

Discernment Prayer Calendar

Discernment is a spiritual practice that involves listening for God's direction in our lives and in the church. During the Easter Season (the fifty days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost) we invite you to join us in a time of intentional prayer as we listen for God and discern the next steps in our own lives and in our churches. The suggestions below are meant to help focus your prayer each day, but they are certainly not intended to limit your prayer time to those topics/situations alone. You are encouraged to write down your learnings, to share them with Pastor Lorrin, and to keep praying about opportunities to use your gifts, share God's love, and plan new ministries. Most of all, we hope that this intentional time of prayer will be a springboard for new ideas and opportunities as we discern where God is leading us as a community and people of faith.

- April 16 – Pray to see God at work. Look for those “God Moments”
- April 17 – Pray for open ears to hear God's voice
- April 18 – Pray for open hearts to respond to God's leading
- April 19 – Pray for yourself, for clarity in God's vision for your life
- April 20 – Pray for others in the congregation to be inspired by God
- April 21 – Pray for your church staff to see God's vision
- April 22 – Pray for the world and those who are hurting
- April 23 – Pray that God will reveal the needs of our communities
- April 24 – Pray for Independence United Methodist Church
- April 25 – Pray for Seven Hills United Methodist Church
- April 26 – Pray that we will use the gifts God has given us to share God's love
- April 27 – Pray for the children's ministries of our church
- April 28 – Pray for the music ministries of our church
- April 29 – Pray for the outreach ministries of our church
- April 30 – Pray for the groups that meet in our church buildings
- May 1 – Pray for the adult ministries of our church
- May 2 – Pray for clarity about your gifts & the church's gifts
- May 3 – Pray for opportunities to meet Jesus this week
- May 4 – Pray for clarity about God's direction for our church
- May 5 – Pray for hope
- May 6 – Pray for peace
- May 7 – Pray for openness to new ideas
- May 8 – Pray for joy
- May 9 – Pray for the ability to hear God's voice
- May 10 – Pray for the children in our community
- May 11 – Pray for older adults in our community

May 12 – Pray for working people in our community
May 13 – Pray for those who are not working in our community
May 14 – Pray for those in need of healing
May 15 – Pray for those in need of strength
May 16 – Pray for those in need of guidance and direction
May 17 – Pray for the new ministries God is calling us to develop
May 18 – Pray to be fearless in following God’s call
May 19 – Pray for clear direction from God
May 20 – Pray for opportunities to care for others
May 21 – Pray for wisdom
May 22 – Pray for God’s presence to be made real in your life and in the church
May 23 – Pray for desire to follow God
May 24 – Pray for your heart to be “strangely warmed”
May 25 – Pray for our District Superintendent, Steve Bailey
May 26 – Pray for our Bishop, Tracy S. Malone
May 27 – Pray for all the churches in our district
May 28 – Pray for the United Methodist Church
May 29 – Pray for opportunities to witness God’s work in the church and the world
May 30 – Pray for new opportunities to serve
May 31 – Pray for opportunities to share God’s love
June 1 – Pray for opportunities to hear God’s voice
June 2 – Pray for the future of our churches
June 3 – Pray for God’s direction
June 4 – Pray for the Holy Spirit to inspire and empower us to new kinds of ministry, in new places, and with new people