this day and live as though You were still in the grave. Move me to praise You today and every day. Fill me with Your Spirit so that I can tell all nations the Good News of Your victory! Alleluia! Amen.

Scriptures:

Weeks of the 5th – 18th

Faith (Hebrews 12:2, NIV): 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 (Jeremiah 29:11, NKJV): For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not evil, to give you a future and a HOPE.

Weeks of the 19th – May 2nd

Faith (Romans 10:17, NIV): Consequently, FAITH comes from hearing the message and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

Hope (Ephesians 4:4, NIV): there is one body and one Spirit--just as you were called to one HOPE when you were called.

May

Prayers:

Mother's Day (May 10th) Heavenly Father, we thank You for all mothers, those which are here and those that are with You, who have faithfully raised up their children in the way which they should go, teaching them to obey Your Word. Their kindness and unconditional love toward their children is a clear example of Your love for us. As Your Son, Jesus Christ, showed love and care for His mother, may we also honor the mothers You have given to us. Honoring, all who are mothers and womanhood. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Memorial Day (May 25th) Heavenly Father, on this national holiday, we give thanks to You for the courage and bravery that You gave to those who fought and died defending our freedom of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We ask that the sacrifice of their life not be in vain but that it would help an inspire us to be good citizens who strive to live in peace with one another. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Scriptures:

Weeks of the 3rd – 16th

Faith (Mark 11:22-24): "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, "Go throw yourself into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. Therefore, I tell you whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

Hope (Psalm 119:74, NIV): May those who fear You, O Lord, rejoice when they see me, for I have put my HOPE in Your Word.

Weeks of the 17th – 31st

Faith (Romans 12:3, NIV): For by grace given me I say to every one 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 33:18): The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, those whose HOPE is in His unfailing Love.

June

Prayer:

Father's Day (June 21st) On this Father's Day we come to You, our heavenly Father, and thank You for giving us our earthly fathers. We celebrate the gift of life that You have given us through our earthly fathers. In good times and in bad, You have blessed us and provided comfort, hope and forgiveness in our daily lives together. May we continue to rejoice in being chosen as being part of the family of faith. Bless all fathers, made in Your image. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Scriptures:

Weeks of the 1st – 13th

Faith (I Corinthians 16:13) Be on guard. Stand firm in the FAITH. Be courageous. Be strong.

Hope (Romans 15:13) I pray that God, the source of HOPE will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident HOPE through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Weeks of the 14th – July 2nd

Faith (Galatians 2:20, NIV): I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by FAITH in the Son of God, who loved and gave Himself for me.

Hope (Philippians 1:20, NIV): I eagerly expect and HOPE that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.