## **Emmanuel Prayer List March 2022**

Note: The monthly prayer list can be accessed on the Emmanuel Website Preparing Hearts In Our Community For The Easter Message.

As our Pastoral Staff and Leadership of our church prepare for Easter, pray the Lord will guide and keep them protected, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Pray that many in our Community will be drawn to church and Christ Himself as Easter approaches; with invitations, advertisements, and resources provided by EBC. Pray the story of the Cross and Resurrection will reach open hearts to many. Pray as other Church Leaders in our area prepare for Easter and in-person Worship Services, to know God's provision and blessing. Pray that many of our church family will return to church as restrictions are being lifted. "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 12:25.

May we prepare for the message of Easter and rekindle the joy of knowing Jesus. "We love Him because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19



"Fear and faith are mutual exclusives in the Bible: when they feared they were rebuked for a lack of faith." - R. Alan. Cole



Sunday, March 20, 2022

- Winning the Battle For Your Mind
   Corinthians 10:3-7)
- 2. Seek First The Kingdom Of God (Luke 12:22-33)
- 3. Guarding Your Heart & Mind (Philippians 4:4-9)
- 4. Why Are You So Fearful? (Mark 4:34-41)
- 5. More Than Conquerors (Romans 8:31-39)



## Why Are You So Fearful?

(Mark 4:35-41)

1. Jesus led the disciples out to sea and into the storm.
It is often when things seem to be falling apart that
God is doing his greatest work
Consider it pure (1 Peter 1:6-7, James 1:2-4, Romans 5:3-5).
2. The disciples were terrified in a situation that was out of their control.
Fill in the blank with a question you've asked God in fear and worry:
God don't you even care that?
3. Jesus quiets the storm using only his words.
The storm knows his voice and bows to his
4. Jesus points out their lack of faith.
The word FAITH, in the NT is interchangeable with the word:
5. They wonder at who Jesus might be.
6. The come face to face with a powerful demonic force.
<b>7.</b> The demon does not marvel at who Jesus <i>might</i> be. Mar 5:6-7, Luke 4:33-34, Luke 4:4:41.
WHO IS JESUS?
Write down a few characteristics or names of Jesus that mean something
to you:

## **Personal Study & Small Group Questions**

Read Mark 4:35 to 5:71.

- 1. What causes you the most fear in life? What do you find yourself worrying about most?
- 2. God allowed Satan to bring suffering on Job and his family. Jesus told Peter that Satan had asked to sift them like wheat. Jesus himself is led into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit where he is tempted by Satan. Do you find it difficult to believe that God would purpose for us to go through hard things?

Consider these three texts: 1 Peter 1:6-7, James 1:2-4, Romans 5:3-5.

- 3. What can be understood about the purpose of suffering from these three texts?
- 4. Based on the verses above, what ought to be our response to trials? Why it is so difficult to respond this way in the moment?
- 5. The disciples seem to accuse Jesus of not caring whether they live or die. Have you had experiences in your life that have caused you to ask similar angry or scared questions of God? (Don't you care God? Can't you see me? Why are you not doing anything?)

Jesus said, "Do you still have no <u>faith</u>?"  $\pi$ ίστις pistis = Faith, trust, confidence, assurance, persuasion.

- 6. Dan said, "Jesus led them into the storm because it is often when things seems to be falling apart around us that God is doing his greatest work withing us." Would you agree with this statement?
- 7. Read Romans 8:28. Considering the truth of this verse and three scriptures mentioned above, how can we change our attitude when it comes to trials and suffering?

Read Hebrews 12:2-3.