

DAY 1 - APRIL 22

Pastors & Ministers - Lord, I lift up our pastors and ministers to You. Thank You for their love and service to the body of Christ. Keep them from losing heart when ministry gets tough.

<u>2 Corinthians 4:1</u> - Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart.

DAY 2 - APRIL 23

Support Staff - Lord, I lift up all those who work at the church. Help them as they offer support to the daily affairs of the church.

<u>1 Corinthians 10:31</u> - So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

DAY 3 - APRIL 24

Deacons - Lord, I lift up our deacons to You. Fill them with Your Spirit and let them operate in wisdom as they carry out their responsibilities.

<u>1 Timothy 3:9</u> - They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.

DAY 4 - APRIL 25

Adults - Lord, I lift up the adults in our congregation to You. May we live worthy of Your call on our lives. May we be clothed in righteousness with hearts that sing for joy and delight greatly in You.

<u>Ephesians 4:1</u> - I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

DAY 5 - APRIL 26

Children/Students - Lord, I lift up the children and students in our congregation to You. May the little ones remain humble examples of what we adults need to become in the kingdom. Teach them to declare Your marvelous deeds. May they flee evil desires and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace.

Proverbs 20:11-12 - Even a child makes himself known by his acts, by whether his conduct is pure and upright.

DAY 6 - APRIL 27

Mature Adults - Lord, I lift up the senior members of our congregation. We are blessed by their example and ability to train us. Help us to be humbly submissive as we benefit from their wisdom and understanding. May they put their hope in You and be renewed in the process.

Proverbs 16:31 - Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life.

DAY 7 - APRIL 28

Lost Among Us - Lord, I lift up the lost. Let the gospel be presented to them not only through the sermon but also with power, the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. Teach us to make the most of every opportunity to have Gospel conversations.

<u>1 Thessalonians 1:5</u> - because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

DAY 8 - APRIL 29

Worship Team Members - Lord, I lift those who lead worship at First Hurst. Help them lead us faithfully in thanks for Your enduring love. Let them glory only in You, Jesus, so that they put no confidence in their own flesh.

John 4:24 - God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

DAY 9 - APRIL 30

Teachers - Lord, I lift up the teachers in our church. May everyone who holds that position—pastors, Bible Study teachers, small group leaders, rightly divide Your Word of truth. Let them admonish and teach with wisdom. Let them speak with a spirit of faith that springs from their relationship with You.

<u>2 Timothy 2:15</u> - Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

DAY 10 - MAY 1

Women's Ministry - Lord, I lift up our Women's Ministry. Encourage our older women to train the younger in family issues. Let this ministry produce women who feel Your passion for them and who choose to spend time at Your feet.

Proverbs 31:30 - Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

DAY 11 - MAY 2

Men's Ministry - Lord, I lift up our Men's Ministry to You. Teach them to be in right relationship to You and each other, to love their wives sacrificially and to instruct their children with patience.

<u>Galatians 6:2</u> - Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

DAY 12 - MAY 3

Student Volunteers - Lord, I lift up our student volunteers. Let these men and women set an example in their speech, life, love, faith, and purity. Pour out Your Spirit on them as they disciple the next generation.

<u>1 Timothy 4:12</u> - Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

DAY 13 - MAY 4

Behind-the-Scenes Volunteers - Lord, I lift up the people who volunteers behind the scenes at our church. Thank You for every bible study worker, parking lot attendant, office volunteer, and others who have devoted themselves to the service of the saints. Bless them for the obedience and generosity they have displayed.

<u>1 Corinthians 16:15</u> - Now I urge you, brothers, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints.

DAY 14 - MAY 5

Kids Ministry - Lord, I lift up our Kids Ministry to You. Create an atmosphere here that encourages our children to know and follow You. Cause everything they learn about You to become a part of them forever. Keep them walking in the truth.

Mark 10:14 - Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.

DAY 15 - MAY 6

Prayer Focus - Lord, I lift up the prayer focus in Your church. Make us into a house of prayer. We desire to be clear-minded and self-controlled so that we can pray first, always, continually and thankfully.

Mark 11:17 - And he was teaching them and saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'?"

DAY 16 - MAY 7

Spiritual Temperature - Lord, I lift up the spiritual temperature of our church. Revive us! Refine us so that we burn hot for You. Give us singleness of heart and action so that we always fear You and follow Your commandments.

Psalm 85:6 - Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

DAY 17 - MAY 8

Spirit-Led - Lord, I lift up the issue of our willingness to be led by Your Spirit. Holy Spirit, show us any way we are grieving, quenching or resisting You.

Ephesians 4:30 - Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

DAY 18 - MAY 9

Spiritual Gifts - We eagerly desire the spiritual gifts that You've given for our common good. Help us understand the various gifts and how they work. Teach us to use what we've received to serve others and faithfully administer Your grace.

<u>1 Corinthians 14:1</u> - Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts.

DAY 19 - MAY 10

Love and Unity - Lord, I lift up our love for one another as a body. Help us purify ourselves by obeying the truth so that our love for each other will be sincere, deep and from the heart. May our love for one another prove that we are Your disciples.

<u>1 Peter 1:22</u> - Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart.

DAY 20 - MAY 11

Finances - Lord, I lift up our church finances. May we sow generously into Your church without reluctance or compulsion. Make all grace abound so we have all we need for every good work You've assigned to us.

<u>Malachi 3:10</u> - Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

DAY 21 - MAY 12

Missions - Lord, I lift up our Missions Ministry to you. Remind us to do good and share with others as a pleasing sacrifice to You. Keep us outwardly focused so we don't become self-absorbed. Help us teach one another to be faithful ministers of Your Son.

Hebrew 13:16 - Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

DAY 22 - MAY 13

Single Parents - Lord, I lift up the single parents in our church. May they know You as a father to the fatherless and defender of widows! Let us be a real family to them when they are lonely. Show us ways to include them and minister grace to them.

<u>Psalm 68:5</u> - Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

DAY 23 - MAY 14

Safety for Our Campuses - Lord, we pray that you will continue to put a hedge of protection around our campuses. Keep out the evil one and his schemes to disrupt and cause confusion. Thank you for those who serve on our safety team each week.

<u>Psalm 91:1-3</u> - He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

DAY 24 - MAY 15

Help for the Hurting - Lord, I lift up those who are hurting right now. May they come to know You as the God who sees them. For every situation of rejection, help them feel sonship. Bind up the brokenhearted! In every area of bondage, set the captives free; in every case of mourning, replace it with Your joy.

<u>Romans 8:15</u> - For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

DAY 25 - MAY 16

Freedom from Sin - Lord, I lift up our sin struggles. Keep us from the enemy's scheme of condemnation. Grant us repentance so that we can escape the trap of the evil one. Help us to throw off everything that entangles—help us run the race with perseverance.

<u>Romans 8:1</u> - There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

DAY 26 - MAY 17

Kingdom Focus - Lord, I lift up our priorities as a congregation. Give us ears to hear what Your Spirit is saying to Your church. Open our eyes to see things as You see them. Bring us to a place where "Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" is more than just words we say.

<u>Revelation 3:22</u> - He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

DAY 27 - MAY 18

Gospel Conversations - Add to our number daily through new converts. Let our actions win people over without words. Use us as Your agents to rescue people from darkness and bring them into Your Son's kingdom. We long to be worthy ambassadors in this ministry You have entrusted to us: that of proclaiming Your message of reconciliation to a lost world.

<u>Acts 2:47</u> - ...praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

DAY 28 - MAY 19

Our Neighborhoods - Lord, I lift up our community, especially the neighborhoods surrounding our campuses. Let us love these people as we love ourselves. Renew our community and kindle within us a love for our neighbors.

Galations 5:14 - For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

DAY 29 - MAY 20

Connectivity with the Church in Our City - Lord, I lift up the Church in our city. Thank You for the many parts that make up your body. Help us understand the value of each part as You have arranged them. Help us to work at being one.

<u>1 Corinthians 12:12</u> - For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

DAY 30 - MAY 21

Protection from the Enemy - Lord, I lift up our need for protection. Protect and deliver us from the evil one. Help us be as wise as serpents and as innocent as doves as we deal with the wolves around us. Show us how to test every spirit to see if they are from You. Help us recognize the enemy's disguises and schemes so that he won't outwit us.

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. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.

DAY 31 - MAY 22

Brotherly Love - Lord, I lift up our church that we may be known by your love. I pray fervently that the church will become such an anomaly of love that the community will look on us with favor. May many see the love of Jesus in us and be drawn to the Savior.

John 13:35 - By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.