



Reaching for Grace

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# Comfort Food for the Soul

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## Monthly Devotional April 2026

“New Mercies for a New Year”

### SCRIPTURE READING

“*Alive in Christ*”

#### Scripture

“He is not here, but has risen.” — **Luke 24:6 (ESV)**

March called us to ask the Lord to search our hearts. April now invites us to lift our eyes and behold what Christ has accomplished. The same Savior who exposes sin is the Savior who conquers it. The cross was not the end of the story—the empty tomb declares victory.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not simply an event to remember; it is a reality that transforms how we live. Christ is alive, and because He lives, His people walk in newness of life. Sin no longer has the final word. Death no longer holds ultimate power. Hope is no longer uncertain—it is anchored in a risen Savior.

For us at Grace Baptist Church, this truth shapes everything. We are not a people defined by our past failures, but by Christ’s finished work. We are not sustained by our strength, but by His life within us. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in His people, calling us to live with confidence, joy, and purpose.

April reminds us that resurrection is not only something we celebrate—it is something we embody. Because Christ is alive, we are called to walk differently. With renewed minds. With steady hope. With lives that reflect the reality that Jesus is not in the grave.

As a church family, may this month be marked by joy that is grounded in truth, not circumstance. May our worship be full, our witness be clear, and our faith be anchored in the unshakable reality that Christ is risen.

The tomb is empty. Christ is alive. And because He lives, we have hope that endures.

#### Prayer

Risen Lord,

We praise You that You are alive. You have conquered sin, defeated death, and secured our hope forever. Lift our hearts to live in the reality of Your resurrection. Help Grace Baptist Church to walk in newness of life—with joy, courage, and faith. Let our lives reflect the power of the empty tomb and the hope we have in You. Strengthen us to live as a resurrection people in a world that needs Your truth.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

### April 2026 Memory Verses

#### Week 1 **Proverbs 1:7**

**(ESV)** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

**(KJV)** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

**(NLT)** Fear of the LORD is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

#### A Prayer:

Heavenly Father,

Teach me to fear You rightly—with reverence, humility, and awe. Guard me from pride and from rejecting Your wisdom. Give me a heart that listens, learns, and obeys.

Let Your truth shape my life, and let the fear of You be the foundation of all I do.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

#### Week 2 **ROMANS 8:1**

**(ESV)** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ. Jesus

**(KJV)** There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

**(NLT)** So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.

#### A Prayer:

Heavenly Father,

Thank You that in Christ Jesus there is now no condemnation. When guilt rises and my heart accuses me, remind me of Your grace. Help me to rest in what Christ has done, not in what I have done.

Teach me to walk in freedom, to live in the assurance of Your forgiveness, and to follow You with a grateful heart.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

#### Week 3 **ROMANS 1:16**

**(ESV)** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

**(KJV)** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

**(NLT)** For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile.

#### A Prayer:

Heavenly Father,

I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is Your power for salvation. Give me boldness to believe it, live it, and share it without fear. Keep me grounded in its truth and confident in its power.

Let my life reflect the righteousness that comes by faith, and use me to point others to Jesus.

In His name, Amen.

#### Week 4 **GALATIANS 5:22–23**

**(ESV)** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

**(KJV)** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

**(NLT)** But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

#### A Prayer:

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the fruit of the Spirit. Grow in me love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Shape my heart to reflect Christ in all I do. Where I am weak, strengthen me by Your Spirit. Help me to walk daily in step with You.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.