



HOUSE CHURCH SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH

THEME: When People Pray, Week 7 (Conclusion) – Finishing the Lord's Prayer,
Forgiveness & Spiritual Warfare

- **BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

- If you haven't read it yet, [Click here](#) for the guide of "How to do House Church."
Weekly updates will be uploaded to the "Virtual Church" page at www.tumcdan.org

- **WORSHIP** 10-15 minutes

(Use all of these elements for worship or choose the parts that work best for you)

- **Call to Worship:**

Leader: Jesus says to his followers, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27)

Response: We will fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. For the Lord is good and his steadfast love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. (Hebrews 12:2 & Psalm 100:5)

- **Psalm 118 – Palm Sunday Reading:**

(This is a good alternative if you cannot do the musical option. Read together or alternate each verse, Leader and Response. Speak these words of worship with joy and passion!)

(Psalm 118:1-7, 22-29 – this is a key Scripture for Palm Sunday!)

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

² **Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."**

³ Let the house of Aaron say: "His love endures forever."

⁴ **Let those who fear the LORD say: "His love endures forever."**

⁵ When hard pressed, I cried to the LORD; he brought me into a spacious place.

⁶ **The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?**

⁷ The LORD is with me; he is my helper. I look in triumph on my enemies...

²² **The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;**

²³ the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ **The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.**

²⁵ LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success!

²⁶ **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.**

²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

28 You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Amen.

○ **Give Thanks:**

Write down or share what you are thankful for today. Give thanks to God for each.

○ **Music:**

View these songs on YouTube and sing along with the lyrics. If someone in your family or group is musical, they can also lead the songs without videos

“King of my Heart”

[Click here for Video](#)

[Click here for Lyrics & Chords](#)

“Be thou my Vision”

[Click here for Video](#)

[Click here for Lyrics & Chords](#)

● **KIDS** 30-40 minutes

(If there are children in your House Church, you can add in these songs and participate in the ActivateKidz Video message from Miss Emily. You can also do the ActivateKidz lesson anytime!)

○ **Songs:**

“Lord I Lift Your Name on High” [Click here for Video](#)

“King of Me” [Click here for Video](#)

○ **ActivateKidz Video Lesson:**

A video lesson will be posted on the ActivateKidz YouTube Channel every week.

[Click here](#) for the ActivateKidz YouTube Channel to find this week’s lesson.

● **SCRIPTURE** 5 minutes

(Have one person read out loud or choose a different reader for each passage)

○ **Psalms 32:1-5** (New International Version)

¹ Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. ² Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.

³ When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV)

⁹ “This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”

Ephesians 6:10-18 (NIV)

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

- **MESSAGE** 30 minutes

- [Click here](#) to view the video of Pastor David's message for this week
- [Click here](#) to view written notes from the message if you cannot play a video

- **DISCUSSION** 15-20 minutes

(Use these questions to connect with your group, reflect, and apply this week's message to life. You don't have to get through every question, just choose the ones that connect with your group.)

- How is everyone doing? How is your family? How is your soul?
- What about today's message inspired and resonated with you? What challenged or confused you?
- How do you react to Jesus' teachings on forgiveness? How does it hit you?
- What has been your journey with receiving God's forgiveness? What has been your journey with forgiving others?
- How do you find that you approach the topic of spiritual warfare? Does understanding this biblical worldview come naturally, or is it awkward? Why?
- What have been your experiences of being aware of spiritual evil or spiritual warfare?
- Are you aware of spiritual strongholds in your home, your work, your community? (Greed, anxiety, discord, despair, etc.) How might you live in an "equal but opposite" spirit this week?
- When you think about our overall series on prayer and the global movement of prayer Pete talked about at the end of the book, how are you stirred to respond?

- **PRAYER** 10-15 minutes

- Spend time sharing your prayer requests (personal petitions, intercession for the community and the world). It can be helpful to write these down and share them with the group to pray throughout the week.

- Use the “P.R.A.Y.” model to pray together. One leader can facilitate this prayer time by talking through each portion and giving the group space to pray.

Pause – Be still, rest in silence, focus yourself on God’s presence – in your heart you can say a simple phrase like, “My God and my all”

Rejoice – Lift up your praises for God’s presence and God’s blessings

Ask – Pray for the various requests mentioned as a group

Yield (or “Yes” for kids) – Surrender to God’s power and God’s will, yield to God’s presence, contemplate his glory – reread Ephesians 6:10-18 above

- **Close with the Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

- **GIVING** 3 minutes

(Thank you for those who are able to give! We understand that for some, the added financial burdens and challenges of this time make it unfeasible for now and we fully understand. No matter what your situation, all of us can contribute in some way with our hearts and our lives!)

- **Electronic Giving & Mail in Offering**

[Click here](#) for secure, easy electronic giving or use your smartphone to text “tumcdan” to 77977
You can also mail your offering to: Trinity UMC, 84 Lombard Avenue, Danville, PA 17821

- **Lent Giving Challenge**

For those continuing in the Lent Giving Challenge for our Building Fund, today’s amount is 64\$ (we started at 2\$ and doubled the gift each week, next week is our final week of the challenge)

- **Love in Action Fund**

Our Love in Action Fund exists to support members of our community, our childcare, and our congregation with practical support as a demonstration of the love of God.

- **Offering Prayer**

Lord, as you have given yourself so freely to us, we give ourselves to you. May our lives be a living sacrifice. We give for the sake of your Church and for the sake of the world which you so love. Receive our simple gifts of time, talents, and treasures in the name of Jesus, for your glory. We ask you to multiply these gifts for the advance of your Kingdom, for the Awakening of our community, and for the restoration of our world. Amen.

- **NEXT STEPS** 5 minutes

- **Take time to look at the upcoming activities for Holy Week (see the last page) and Post-Easter activities! What do you plan to get involved with? Does your group want to sign up for the 24 Hour Prayer Vigil? You might sign up to all pray at the same time with Zoom or phone, or separate times. What are your plans for Easter, will anyone do the Porch Sunrise Service?**

- **As we finish this season of focusing on Prayer in our sermons & studies, how do you feel led to incorporate a greater focus of prayer in your life, particularly in this season of quarantining?**
- **SHARE!**
 - **Keep sharing your stories & pictures** *of your House Church* on social media! Email your photos, experiences, and testimonies to Trinity.Secretary@verizon.net so we can share our stories with the church family through our Newsletter!
 - **Share your feedback with us!** What can we do better to serve you in this season? What ideas do you have to help the community? Email Trinity.Secretary@verizon.net



HOLY WEEK APRIL 6TH – 12TH, 2020

- **WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL:** We will have a special Prayer Vigil for Holy Week with the same time and format—Wednesday at 6:30pm with a written Prayer Guide and Facebook Live video.
- **GOOD FRIDAY 24 HOUR PRAYER:** To culminate our Lenten season of “A Life of Prayer,” we had planned to launch our church Prayer Room with a 24-Hour Prayer vigil where members could sign up for different shifts around the clock. Even though we will have to wait to open the Prayer Room, we can still take our posts to pray intently for a full day—and now this is more relevant than we could have imagined. We broke the day into half-hour increments from 7am Friday to 7am Saturday, and you can sign up for as many half-hour blocks throughout the day as you want. Consider taking the courageous step of signing up for a shift in the middle of the night—multiple people can sign up for a time slot, but we want to have at least one person praying at all times. [Click Here](#) to sign up for a prayer shift, or look out for more information through our emails, Facebook, and Virtual Church page at www.tumcdan.org
- **ACTIVATE EGG-CELLENT EASTER PARTY:** We are all disappointed not to be able to have our Easter Egg community outreach, but Activate is proving a fun family activity you can do from home until our doors open again! You’ll receive a small package in the mail with several items and instructions that will go along with a video activity/lesson from Miss Emily.
- **COMMUNITY EASTER SUNRISE ON THE PORCH:** Maybe you’ve seen the news stories about communities like Bloomsburg creating Facebook groups inviting everyone to venture onto their porch to dance and sing at the same time—the Bloomsburg group reached 30,000 members and drew headlines around the country! We thought it would be great to apply this concept to worship, so on Easter Sunday, we’re inviting our entire community (and anyone who wants to join anywhere else!) to go outside to their porch for an Easter Sunrise worship time. We’ll provide a simple outline with Scripture, prayer, and a Song that can be used by Christians from any church background and hopefully will catch on for our whole community! Stay tuned for more information.
- **HOUSE CHURCH:** We will also continue the House Church format for Easter, with a special program to help your family celebrate the Resurrection!