

*Fifty Days of  
Prayer Towards  
Pentecost*

APRIL 4—MAY 23, 2021



The First Baptist Church  
Henderson, North Carolina

## **50 Days of Prayer Towards Pentecost**

The Christian celebration of Pentecost comes fifty days after Easter. The first Pentecost, of which we learn in Acts, came at the conclusion of the Jewish Festival of Weeks, a celebration of harvest and recommitment to the covenant with God.

Prior to his ascension, Jesus sent his followers to go and wait for the power of the Spirit to renew and propel them. “I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” Luke 24:49.

“...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

On the fiftieth day, the Holy Spirit came upon them with signs, wonders, and great power. The church was born and the ministry of the disciples became clear. We recall and celebrate that on the 50<sup>th</sup> day, on what we call Pentecost.

This year, perhaps more than most, we need to immerse ourselves in prayer for wisdom, vision, and strength to embrace a new future as we approach Pentecost. Our prayers during this time are as important as our prayers through Advent and Lent.

Will you join in waiting for the Spirit’s guidance and power, praying together during the next fifty days?

**During the Next Seven Weeks  
-- Fifty Days --  
We Encourage You To:**

1. Observe a specific time each day to pray for one aspect of our fellowship, ministry, and mission using the prompts here provided.
2. Consider meeting at least once per week with a friend or small group of friends to pray together for our ministry and mission.
3. Call, text, email, or send a card to someone you have prayed for.
4. Take notice when you see God answering prayers and share the stories with us via an email or on our Facebook page.

— **WEEK 1: APRIL 4-10** —

**Day 1 – Easter Sunday, April 4**

*Pray for congregational unity*

**Day 2 – April 5**

*Pray for safety and health as we  
continue regathering*

**Day 3 – April 6**

*Pray for greater sensitivity to the leading  
of Holy Spirit*

**Day 4 – April 7**

*Pray for our ministries with  
children and students*

**Day 5 – April 8**

*Pray for our homebound members  
and their families*

**Day 6 – April 9**

*Pray for openness to Spirit's convicting  
function in our lives*

**Day 7 – April 10**

*Pray for hunger and thirst for righteousness*

— **WEEK 2: APRIL 11-17** —

**Day 8 – April 11**

*Pray for release of worry and greater  
inner peace*

**Day 9 – April 12**

*Pray that we never quench the  
movement of Holy Spirit*

**Day 10 – April 13**

*Pray for our ministry interns  
and other students of Divinity*

**Day 11 – April 14**

*Pray for our partnership with  
Jon and Tanya Parks*

**Day 12 – April 15**

*Pray for a spirit of cheerful  
giving and generosity*

**Day 13 – April 16**

*Pray for members struggling with difficult  
circumstances or decisions*

**Day 14 – April 17**

*Pray for members serving in the  
military or law enforcement*

— **WEEK 3: APRIL 18-24** —

**Day 15 – April 18**

*Pray for Third Sunday lunch ministry*

**Day 16 – April 19**

*Pray for families with special needs members*

**Day 17 – April 20**

*Pray for love to increase in our fellowship  
and from us to the world*

**Day 18 – April 21**

*Pray for our Partnership Missions  
with Shiloh and Greater Zion*

**Day 19 – April 22**

*Pray for our music ministries*

**Day 20 – April 23**

*Pray for courage to repent  
when Spirit brings conviction*

**Day 21 – April 24**

*Pray for our ministry to  
homeless men, women, and children*

— **WEEK 4: APRIL 25-MAY 1** —

**Day 22 – April 25**

*Pray for boldness to embrace changes and transitions that profit the Kingdom*

**Day 23 – April 26**

*Pray for joy to abound in our fellowship*

**Day 24 – April 27**

*Pray for those struggling with depression or other mental illnesses*

**Day 25 – April 28**

*Pray for members who serve in public education*

**Day 26 – April 29**

*Pray for God to send us new neighbors and expand our community*

**Day 27 – April 30**

*Pray for our partners at CBF Global and CBFNC*

**Day 28 – May 1**

*Pray for our Back Pack Buddies and Community education ministry*

— **WEEK 5: MAY 2-8** —

**Day 29 – May 2**

*Pray for friends who do not yet confess Christ*

**Day 30 – May 3**

*Pray for our college students*

**Day 31 – May 4**

*Pray for humility and meekness*

**Day 32 – May 5**

*Pray for us to live at peace  
and to be peace makers*

**Day 33 – May 6**

*Pray for our Second Tuesday Food Distribution  
partnership with St. James*

**Day 34 – May 7**

*Pray for us to be bold and faithful  
in witness for Christ*

**Day 35 – May 8**

*Pray for those who have drifted  
away from fellowship*

— **WEEK 6: MAY 9-15** —

**Day 36 – May 9**

*Pray for renewed awareness of the needs  
of our community*

**Day 37 – May 10**

*Pray for wisdom to address the needs  
of our community*

**Day 38 – May 11**

*Pray for us to have forbearing spirits with one  
another and our neighbors*

**Day 39 – May 12**

*Pray for our faithfulness in matters of  
financial support for ministry*

**Day 40 – May 13**

*Pray for a spirit of gentleness to increase*

**Day 41 – May 14**

*Pray for our members in the  
health care profession*

**Day 42 – May 15**

*Pray for our local outreach partners at ACTS,  
CPOH, Lifeline, Rebuilding Hope, etc.*

— **WEEK 7: MAY 16-23** —

**Day 43 – May 16**

*Pray for our AV crew and ministry through  
Radio, Television, and Livestream*

**Day 44 – May 17**

*Pray for kindness and goodness to  
be hallmarks of our lives*

**Day 45 – May 18**

*Pray for us to be courageous and  
daring in new ministry*

**Day 46 – May 19**

*Pray for greater self-control*

**Day 47 – May 20**

*Pray for those who are grieving*

**Day 48 – May 21**

*Pray for members caring for aged  
or infirmed parents*

**Day 49 – May 22**

*Pray for deeper understanding of Jesus'  
teachings and example*

**Day 50, Pentecost Sunday – May 23**

*Pray for personnel and corporate revival!*



*When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. –Acts 2:1-4*

