

► Outline

Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory He will reveal to us later.
Romans 8:18 (NLT)

A. Praying Together.

(Matthew 26:36-38. C/R: John 10:18; 12:27;
2 Corinthians 5:21)

The church must pray (together) through

_____ into _____.

B. In distress and anguish, we pray...

1. With prayer _____.

(Matthew 26:36-38. C/R: Matthew 18:20; Galatians 6:2;
Ephesians 6:18; James 5:16)

2. With a _____ heart, _____
in worship and submission.
(Matthew 26:39. C/R: 2 Chronicles 20:18; Matthew 6:10;
Mark 14:36; Luke 5:12)

3. For strength and _____
from temptation.
(Matthew 26:40,43,45. C/R: Psalm 22:19; Matthew 6:13;
Luke 22:43,45; Hebrews 4:16)

4. Embracing God's _____
in victory!
(Matthew 26:39,42,44-46. C/R: Isaiah 43:2; John 16:33;
Hebrews 5:7-9; 1 Peter 5:10)

► Discussion & Prayer Guide

As we dive deeper into what it means to be a praying church, use the prompts below to help guide prayer time in your Community Group, family or by yourself. To connect with others, visit brookwoodchurch.org/adults.

Conversation Starter

Describe a time you saw or felt God move in your life?

Prayer Guide

Take time to pray through each prompt below. After each prayer, ask God what He wants you to know in that moment and take time to listen.

Opening Prayer

- Pause and invite God into this time of prayer.

Read [Matthew 26:36-38](#)

- Thank God for hearing our prayers.
- Praise God for His presence in our suffering.
- Thank God for people we can partner with in prayer.

Read [Matthew 26:39, 42 and 44](#)

- Ask God to show you His plan for your life.
- Submit to God's will and tell Him that you did.

Read [Matthew 26:40, 43 and 45](#)

- Ask God to help you stay alert to temptations and obstacles that hinder your relationship with Him.
- Ask God to give you strength to fight temptations.
- Thank God for filling us with His Spirit, despite our weakness.

Read [Matthew 26:39, 42 and 44-46](#)

- Thank God for hearing us when we cry out and surrender our grief to Him.
- Thank Jesus for obeying the will of His Father and continuing His journey to death, burial and resurrection for our sins.

Closing Prayer

- Thank God for His protection over us.
- Thank God for loving us and sending His Son to earth for us.
- Ask God to help us have courage to share Jesus with the world.
- Ask God to continue to protect us from the enemy.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Discuss how the prayer time was for your group. Share the ways God spoke during this time.

Read [Matthew 26:57-67 and 27:11-14, 27-31](#)

1. In each of these passages, how does Jesus react to the charges and accusations against Him? How do you react when you're mistreated?
2. Jesus suffered through horrible humiliation yet didn't retaliate. What's your response to humiliation? How should you address it?
3. Before these events, Jesus prayed and told God He would submit to His Father's will. How do you pray before facing challenges in your life?
4. Have you ever accused someone of doing something they didn't do? How did you handle that, and how did you deal with the repercussions?

Spiritual Practice

A spiritual practice is training for the soul. By building these into your everyday life, you're sure to strengthen your relationship with God.

Prayer and fasting are important pieces of our relationship with God. Be intentional and make plans to do both with your Community Group, family and friends.

Join us tomorrow, Monday, April 11 at 7 am at the Amphitheater for a prayer walk for our church.

If you'd like to join our Watchers Prayer Team, who pray daily for Brookwood Church, visit brookwoodchurch.org/prayer.

Memory Verse

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Daily Reading

Day 1: [2 Corinthians 5:21](#)

Day 4: [Psalm 22:19](#)

Day 2: [Matthew 18:20](#)

Day 5: [1 Peter 5:10](#)

Day 3: [2 Chronicles 20:18](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday is Easter! We'll celebrate Jesus' resurrection and learn more about having a personal encounter with Him. Easter services are Saturday, April 16 at 5 pm and Sunday, April 17 at 9 and 11 am. To prepare, read [Luke 24:13-35](#).

