Prayer Calendar April 2021

"Our prayers can go where we cannot." Brother Andrew, founder of Open Doors.



Thursday 1 John 13:1-5

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. [2] During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, [3] Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, [4] rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. [5] Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

Friday 2 John 19:28–30

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfil the Scripture), "I thirst." [29] A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. [30] When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Saturday 3 Luke 23:53-56

Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. [54] It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. [55] The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. [56] Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Sunday 4 1 Corinthians 15:3-6

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, [4] that he was buried, that

he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, [5] and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. [6] Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

Monday 5 1 Corinthians 15:16-20

For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. [17] And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. [18] Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. [19] If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. [20] But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

<u>Tuesday 6</u> Pray for the planning for the Convention, the programme and logistics.

<u>Wednesday 7</u> Pray for volunteers preparing to come and help put on the Convention 2021. Pray for volunteers to be willing to come and be a part of the team.

Thursday 8 Pray for the Persecuted Church. From Open Doors: Ethiopia. Give thanks that widow and mother of four Manayesh, whose neighbours vandalised her house and took her oxen when she accepted Jesus, has been able to start a small but successful sheep farm with a loan from Open Doors partners. "Because of the support, I have been changed and have found value," she says. Pray with her that her community will accept her. "With God, they can change," she says.

<u>Friday 9</u> Pray for James Robson finalising the programme for this summers Convention.

Saturday 10 Pray for upcoming Teaching and Training Event: Faith in the Second Half, 11 May 2021 – 13 May 2021

<u>Sunday 11</u> Psalm 51:1–2

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.[2] Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

Monday 12 Pray over Psalm 51. The psalm is for all who seek to regain the peace and presence of God that they have lost through sinning.

<u>Tuesday 13</u> Pray for James Robson leading today's monthly Online Bible Workshop in Hebrew. An online Teaching and Training Event.

<u>Wednesday 14</u> Today is the monthly prayer meeting where pre-Covid, there was a gathering in Keswick to pray for the work of Keswick Ministries. At the moment we meet on zoom. Pray for favour on the work of Keswick Ministries.

<u>Thursday 15</u> Pray for James Robson leading today's monthly Online Bible Workshop in Hebrew. An online Teaching and Training Event.

<u>Friday 16</u> Pray for the Bible Readers at the Convention 2021: Pray for Paul Mallard Week 1, Tim Chester Week 2, Mark Meynell Week 3.

<u>Saturday 17</u> Pray for Keswick Ministries Resources. A New Food for the Journey devotional, The Cross, will help you study the Scriptures with a Keswick teacher by your side.

Sunday 18 Habakkuk 1:12–13

Are you not from everlasting, O LORD my God, my Holy One? We shall not die. O LORD, you have ordained them as a judgment, and you, O Rock, have established them for reproof. [13] You who are of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong, why do you idly look at traitors and remain silent when the wicked swallows up the man more righteous than he?

Monday 19 Pray over Habakkuk 1:12-13, Habakkuk expressed confidence in three things: God's commitment, God's eternity and God's purpose.

<u>Tuesday 20</u> Pray for Keswick Fellowship events. Derby Bible Week 2021 Monday 19th to Thursday 22nd April 2021, with Rupert Bentley Taylor.

<u>Wednesday 21</u> Give thanks for the Lord's faithfulness in providing for the work of Keswick Ministries. We pray for His ongoing financial provision.

<u>Thursday 22</u> Pray for the children and youth work at the Convention 2021. For the leaders with a new programme and for enough volunteers. Pray for the recruitment of a Director to oversee the ministry.

<u>Friday 23</u> Pray for the Teaching and Training Event, Engaging with Science. 23 April 2021 – 24 April 2021. With Denis Alexander and Ruth Valerio.

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Sunday 25 John 17:14–15

I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. [15] I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.

Monday 26 Pray over John 17:14-15. We don't set out to be hated but, inevitably, we are; we follow a different leader and our value system is necessarily different because of our loyalty to Christ.

<u>Tuesday 27</u> Pray for Keswick Fellowship events. This year's Birmingham Spring Convention is virtual from 27-29 April with Jonathan Lamb.

<u>Wednesday 28</u> Pray for the town of Keswick. Pray for good relations and an understanding reception for this year's Convention.

<u>Thursday 29</u> Pray for the Teaching and Training Events for 2021. Pray for wisdom in planning, and for guidance in putting on events in the pandemic.

<u>Friday 30</u> Pray for the ongoing works of the Derwent Project. The ground floor of the former Pencil Factory has been raised and contractors are putting in underfloor heating pipes and erecting internal walls. Please pray that the contractors stay safe as some have had to self-isolate due to the ongoing Covid pandemic.