

40 DAYS OF PRAYER

Join us in prayer for the ministry of Eastern Hills Baptist Church!

10 Even there Your hand will ¹⁰lead me,
And Your right hand will lay hold of
me.
11 If I say, "Surely the ¹¹'darkness will
overwhelm me,
And the light around me will be night,"
12 Even the ¹²'darkness is not dark ¹²'to You,
And the night is as bright as the day.
¹³'Darkness and light are alike to You.
13 For You ¹³'formed my inward parts,
You ¹³'knew me in my mother's womb.
14 I will give thanks to You, for I am
fearedly and wonderfully made;
¹⁴'Wonderful are Your works,
And my soul knows it very well.
15 My ¹⁵'iniquity was not hidden from You,
When I was made in secret,
And skilfully wrought in the ¹⁵'depths
of the earth.
16 Your ¹⁶'eyes have seen my unformed
substance,
And in ¹⁶'Your book were all written
The ¹⁶'days that were ordained for me,
When as yet there was not one of
them.
17 How precious also are Your ¹⁷'thoughts
to me, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
18 If I should count them, they would
¹⁸'outnumber the sand.
When I ¹⁸'awake, I am still with You.

19 O that You would ¹⁹'slay the wicked,
O God;
¹⁹'Depart from me, therefore, ¹⁹'met of
his¹⁹—
20 For they ²⁰'speak ²⁰'against You wickedly,
And Your enemies ²⁰'take Your name
in vain.
21 Do I not ²¹'hate those who hate You,
O Lord?
And do I not ²¹'loathe those who rise
up against You?
22 I hate them with the utmost hatred;
They have become my enemies.
23 ²³'Search me, O God, and know my
heart.
²³'Try me and know my anxious
thoughts;
24 And see if there be any ²⁴'hurtful way
in me,
And ²⁴'lead me in the ²⁴'everlasting way.

Psalm 140

For the choir director: A Psalm of David.
1 ¹'Rescue me, O Lord, from evil men.
¹'Preserve me from ¹'violent men.
2 Who ²'devise evil things in their
hearts;
They ²'continually stir up wars.

140:1, 2b, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25
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by referring to its two extremes (merits), vv. 8-9 specify all spatial reality, the whole creation.
139:10 *lead me* . . . my hold of me. Though this language occurs in 21:22-24 to indicate God's solicitous care, it here denotes God's inescapable supervision, not unlike the thought of v. 5.
139:11-12 Just as the whole creation offers no hiding place

139:17 Your thoughts. As expressed in his words—and in fact start with "my thought" (v. 2).
139:18 When I awake. The sleep of exhaustion awakens every attempt to count God's thoughts/works (see 138:14), and waking only floods my soul even more with the vision of the presence of this God.
139:19-21 My zeal for You sets me against all Your enemies . . . whose end will come by Your hand.
139:19, 21 *that You would*. Jealous impatience with God.

1 They ¹'sharpen their tongues as a serpent;
¹'Poison of a viper is under their lips. ¹'Selah
4 ⁴'Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked;
⁴'Preserve me from violent men
Who have ⁴'purposed to ⁴'trip up my feet.
5 The proud have ⁵'hidden a trap for me and curbs;
They have spread a ⁵'net by the ⁵'wayside;
They have set ⁵'snares for me. ⁵'Selah
6 ⁶'I said to the Lord, "You are my God;
⁶'Give ear, O Lord, to the ⁶'voice of my supplications.
⁷'O God the Lord, "the strength of my salvation,
You have ⁷'covered my head in the day of ⁷'battle.
8 ⁸'Do not grant, O Lord, the ⁸'desires of the wicked;
Do not promote ⁸'his evil device, that ⁸'they not be exalted. ⁸'Selah
9 ⁹'As for the head of those who surround me,
May the ⁹'mischief of their lips cover them.
10 ¹⁰'May ¹⁰'burning coals fall upon them;
May they be ¹⁰'eaten into the fire,
Into ¹⁰'deep pits from which they ¹⁰'cannot rise.
11 ¹¹'May a landslide not be established in the earth,
¹¹'May evil hunt the violent man ¹¹'apacitely."

140:3 *serpents*. See note on 5:9. *Poison of a viper*—1 and note.
140:5 *Protect me from those proud and wicked hunt* 10:2-11 and notes.
140:6 *The proud*. See note on 31:23.
140:6-8 *Do not let these wicked men attain their evil desire* me.
140:9-11 *Let the harm they plot against me recall* leads (see note on 5:10).
140:10 *Burning coals*. See note on 116: *fire*. *Deep* 10:2 and note.

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

Day 1: Prayer of Recognition: God as Creator - Read Gen. 1; Psalm 19

Praise God as creator and sustainer of all of creation. Praise God for his authority and sovereignty over all the universe. Pray that God will help us to recognize him first and foremost in all that we do as individuals and as a body of believers.

Day 2: Prayer - Read 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Ask the Lord to teach us to be a praying people and a praying church. Pray that we would grow in this spiritual discipline and that we would desire to join together more and more in corporate prayer.

Day 3: Provision - Read Psalm 145

Pray for God's provision as we declare his greatness to the local community, nation, and world. Praise God for his past works throughout time and ask the Lord to help us to continue in making his name and glory known to the lost.

Day 4: God's Will - Read Matthew 6:33

Pray that we earnestly seek God in the decisions we face as a church. Pray that our hearts will align with what Scripture reveals about the character and the will of the Lord. Pray that we as a congregation will seek the kingdom first in all that we do.

Day 5: Clarity - Read Proverbs 3:5-7

Pray that we will trust God and his path as we seek to be obedient. Pray that the members of Eastern Hills will be good stewards with what the Lord has placed in our hands. Pray that our focus will be on finding ways to better follow God's command to share the gospel of Christ and make disciples.

Day 6: The testing of our Minds and Thoughts - Read Philippians 4:8

Pray for God to guard our minds and keep us focused on what is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, and commendable as we prepare for the future of Eastern Hills. Pray that God would reveal to us any thoughts we have that do not align with his will.

Day 7: The Transformation of Hearts - Read Job 42:1-6; John 3:30

Ask the Lord to create in us a clean heart. Pray for God to change us into the people he has purposed. Pray for God to give us a heart for others and the world around us.

Day 8: Holiness - Read 1 Peter 1:15

Pray for God to help us understand his holiness and the holiness he has called us to as his image bearers. Pray that as we grow in holiness others would see the truth of Christ in our lives. Pray for God to help us encourage one another in holy living.

Day 9: Pastor Josh - Read 2 Timothy 4:1-2

Pray for Pastor Josh today as he prepares to preach the Word. Pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen him in his call to lead Eastern Hills according to God's will. Pray for clarity and wisdom as he guides the congregation toward holiness. Pray for Pastor Josh to be encouraged in his ministry to Eastern Hills.

Day 10: Pastor Dan - Read Titus 2:7-8

Pray for Pastor Dan to be faithful in his ministry to senior adults and in his administrative duties at the church. Pray for the Lord to equip Pastor Dan in knowledge and compassion through the Word as he pours into the lives of our senior adults.

Day 11: Pastor Keith- Read Psalm 95:1-2

Pray for Pastor Keith as he leads the congregation in worship through the singing of praises to God. Pray for the Holy Spirit to provide him wisdom as he studies the Word and guides those who work and volunteer in the music ministry. Pray that God would be honored by the musical worship at Eastern Hills and that it would work in great harmony with all the other elements of Sunday morning worship. Pray for Pastor Keith to be encouraged in his ministry.

Day 12: Pastor Jeff - Read 1 Timothy 6:11-12

Pray for Pastor Jeff to be faithful in his ministry to our students and families. Ask the Lord to help Pastor Jeff continue to relate and guide our youth through the gospel of Christ. Pray for continued growth, both spiritual and numerical. Pray for Pastor Jeff as he trains and teaches volunteers in the Word.

Day 13: Pastor Greg - Read Colossians 1:28

Pray for Pastor Greg as he seeks diligently to lead in the discipleship of the children at Eastern Hills. Ask the Lord to provide wisdom to Pastor Greg as he studies the Word and trains and teaches volunteers on how to share the gospel of Christ in a safe and nurturing environment.

Day 14: Church Support Staff - Read Colossians 3:23-24

Pray for all who work in support of the ministry at Eastern Hills. Ask the Lord to strengthen them in all their tasks and to keep it always at the forefront of their minds that their work is for his glory.

Day 15: Congregation - Read Romans 12:9-21; Acts 2:42

Pray for the congregation to grow closer to one another through joint study, worship, care, and fellowship. Pray for perseverance, that we would all continue steadfastly in our shared mission of building up the church and taking the gospel to a lost world. May we truly walk together as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Day 16: Missions - Read Acts 1:8

Pray for opportunities for Eastern Hills to directly support and participate in the spreading of the gospel of Christ across the nation and the world. Pray for those who are actively seeking out missions opportunities for the church. Pray for the Lord to use Eastern Hills to make his great name known. Pray for the missionary families who have found refuge in our missions house.

Day 17: Children's Ministry - Read Proverbs 22:6

Pray for wisdom for our children's ministry workers. Pray for our ministry to faithfully teach truth and help to disciple our children. Pray for our children to have a strong foundation in the Lord. Pray for more volunteers.

Day 18: Student Ministry - Read Romans 12: 1-2; John 17:15

Pray for protection over our students from the evil one and that they would experience the peace of God that exceeds all understanding. Pray that they are courageous and bold in their faith, that they are not ashamed to share the gospel with others but are willing to explain their hope comes from. Pray for strong bonds to form among the students at Eastern Hills so that they do not feel alone in their faith. Pray they would encourage and support each other to stand apart from the unbelieving world around them.

Day 19: Adult Ministry - Read Colossians 3:12-17

Pray for our hearts to be unified through the love of Christ and let the Word of Christ dwell in us so that we may love others with compassion, kindness, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another. Pray we would always give thanks for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Day 20: Senior Adult Ministry - Read Proverbs 1

Pray that knowledge and discernment is passed down from our senior adults to the younger generations so that they may avoid destruction and pitfalls. Pray our senior adults would teach and disciple our younger people in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Day 21: Homebound Ministry - Read Psalm 71:7-9

Pray for those who are homebound to be encouraged by the presence of the Lord. Pray for the hearts of the volunteers in this ministry and pray for sweet bonds to form through the love for Christ. Pray that God's Word may be shared continually from generation to generation.

Day 22: Vacation Bible School - Read Matthew 19:13-14

Pray for Pastor Greg and all of the leaders of Vacation Bible School. Pray for the children that will be attending. Pray that their hearts would be open and receptive to Christ's teachings. Pray that God's Word would transform their hearts and minds during this week.

Day 23: The City of Montgomery - Read Jeremiah 29:7; 1 Peter 2:12

Pray for our neighbors in the city of Montgomery. Pray that Eastern Hills would be a light in this city pointing towards Christ. Pray for other churches as we work together to reach the lost. Pray for the leaders in our city. Pray for guidance as they make decisions that affect our community.

Day 24: Alabama - Read Romans 13:1

Pray for the state of Alabama. Pray for the churches across the state as they minister to their congregations and to the lost. Pray for state officials as they lead, that their decisions would be God-honoring and that they would be surrounded by those who speak the truth of Christ.

Day 25: The United States - Read Psalm 86:9-10; Psalm 33:12; 1 Timothy 2:1-4

Pray for the lost across the nation, that they would come to know Christ. Pray for the churches across the nation, that they would be bold in proclaiming the gospel. Pray for our nation's leaders.

Day 26: The World - Read Acts 17:26-31

Pray for the lost around the world. Pray for churches around the world and that they would be faithful and bold in sharing the Good News. Pray for unreached people groups. Pray for leaders around the world.

Day 27: The Universal Church - Read Ephesians 4:15-16

Pray that the Church would seek the Lord first in all things. Pray for the Church to grow. Ask the Lord to strengthen the Church around the globe. Pray for unity and boldness in the Church. Pray that the Church would not grow weary in reaching the lost.

Day 28: Persecuted Christians - Read Ephesians 6:18-20

Pray for the Holy Spirit to encourage those who are facing persecution. Pray that the Lord would use their lives as testimony of his goodness. Pray for the gospel to be spread among hostile nations. Pray for the families of persecuted Christians.

Day 29: The Southern Baptist Convention - Read John 17:20-21

Pray for the leaders of the SBC. Pray that they would seek the Lord's wisdom. Pray for the church leaders as they gather to make decisions for the convention. Pray for guidance as SBC churches seek to work together to proclaim the Gospel.

Day 30: Connection - Read Hebrews 10:24–25

Pray that the Lord would open up doors to build meaningful relationships among our church members. Ask the Lord to place someone on your heart to whom you can reach out. Ask the Lord to remove any barriers that would prevent you from making new connections.

Day 31: Health and Healing - Read Proverbs 16:24

Pray for those who are battling illnesses and sickness. Ask the Lord to place someone on your heart that you can encourage through their sickness and illness. Pray for those who have not been able to return to church due to health issues.

Day 32: Generosity - Read 2 Corinthians 9:6–8

Pray that God would make you generous with your time, talent, and resources. Pray that he would continue to bless Eastern Hills and make us more generous to meet the needs of those around us.

Day 33: Bible Study - Read Psalm 119:11; 2 Timothy 3:16–17;

Psalm 1; Joshua 1:8

Pray for God to develop a community at Eastern Hills that seeks his wisdom daily. Pray that God would give you an understanding of his word and a desire to know it more deeply. Pray for our pastors and teachers to be filled with God's wisdom as they study and prepare. Pray for us to have soft hearts to hear God's correction and will for our life as we study his word.

Day 34: Outreach and Evangelism - Read Matthew 28:18–20;

Romans 10:10–17; Ephesians 4:11–12; 1 Peter 3:15

Pray for the Lord to help us be bold in telling others about Christ. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide our church leaders in equipping our members for the task of evangelism. Pray for ways to reach the community with the Gospel.

Day 35: Obedience - Read 1 John 5:1–5

Pray that God will give you grace to obey whatever he commands, despite pressures from culture or other influences. Pray that Eastern Hills will equip the congregation with strong biblical knowledge so that we may move forward in obedience to God's will for his church.

Day 36: Church Unity - Read 1 Corinthians 1:10; Psalm 133;

Ephesians 4:1–6

Pray for God to grant us patience as we seek to grow and work together as a congregation. Pray that God will unite us through our love for him and our love for others. Ask the Lord to help you have peace with each member of Eastern Hills. Pray that God would help your mind and speech to be reflective of the love he has poured out to us on the cross.

Day 37: Eastern Hills on Mission - Read Acts 1:8

Pray for the Lord to guide those who are seeking out missions opportunities for Eastern Hills. Pray for the Lord to use his church to proclaim his name to the lost. Pray for softened hearts for the lost and for wisdom on how we can be servants to those who do not know the Lord. Pray that the Lord would raise up missionaries from Eastern Hills.

Day 38: Eastern Hills Growth and Maturity - Read Matthew 5:2–12;

Ephesians 3:14–21

Pray for the continued spiritual growth of the members of EHBC. Pray for the Holy Spirit to continue his sanctifying work in all who belong to Christ. Pray for our members to grow in their knowledge and understanding of the Word so that they may live according to God's will. Pray for community to grow through love and unity in faithfulness and exhortation.

Day 39: The Future of Eastern Hills - Read Rev. 19:6–9; Rev. 7:9–12

Pray for the Lord to remind us daily of his future promises. Pray for the Lord to continue to use Eastern Hills to proclaim his name as we make decisions on the future of the church. Praise God for his revealed will in Scripture and pray that we will let that always be our focus and our hope at Eastern Hills.

Day 40: The Return of Christ - Read Matthew 24:29–31;

Philippians 3:20–21; Hebrews 10:24–27;

Pray for the members of Eastern Hills to persevere in the work of spreading the gospel of Christ until the day that Christ returns. Pray for the Lord to return and to establish the new heavens and the new earth. Give praise to God for the gift of salvation and for allowing his children to dwell with him for all eternity.