



APRIL 2026 PRAYER LETTER

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and faithful support for our family and the ministry here in New York City. We are deeply grateful that you are “holding the ropes” while we labor on the front lines. Your partnership is making an eternal difference. As the weather begins to warm after a long and difficult winter, we are seeing people return to church. On Easter Sunday, the Lord allowed us to hold two services with over 70 in combined attendance. Several families who had been absent during the winter months came back, and we are thankful for how God is stirring hearts again.

In recent weeks, we have also been able to increase our evangelistic outreach. It has been a tremendous blessing to share the gospel with many who have never heard it before. Some have made professions of faith, though they have not yet begun attending services. Please pray that these individuals will take the next step of growing in Christ and becoming part of the church.

The need in the city continues to grow rapidly. The Muslim population has been visibly increasing. And several new apartment buildings have been completed around our neighborhood this past year. Thousands of people around us still need the truth of the gospel. We are asking the Lord to give us wisdom as we seek to reach them effectively. One immediate need is space. We are nearing capacity in our Sunday morning service and are prayerfully seeking the Lord's direction for what comes next. This is an exciting challenge, but one that will require wisdom, provision, and clear guidance. Another growing area is our children's ministry. Our baby department is expanding, which is a wonderful blessing, but we currently do not have a nursery space. This creates challenges during services, particularly for the children's class. Please pray that the Lord would provide a solution so that we can better minister to families. We are especially burdened for the next generation. Just this past week, we launched a teen Sunday School class, and three teens came early to study God's Word. There are approximately 1,600 teenagers in our neighborhood, many of whom have never heard the gospel. We are asking God to help us build a strong youth ministry that will reach and disciple these young people for Christ.

Just before Easter, the Lord provided the new piano! We are incredibly thankful for each of you who gave toward this need. It has already been a blessing in our services and has helped enhance our worship. We are now praying for the Lord to raise up some more people to help with the music ministry. At present, one faithful man has been helping lead the singing some, and we are grateful. But we know God can do more! Join us in prayer for more musicians and song leaders.

Looking ahead, we are preparing for another Celebration Sunday in May, where several individuals are planning to be baptized and join the church. Please pray for those who are still hesitant to follow the Lord in baptism, as well as for several faithful attenders who have not yet trusted Christ. We are praying earnestly for their salvation.

As you read these updates, we hope you see both the opportunity and the urgency. God is working, but the needs are great. Would you continue to pray specifically for: Open hearts in our community, Wisdom for growth and next steps Laborers to help in the ministry, and Souls to be saved and baptized. Thank you again for standing with us. We could not do this without you. Your prayers, encouragement, and support are helping reach people with the gospel in one of the most needy mission fields in our country.

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