

DAILY PRAYER MEDITATIONS, April 20-25, 2026

Monday, April 20, 2026 (by Marilyn Culler)

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:23-25 – New life

Ponder: Spring is a time to clean out and release things that are worn out, old, no longer useful to us. New life in Christ grows more precious as we experience God's abiding love for us and share that joy with the world.

Prayer: Renewing God, grow your goodness in me. Amen.

Action: When you see someone mowing grass, remember that God cannot be mowed down.

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 (by Ashlée Vitz)

Scripture: John 17:1–11 – Jesus prays for his followers

Ponder: Before facing the cross, Jesus prays—not for escape, but for unity and protection for his community. Love is sustained through prayerful connection.

Prayer: Bind us together in care, patience, and shared purpose.

Action: Pray intentionally today for your community by name.

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 (by Marilyn Culler)

Scripture: John 21:9-14 – Bread and fish

Ponder: Jesus was cooking breakfast on the Galilean shore early in the morning as the disciples came ashore from fishing. This time, his third meal with the disciples after the Resurrection, bread and fish were on the menu. God often appears in peculiar, magnificent ways to show us his plan for our lives and for the world. The table is ever before us – come to the feast!

Prayer: God, thank you for Jesus and his comforting Presence which feeds me throughout the day. Amen.

Action: The fish symbol is based on the Greek acronym for the phrase, “Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior.” In the early days of Christianity, the fish symbol on the door of a house let other Christians know they would be safe and welcome inside. Allow the door of your life to be a welcome “fish symbol” – a person who makes others feel safe.

Thursday, April 23, 2026 (by Ashlée Vitz)

Scripture: John 18:1–11 – Jesus' arrest

Ponder: In the garden, violence is rejected. Jesus chooses surrender over domination, revealing a power shaped by love rather than force.

Prayer: Help me resist the urge to control and instead trust your way of peace.

Action: Practice restraint today in a tense moment.

Friday, April 24, 2026 (by Marilyn Culler)

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:15 – Do good to silence ignorance

Ponder: As we quietly go about doing God's good works with love, as the song goes, “They'll know we are Christians by our love.” Love is antithetical to those who seek to do evil, harm others and fight against freedoms. Jesus' new command is to “love one another.” As we seek to live as good citizens, and we must also seek to love in all the ways Jesus calls us to love. As Christians, we will face – and must stand up to – the dangers of evil, and love will always win. Love will save the day!

Prayer: God of goodness, help me always seek the path of love. Amen.
Action: Pay attention to how your simple acts of love make others feel.

Saturday, April 25, 2026 (by Ashlée Vitz)

Scripture: John 19:1–16 — Jesus condemned

Ponder: Power reveals itself through cruelty and fear. Jesus absorbs violence rather than returning it. Love refuses to mirror harm.

Prayer: Shape my responses so they reflect your mercy, not my fear.

Action: Interrupt a harmful comment or assumption with kindness today.