Wednesday, March 20: "Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. "Philippians 4:6 Thank God for the farmers and ranchers and bakers who grow and raise and make the food we eat. Ask that God would encourage them and give them peace. Their jobs are often uncertain, so ask God to help them not to worry as you petition with thanksgiving for them. If you know someone who helps grow or make food, ask that you might have the opportunity to encourage them. Thank God for those who help meet our physical needs.

Thursday, March 21: "Aren't two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's consent." Matthew 10:29 Pray today for those in need. Many around the world and down the street go hungry every day. Ask God to comfort them. . Pray for their well-being and for those in need to seek God's provision in every area of life. Ask Him to help you see opportunities to meet their physical needs and that He would impress on you those you are personally supposed to help.

Friday, March 22: "Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks from this water will get thirsty again. But whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again. In fact, the water I will give him will become a well of water springing up in him for eternal life." John 4:13-14 Praise God for the living Water that He has provided through the sacrifice of Christ. Ask God to give you the grace to come to Him with your needs instead of trying to be satisfied "at other wells" that never truly satisfy. Pray that God would begin to draw people to ours and others churches for Easter in order for them to experience His living water.

Saturday, March 23: "On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. The one who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, will have streams of living water flow from deep within him." John 7:37-38 In your prayer time today, praise God for His Spirit that draws people to Himself and for His desire that all may come to know Him. Pray that those who don't yet know Christ may come to know how only the living Water of Christ can satisfy. Pray that God would help you see those around you who may need Him. Ask Him to give you the words to say, to show them love in Jesus' name and tell them how He has changed your life. As we go out to the apartments today pray the same for the people we will encounter and that they would hear the Gospel message and be changed!

Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday Then the crowds who went ahead of him and those who followed shouted: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven! Matthew 21:9 Today begins Holy Week. This week in Jesus' life began in celebration, with the crowds acknowledging Him as Lord. Praise God today, repeating the words in today's verse. Ask for deliverance from sin and suffering while praising God with joy, since He is Lord of all.

Monday, March 25: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so I long for you, God. I thirst for God, the living God. When can I come and appear before God? Psalm 42:1-2 In your prayer time today, thank God for sending us His Word. Pray for the Holy Spirit to encourage a thirst for God's Word in your heart and mind. Ask God to draw you closer to Himself through His Word, that sitting with God in prayer and study of His Word would be a delight. Pray for the Holy Spirit to illumine His Word and grant you deeper understanding. **Tuesday, March 26:** "And whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, truly I tell you, he will never lose his reward." Matthew 10:42 In your prayer time today, ask God to help those near us and around the world who do not have access to clean drinking water. Pray for God to strengthen the efforts of governments and organizations who work to provide clean water sources. Ask God to give you wisdom to know how you can best help those in need, committing to pray, give, or participate in efforts to bring clean water to those who aren't able to access it now.

Wednesday, March 27: "And he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19 In your prayer time today, praise God for the thought that Jesus showed for us, future believers, before He went to the cross, thanking Him especially for the Lord's Supper. Pray for a greater understanding of the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross that your worship of Him may be fueled. Thank God for His remembrance of us in our everyday lives and for the fact that He shows us a way to honor and remember Him through the Lord's Supper.

Thursday, March 28: "Going a little farther, he fell facedown and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." Matthew 26:39 In your prayer time today, praise the Lord for the example of communion with God and obedience to His will that we see modeled by Jesus. Pray for God to deepen your intimacy with Him and help you have a heart as willing as Jesus' to submit to God's guidance and direction. Ask God to enable you to trust His leading and guidance, even if you can't see the next steps.

Friday, March 29: "Pilate asked them again, "Then what do you want me to do with the one you call the King of the Jews?" Again they shouted, "Crucify him!" Mark 15:12-13 Today, thank God for sending His Son to earth. Thank Him for being the suffering servant, willing to die so that we might live. Confess your sins to God, asking for His forgiveness and thanking Him that it is possible through Christ. Ask God to help you notice and eradicate sin in your life.

Saturday, March 30: "When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished." Then bowing his head, he gave up his spirit. John 19:30 Yesterday was the most somber day in Holy Week and in the church. Our sinless Savior gave His life, and this day on the calendar honors His death. We know the end of the story, but dwell today in thanksgiving for the sacrifice He gave. Jesus said, "It is finished." We can finish all our striving, all our worry, all our trying to be good enough. It is finished. He conquered sin and the grave. He loved us so much that He gave His life. We can rest in the hope and the joy of our salvation knowing that "It is finished" has eternal consequences. Praise Him today in the midst of the darkness that is Good Friday. Praise Him for access to the Father. Tell Him you love Him.

Sunday, March 31: "The angel told the women, "Don't be afraid, because I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here. For he has risen, just as he Matthew 28:5-6 In your prayer time today, praise God for the resurrection. Praise God for having power over life and death. Praise God for always being true to His promises toward us. Pray for our church as we honor Him today- that God would bring many new people in to share in glorifying Him.

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PRAYER GUIDE

In addition to using this guide, we encourage you to join us for one of two zoom prayer meetings that will be happening each week in the month of March.

> Tuesdays at 10am starting March 5 and Thursdays at 7pm starting March 7.

This guide including the Zoom Link is available at:

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Friday March 1: "Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my concerns. See if there is any offensive way in me; lead me in the everlasting way." Psalm 139:23-24 In your prayer time today, ask God to help you know the true state of your heart before Him. Ask Him to help you agree with Him about any sin that's in your heart and repent of it, trusting that God's ways are better for you now and eternally. Praise God that we can be honest before Him and He meets us with love and not condemnation. Praise God that He leads us "in the everlasting way" (Ps. 139:24b).

Saturday, March 2: Turn my eyes from looking at what is worthless; give me life in your ways. Psalm 119:37 In your prayer time today, praise God for being the life Giver, the Author of life. Pray for Him to help you see the things that often take your attention and to know whether those things are "worthless" in God's eyes or a stewardship that He has given you. Pray for God to show you whether you need to walk away from anything in your life—relationships, time commitments, habits, etc. Ask Him to help you discern if He is calling you to some new avenue of ministry. Ask Him to give you life in His ways.

Sunday, March 3: "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" Psalm 46:10 On this, the Lord's day, praise God for His greatness and how worthy He is of being exalted. Confess any tendency you may have for busyness, restlessness, or anything that you allow to pull you from time with God or distract you in worship. Be as specific as you can in talking with God about these things. Ask Him how He wants you to be involved in exalting His name in all the earth.

Monday, March 4: God, create a clean heart for me and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Psalm 51:10 In your prayer time today, praise God for how He has made our hearts new through the power of the Holy Spirit and Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Take a few moments to confess any sin in your life or heart. Ask God to help you see any misconceptions that you carry about Him and to re-align them. Ask God to help you walk in step with His Spirit, moment by moment being dependent upon Him.

Tuesday, March 5: But if it doesn't please you to worship the Lord, choose for yourselves today: Which will you worship—the gods your fathers worshiped beyond the Euphrates River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living? As for me and my family, we will worship the Lord. Joshua 24:15 Today, pray God will be worshiped in your home. Pray for your family, your roommates, and your next door neighbors. Pray that they may know the hope of Christ. Confess any reluctance you may have in sharing the good news of the gospel with them. Ask God to help you boldly point them to Christ. Ask for opportunities to give a reason for the hope you have, to show them the love of Jesus.

Wednesday, March 6: Let us not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up. Galatians 6:9 Pray for God to encourage you in your work. If you work with others, pray for your coworkers. Ask that you may be a light for them. Pray for those in your community. Thank God for placing you where you are in your job, in your neighborhood, in your schools, in your teams, etc. Ask Him to give you opportunities to encourage those around you who are doing good. **Thursday, March 7:** Pursue the well-being of the city I have deported you to. Pray to the Lord on its behalf, for when it thrives, you will thrive. Jeremiah 29:7 Thank God for your city. Thank Him for the believers He has planted there. Thank Him for placing you there at this time in history. Confess any disobedience in being a light in the darkness of your city. Ask God to give you boldness to share your faith with others in your city. Ask Him to help you be the hands and feet of Jesus, looking for opportunities to share God's love with those in your city.

Friday, March 8: *"Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10* Today, pray for your state. Pray for those in state government. Ask God to give them wisdom and discernment as they put together and vote on laws and budgets. Thank God for the believers He has placed in those positions of power. Ask Him to encourage them as they continue to seek Him in their decisions and show others His light.

Saturday, March 9: First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all those who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. 1 Timothy 2:1-2 Pray for your country today. Thank God for where you live, for those in leadership, and for the laws of your land. Confess any grumbling or complaining. Ask God to give wisdom to those in the government. Ask Him to give boldness to those who are seeking peace and justice in our world. Ask for opportunities to encourage your government officials in seeking peace and justice.

Sunday, March 10: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8 Thank God for the power of the Holy Spirit. On this Sunday ask for His power to be evident in your life. Confess any disobedience to the call to be His witness. Ask God to give you opportunities to share the gospel with those closest to you and those around the world. Pray for our world, broken as it is, that the name of Jesus might reach the ends of the earth.

Monday, March 11: They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles...Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. Every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47 In your prayer time today, praise God for your local church and its ministry in your community. Ask God to make your church community more like the early church in Acts—in its close community, sacrificial love for one another, and outreach to the unsaved. Pray for God to preserve the theology of our church, centering it on His Word and the gospel.

Tuesday, March 12: Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13 In your prayer time today, lift up the ministry staff here at North Pointe. Ask for God to encourage their hearts and fill them with joy as they shepherd your faith family. Pray for God to give them clear vision for the future and discernment in how to best take care of church members. Pray for rest and growth in their spiritual lives, for God to fill them up as they pour out to others.

Wednesday, March 13 God will make you worthy of his calling, and by his power fulfill your every desire to do good and your work produced by faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified by you, and you by him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 In your prayer time today, ask God to bless the ministry of gospel-centered nonprofits like 6Stones our area. Pray for God to give them wisdom in their efforts. Thank Him for using them to reach out to people in need in your town and around the world. Pray that this organization would bring glory to the name of our Lord Jesus.

Thursday, March 14: Love one another deeply as brothers and sisters. Outdo one another in showing honor. Romans 12:10 Today, ask God to unite the churches in our city under the banner of gospel-centered brother and sisterhood. Pray for their success in winning the lost and making God's name great. Praise God that our church doesn't have to minister to our city alone. Pray that your attitude toward and words about our neighboring churches would be nothing but honoring.

Friday, March 15: When the Gentiles heard this, they rejoiced and honored the word of the Lord, and all who had been appointed to eternal life believed. Acts 13:48 In your prayer time today, praise God for the missionaries that He's sent out into the world. Pray for God to open the hearts of the lost around them, to be receptive to the gospel message. Ask God to give the missionaries wisdom as they try to bridge crosscultural barriers. Pray for God to encourage the hearts of missionaries, especially in moments of missing family and seemingly fruitless times.

Saturday, March 16: *"I pray not only for these, but also for those who believe in me through their word. May they all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us, so that the world may believe you sent me." John 17:20-21* In your prayer time today, ask God to strengthen the global church and continue to use it to bring glory to His name. Pray for God to receive praise from every tribe and tongue and nation (Rev. 7:9). Pray for believers around the world who are persecuted, that God's presence would be tangible to them.

Sunday, March 17: "I am the bread of life," Jesus told them. "No one who comes to me will ever be hungry, and no one who believes in me will ever be thirsty again." John 6:35 Thank God for His spiritual provision. Thank Him for the Bread of life, Jesus. Praise God who fills us up and nourishes us spiritually through His Son. Ask God to help you hunger for His Word and His voice.

Monday, March 18: "Consider the ravens: They don't sow or reap; they don't have a storeroom or a barn; yet God feeds them. Aren't you worth much more than the birds?" Luke 12:24 Thank God for His physical provision. Thank Him for giving us value and worth as image bearers of Him. Thank Him for taking care of the ravens and for taking care of His children. Ask Him to help you trust in His provision and care.

Tuesday, March 19: "man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Deuteronomy 8:3 Thank God for His Word. Praise Him for giving us the living and active Scripture to encourage, challenge, and teach us. Ask for forgiveness for the times when you haven't spent time in the Bible. Ask God to help you understand and know Scripture. Ask Him to give you a desire to study and grow through being a hearer and a doer of His Word.