

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023

# PRAY FERVENTLY IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

AND AVAIL MUCH

JAMES 5:16B

*11:45 am Gathering  
at City Hall  
Flagpole in Tukwila*



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Hello FTPC,

Rather than a comment or a devotional, I offer a prayer for this month to guide our fast.

We come to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,  
Who demonstrated his faithful, never-stopping, never-giving up, indomitable love to generations.

We come to the Creator and Sustainer of everything,  
From the enormous plasma spheres that we call stars, to the infinitesimal building blocks we call atoms, they were crafted by his hand,

We come to the Sparrow-watcher,  
Even the birds that we consider nuisances are not too insignificant for his sight,

We come to the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

And as we come, we hurt.  
We hurt for our broken world, that is riddled with sin and depravity,  
We hurt for our still-healing hearts, for the times in which we don't believe the promises of our Savior, the times when our lives betray the faith we proclaim.  
We hurt for our neighbors, whose hearts have yet to begin to heal. We hurt for those who don't know Jesus yet.

Jesus said we can ask for anything in his name.  
You say that the reason we don't have is because we have yet to ask.

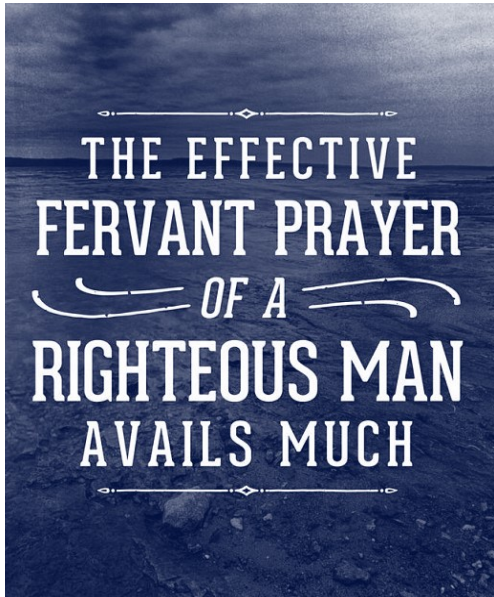
And so, we ask for your favor and your blessing.  
Not for ourselves, not to make us look good or important,  
Rather, we ask that you transform our broken world.  
That you use our mouths, hands, and feet to put together the shattered fragments of our communities, institutions, and surroundings.

We ask and trust that you are increasingly making us look more like you. That as we are justified by the blood of Jesus, we are continually being conformed to the image of Christ.

And we ask, we beg, we plead that those you have put around us come to know you deeply.  
May they know the height, the depth, the width of the love of Christ.

1 Jesus said that the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few,  
2 Here we are, we see the harvest;  
2 And we have hands that can work.  
3 Lord, show us the way.  
4 We submit ourselves to the Sovereign Lord of the Universe and the Savior of our Souls.  
5 In the Name of Jesus,  
6 Amen.

*Pastor Aaron*



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	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>NET</b>
	<u>For March 2023</u>	<u>For March 2023</u>	<u>For March 2023</u>
	\$18,965.38	\$13,178.72	\$5,786.66
	<u>Through March 2023</u>	<u>Through March 2023</u>	<u>Through March 2023</u>
	\$46,726.56	\$41,269.25	\$5,457.31

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN TUKWILA: THURSDAY MAY 4, 2023

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. This observance exists to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, and specifically, to mobilize the Christian community to intercede for America's leaders and its families. The Task Force represents a Judeo-Christian expression of national observance, based on our recognition of the many prayers lifted up to the Lord as the United States was born and in reverence for the God of the Bible.

The National Day of Prayer stands as a call for us to humbly come before God, seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people. We, and indeed every nation that has believers in Jesus, are called to pray for where God has placed us. We are called to "seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare." (Jeremiah 29:7)

Our 2023 National Day of Prayer theme, "**Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much**" is based upon James 5:16b, "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." As we prepare for the National Day of Prayer on May 4th, we rejoice in the knowledge that there will be millions of prayers prayed from tens of thousands of gatherings across America and around the world. We must pray fervent, faithful, nation-changing, history-writing prayers that turn America's hearts from evil agendas that bring about death and draw all people into the arms of a loving God who is our only true hope, help, love, and Lord.

*National Day of Prayer Task Force*

### 2023 National Prayer for America

*We come with fervent hearts to praise You Lord. You are The Word, the Way, Truth and Life. The Alpha and Omega, Lion of Judah, Almighty God*

*who was, and is, and is to come. You clothed Yourself in flesh and dwelt among us, to remove our sin and clothe us in Your righteousness that we might dwell with You forever and ever.*

*With broken, humbled hearts we repent of our sins. Confessing to You our faithlessness, prayerlessness, and disobedience.*



*Forgive us for our doubt, our prideful and quarrelsome words that reveal our unclean hearts. Cleanse us and renew a right and steadfast spirit within us we pray.*

*With grateful hearts we thank You fervently for the blessings in our life and throughout America; they are more than we are able to count. We will remember Your grace and testify to Your goodness in all generations. Help us to refrain from complaining, but instead be prompted to pray faithfully in every circumstance. Teach us to have a content heart knowing You are always enough for our every need.*

*As the Church we commit to pray and love our neighbor and nation as You loved us, that our reputation in this world would be rooted in Your love. Holy Spirit work and overflow through us in every prayer, thought, word, and deed. May our character, conversations, and conduct reflect the righteousness in which You clothed us and command us to live.*

*With an obedient heart we put on the full armor of God; Your breastplate of righteousness guards our heart from which flows the springs of life. We pray fervently for our communities and country; the people who are in the Church, Family, Education, Business and*

*Workplace, Military, Government, Arts, Entertainment and Media. Every person is Your workmanship, fearfully and wonderfully created and loved. With hopeful hearts we pray that all would choose to receive Your love and follow You. We pray that America would confess, "Jesus is Lord" and reflect Your righteousness in every sphere of influence, and every aspect of our lives. We ask that heavenly hope would flood our hearts, silence hate, and that You will heal our land.*

*Believing You; all You are, all You said, and all You have promised, we pray fervently in righteousness and avail much. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen!*

The National Day of Prayer will be observed in Tukwila on Thursday, May 4 where we will gather at 11:45 am in front of Tukwila City Hall. Mayor Allan Ekberg will be issuing a Mayoral Proclamation promptly at noon. Corporate prayer will follow.

### Questions?

**Contact Jenny or visit [nationaldayofprayer.org](http://nationaldayofprayer.org).**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
10:30 am: Worship Junior Church <i>Jan Linville Preaches</i>		4:30 pm: Bible Recap 6:00 pm: FTPC Youth 6:30: YA Bible Study	1:30-3:30 pm: Virtual Women's Bible Study 5:00 pm: CE IT	10:00 am: Prayer NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 11:45 am @ Tukwila City Hall 4:00 pm: Missions IT Pastor Aaron on Vacation		1:00 pm: Youth Ministry at Ridge Cliff Apts
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<i>Mothers' Day</i> 10:30 am: Worship Communion Junior Church Potluck <i>Baby Bottle Drive Begins</i>		4:30 pm: Bible Recap 6:00 pm: FTPC Youth 6:30: YA Bible Study	1:30-3:30 pm: Virtual Women's Bible Study FTPC Fast Day	<i>Ascension Day</i> 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Young Adults		6:00 pm: FTPC Youth Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10:30 am: Worship Junior Church 12:30 pm: Facility Use Discussion		4:30 pm: Bible Recap 6:00 pm: FTPC Youth 6:30: YA Bible Study	1:30-3:30 pm: Virtual Women's Bible Study FTPC Fast Day	10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Men's/ Women's Bible Studies		
28	29	30	31	<h2 style="text-align: center;">May 2023</h2> <h1 style="text-align: center;">Foster-Tukwila Presbyterian Church</h1>		
<i>Pentecost Sunday</i> 10:30 am: Worship Junior Church	MEMORIAL DAY	4:30 pm: Bible Recap 6:00 pm: FTPC Youth 6:30: YA Bible Study	1:30-3:30 pm: Virtual Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm: Worship IT FTPC Fast Day			

# June 2023 - Foster Tukwila Presbyterian

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18 <i>Fathers' Day</i> 10:30 am: Worship Junior Church Dad's Root Beer Floats <i>Baby Bottle Drive Ends</i>	19	20 4:30 pm: Bible Recap 6:00 pm: FTPC Youth 6:30: YA Bible Study	21 1:30-3:30 pm: Virtual Women's Bible Study	22 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Men's Bible Study	23	24
25 10:30 am: Worship Junior Church 12:30 pm: Hear From You!	26	27 4:30 pm: Bible Recap 6:00 pm: FTPC Youth 6:30: YA Bible Study	28 1:30-3:30 pm: Virtual Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm: Worship IT	29 10:00 am: Prayer	30	



1st Wednesday, alternate months:

- CE IT, 5:00 pm
- Last Wednesday: Missions IT: TBA
- Worship IT, 7:00 pm

**Thursdays!**

7:00 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>: Young Adults

**CONNECTED**

7:00 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>: Women's Study

7:00 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>: Men's Bible Study

**Worship in the Park**

*Mark your calendar*

*Sundays in July*

Morning Prayer

Thursdays

10 am

**CHURCH LEADERSHIP**

**Elders:**  
2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm

**Deacons:**  
Sunday, August 13, 12:30 pm

Save the Date!

FTPC Youth Spaghetti Dinner FUNDRAISER

6-8 pm Sat. May 20, 2023

Tickets: \$10.00/ea

**Women's Bible Study**

Wednesdays, 1:30-3:30 pm

Via Zoom.

**PrayTukwila**

Wednesday

1 pm - June 7, 2023

Southcenter Community Baptist

**Junior Church**

Participants dismissed before Proclaiming the Lord's Work

JUNE MISSIONS: CARE NET OF PUGET SOUND

**Spare Change Changes Lives.**

**Join Our Spring Baby Bottle Campaign!**

**May 14 - June 18, 2023**

**The Supreme Court, Mifepristone & Care Net of Puget Sound's Response**

This past week, a lot has transpired regarding the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) and mifepristone. A ruling restricting the use of mifepristone, made by a Texas judge, was modified by the US Court of Appeals for the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit. While the Texas judge halted the use of mifepristone completely, the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit ruled that mifepristone could be dispensed according to the FDA rules of 2000.

Before the Texas ruling was modified, a Washington State District Court ruled for 17 states and the District of Columbia that the availability of mifepristone may not be altered.

The Department of Justice filed an appeal to [the Supreme Court](#), which, as of Friday, April 14, has paused these new restrictions through an administrative stay. This stay is in effect until 11:59 pm of April 19, 2023. Responses must be filed by April 18, 12:00 pm. Again, all eyes are on the Supreme Court as Justices will weigh in on this appeal.

**Here's a more in-depth look at what happened:**

**Texas Judge Ruling**

On Friday, April 7, a Texas Federal Judge made a preliminary ruling on [a case](#), halting FDA approval of mifepristone (the first [abortion pill](#)) nationwide. Mifepristone stops the supply of progesterone to a developing pregnancy thereby ending the pregnancy. This ruling was to be effective on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> unless reversed through an appeal.

**Appeal to the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals**

The Biden administration challenged this ruling, bringing it to the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals. The Court of Appeals, on April 12, decided to keep in place a portion of this court order. [Here's what held:](#)

- Disallowing the sending of [chemical abortion drugs through the mail](#), which the FDA had been allowing since 2020;
- Moving the gestational age limit for the use of mifepristone back from 10 weeks to 7;
- Requiring three in-person doctor visits prior to and after starting a chemical abortion regimen;
- Requiring that patients be checked for complications after starting a chemical abortion;
- Requiring the reporting of all adverse events, not just fatal ones, a rule the FDA changed in 2016.

Held in place, the ruling would [reverse numerous decisions](#) the FDA has made over the past 10 years to expand the use of mifepristone in abortions and remove safeguards for women.

This was a huge victory, especially for the pro-life medical professionals who have been working tirelessly to protect their patients (both born and unborn).

### The Supreme Court gets involved:

In response, on April 14<sup>th</sup>, [Justice Alito](#) issued an “administrative stay” temporarily suspending these rulings on mifepristone.

#### What does this mean?

All eyes are back on the Supreme Court as we wait to see what will happen next. The Supreme Court has announced they will release their decision on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Even if the Supreme Court upholds these new restrictions of mifepristone, as of right now, [it appears](#) the reinstatement REMS and moving the gestational age will not be upheld in Washington State.

In a separate lawsuit, [a Washington State Federal Judge](#) ruled that the FDA can't alter the current status quo as related to mifepristone, thereby challenging the Texas District Court.

The battle is far from over. Washington State has a long history of protecting abortion at whatever cost. In fact, on April 4<sup>th</sup>, [Governor Inslee announced](#) that he would be purchasing a three-year supply of mifepristone to be distributed to abortion providers/clinics across the state of Washington.

#### Care Net of Puget Sound's Response

While praising God for any success that the ADF (Alliance Defending Freedom) might have in protecting women from the [dangerous, possibly life-threatening complications of medical abortions](#), we know that our battles against spiritual darkness (Ephesians 6:12) are far from over in our country and in our communities.

Over [16,000 lives](#) are reported lost to abortion every year just in our state and over 1 out of every 10 pregnancies in our state will end in abortion.

Whether the FDA abortion pill restrictions are upheld in our state or not, we know women will still need the hope and life-affirming options that [Care Net of Puget Sound](#) has to offer. **We will continue to provide the same [life-affirming, compassionate, and practical care](#) we've been providing for over 40 years.**



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*"To Know Jesus Christ & to Make Him Known"*

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WE WILL GATHER AT THE FLAGPOLE AT 11:45 AM, THURSDAY MAY 4, 2023.**

**PRAYER BEGINS PROMPTLY AT NOON. DETAILS INSIDE.**