

# 2021 Digging Deep Prayer Guide

Monday, January 11: Spiritual Breakthrough- Pray for a greater spiritual hunger. Pray that people will have a deeper commitment to seeking God's face. Ask the Lord to help us be desperate for Him and His presence. Pray that we would not be complacent. Pray for spiritual fires to be ignited in the lives of God's people.

- *For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland. Isaiah 43:19*
- *We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5*

Tuesday, January 12: Outpouring of the Holy Spirit- Pray that we would have a personal breakthrough in our spiritual lives. Pray that we will all come to a place of personal revival. Ask God to reveal Himself fresh and new to each of us. Pray that none of us would just go through the motions. Ask God to give you a fresh outpouring of His Holy Spirit.

- *For I will pour out water to quench your thirst and to irrigate your parched fields. And I will pour out my Spirit on your descendants, and my blessing on your children. Isaiah 44:3*
- *O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water. Psalms 63:1*
- *I lift my hands to you in prayer. I thirst for you as parched land thirsts for rain. Psalms 143:6*
- *As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. Psalms 42:1*

Wednesday, January 13: Corporate Revival- Pray for corporate revival to come to Eastside. Pray that Eastside will be a place where people are drawn to. Pray for lost souls to be saved and delivered from sin. Ask God to send a Spiritual Awakening to this region and area. Pray that Eastside will be alive with the presence of God. Pray for our church to grow spiritually and numerically.

- *Turn us again to yourself, O Lord God of Heaven's Armies. Make your face shine down upon us. Only then will we be saved. Psalms 80:19*
- *Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. Matthew 6:33*

Thursday, January 14: Our Country- Pray for America. Pray that God would send a healing revival to our land. Pray that our leaders would seek him for wisdom. Pray that violence would stop. Pray for racial reconciliation. Pray for the unity of our nation. Pray for our president and other elected officials. Pray that our country would be a nation that seeks God's face. Pray for peace in America.

- *Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and*

*restore their land. My eyes will be open and my ears attentive to every prayer made in this place. 2 Chronicles 7:14-15*

- *Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. Matthew 6:9-13*

Friday, January 15: Our Community- Pray for Gahanna and the surrounding community. Pray that God would open the heavens over Gahanna and pour out His Spirit. Pray for the Mayor and city leaders that God would give them wisdom in governing our city. Pray for our police, firemen, emergency personnel, and all first responders.

- *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8*
- *O Lord, hear. O Lord, forgive. O Lord, listen and act! For your own sake, do not delay, O my God, for your people and your city bear your name. Daniel 9:19*

Saturday, January 16: Our Families- Pray for God to bless all our families with peace, joy, and protection. Pray that broken families would be restored. Pray God would restore love and respect in the home. Pray that our families would live in unity. Pray that each family member would display God's love.

- *So commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these words of mine. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, so that as long as the sky remains above the earth, you and your children may flourish in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors. Deuteronomy 11:18-21*
- *Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it. Proverbs 22:6*
- *May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace. Numbers 6:24-26*

Sunday, January 17: Our Finances- Pray that all who attend ECC would see breakthrough financially, physically, and spiritually in 2021. Pray for those who need employment to find a good paying job with good benefits and good working conditions. Pray for those that need healing that God's healing hand would touch them. Pray for those who need relational healing, that God would bring peace and restore those relationships.

- *And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19*

- *Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test! Malachi 3:10*
- *Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back. Luke 6:38*

Monday, January 18: Our Marriages- Pray that marriages will be strengthened this year. Pray that the enemy will not come between husbands and wives. Pray that the love of Christ would draw our marriages closer together. Pray that broken marriages would be restored. Pray that the hearts of husbands would be turned to their wives and the hearts of wives would be turned to their husbands.

- *Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful. Colossians 3:14-15*
- *Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7*

Tuesday, January 19: Lost Souls- Pray for those that are far from God. Pray that the Holy Spirit will begin to soften their hearts to receive the gospel. Pray for those you know that need a relationship with Christ. Pray that you will have an opportunity to share your faith with many people this year. Pray that those who come to Christ will get plugged in to ECC and grow to be all God wants them to be.

- *Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." John 14:6*
- *...to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Then they will receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among God's people, who are set apart by faith in me. Acts 26:18*

Wednesday, January 20: The Broken- Pray for the countless individuals who find themselves in a place of brokenness. Pray that those who need freedom would find it in Christ. Pray for those who need restoration to seek the one who restores. Pray for those who feel lost and alone to find a place of belonging with Christ.

- *The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed. Psalms 34:18*
- *I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid. John 14:27*

Thursday, January 21: Our Church- Pray for our church. Pray that God would continue to send lost and hurting people here. Pray that we will be a community that loves and accepts others. Pray that we will be a church that invites others to experience God. Pray that the power of the Holy Spirit would rest in our services. Pray for all our ministry teams that God would use them in powerful ways. Pray that we would be a community of believers that are a part of our local community.

- *Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields." Matthew 9:35,37-38*
- *Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. Matthew 16:18*

Friday, January 22: Future Ministry Direction- Pray for direction for ECC as we move into our future. Pray that God would send the provisions to ECC to accomplish the vision that He has set for us. Pray that God would open the floodgates of resources for ECC. Pray that each of us would steward our time, talents, and treasures in order to accomplish God's will for our lives. Pray that God will open the doors in 2021 for us to find the perfect place He has for us to call home. Pray for wisdom as we seek out that place.

- *Show me the right path, O Lord ; point out the road for me to follow. Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you. Psalms 25:4-5*
- *If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. James 1:5*

Saturday, January 23: Mobilization of Our Church- Pray that there would be a mobilization of the Church. Pray that each person in the body would become fully engaged in the mission that God has planned for their lives. Pray for Pastor Charlene and Allen as they help give leadership to this mobilization. Pray that God would lead, guide, and protect them. Pray for wisdom and favor as Pastor Charlene helps each of us find that perfect place for us to serve. Pray for new ministries to be birthed. Pray that our community would be different because of Eastside.

- *But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!" Romans 10:14-15*
- *Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble,*

*thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. Philippians 2:1-4*

**Sunday, January 24: Unity-** Pray for unity in the body of Christ. Pray that the plans of the enemy to cause fighting and disunity would be stopped. Pray that the Holy Spirit of peace would guard our hearts. Pray that our attitude would always be one of reconciliation. Pray that ECC would be a church full of love and unity.

- *I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose. 1 Corinthians 1:10*
- *This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. 1 Corinthians 12:25-26*

**Monday, January 25: Kids Ministry-** Pray for our kids ministries. Pray God will bless Pastor Staci and Brian as they lead our Kids Ministry. Pray that God will lead, guide, and protect them. Pray that Pastor Staci will be filled with wisdom, guidance, direction, fresh ideas and creativity. Pray that our next generation will receive Jesus as their savior at an early age. Pray that our kids will desire the things of God and not this world. Pray that our Kids Ministry Team will have favor, patience, and wisdom.

- *And anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf is welcoming me. But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to have a large millstone tied around your neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea. Matthew 18:5-6*
- *But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children." And he placed his hands on their heads and blessed them before he left. Matthew 19:14-15*

**Tuesday, January 26: Youth Ministry-** Pray that our youth ministries will experience breakthrough in all aspects of this ministry. Pray that our students would have a desire to experience God in a deeper way. Pray that more students would be drawn to Eastside. Pray that they will be a generation that seeks God's face and his hand. Pray for these students to hear the voice of God calling them to faithfully serve Him.

- *Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity. 1 Timothy 4:12*
- *Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. Ephesians 3:17-18*

Wednesday, January 27: Our Missionaries- Pray for all our missionaries and mission organizations we support. Pray that God would be their source. Pray that God would protect them and their families. Pray that many lost souls would come to know Christ as their savior. Pray for the missionaries to have joy and courage to accomplish all that God has called them to do.

- *How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news, the good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns! Isaiah 52:7*
- *But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!" Romans 10:14-15*

Thursday, January 28: Our Pastor- Pray for Pastor TJ and Betsy. Pray for God's protection over them and their family. Pray that God will bless them with peace, joy, protection, health, and strength. Pray that God will supply all their financial needs. Pray that God will give them wisdom, guidance, and direction as they lead ECC. Pray that God will give them fresh ideas, dreams, visions, and passion for more of God. Pray they will be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit as they lead Eastside Community Church.

- *For we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts. 1 Thessalonians 2:4*
- *A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:10-12*

Friday, January 29: Our Board- Pray for our Board Members - Allen Markarian, Jennifer Ohm, Sheri Schmitt, and Brian Schutzler. Pray that these individuals would be blessed with wisdom as they assist Pastor TJ in leading ECC. Pray they would have vision and faith to move forward in God's plan for our church. Pray for safety and protection over them and their families. Pray all the board meetings would be blessed with unity and peace.

- *But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:31*
- *And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. Romans 8:28*

Saturday, January 30: Schools- Pray for our local schools. Pray that God's protection would cover all the students and teachers. Pray that God would give our kids courage to stand up for what is right. Pray that the Christians in the school would share the gospel with others. Pray for wisdom for all the teachers and administrators. Pray that our schools would experience a revival.

- *Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. This I declare about the Lord : He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him. Psalms 91:1-2*
- *No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8*

Sunday January 31: Praise & Worship- As we end this dedicated time of prayer, I want to encourage you to spend some time in praise and worship. Praise Him for all that He has done. Has He answered your prayers? Praise Him. Then let that lead you to worship. Worship Him for who He is. Even if He hasn't answered your prayers, who is He? What do you know about His nature and character? Let your worship flow to heaven.

- *And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. Romans 12:1-2*
- *Come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come to him with thanksgiving. Let us sing psalms of praise to him. For the Lord is a great God, a great King above all gods. He holds in his hands the depths of the earth and the mightiest mountains. The sea belongs to him, for he made it. His hands formed the dry land, too. Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our maker, for he is our God. We are the people he watches over, the flock under his care. Psalm 95:1-7*