

Friendship International



MARCH 14, 2025

SPRING FORTH

Happy ALMOST Spring! Pretty soon, the grass will be green again and trees and flowers will start budding everywhere you look. It seems like one day everything still looks brown and dead, and you wake up one morning in March and are blown away by how green the grass looks. Almost like it happened overnight while you slept.

In the fall of 2018, as nature and humans alike buckled down for winter, my husband planted tons of flower bulbs in our gardens. The unimpressive little bulb never looks like the flower it will be, right? It is not the actual flower, yet. When I asked him which colors he planted, he said, I'm not sure, I guess we'll find out in a few months.

The long winter passed, and those little bulbs, full of potential, stayed buried down in the cold dirt, waiting patiently for their time. In the spring of 2019 we were surprised and delighted by the array of color that sprung forth in our garden. Now every spring we eagerly await the time when we get to see our spring flowers again. They feel like old friends by now.

Each year God uses these flowers to remind me that all things will become new in their time. Spring is all the more beautiful because of the winter! I remember back in April 2020, this was an encouragement to me during a tough time.

As these colors prepare to burst forth once again, I pray that God would also renew in us more characteristics of who He created us to be.



UPCOMING DATES

March 14	No Friendship International
March 21	Honoring Our Heritage (New Date) & Visit from the Mayor
March 28	Choir Class Show
April 4	Extended Classes
April 11	Spring Break/ No Friendship

More about MARCH

Originally, the Roman calendar only had 10 months and March was the first month. Roman new year was celebrated on the ides of March (March 15th). In Iran, New Year's Day is still celebrated on March 21st (Nowruz).

In order to be more accurate, January and February were added to create the current 12-month calendar we have now during the reign of Numa Pompilius, the second king of Rome (715-673 BCE).

In ancient Rome, it was also a time for soldiers to go to war. March (Martius in Latin) was named after Mars, the Roman god of war, as this period was generally when the weather became mild enough to go to battle.

[Read here for more info on the origins of the months](#)

Exciting Plans for March 21

After having to cancel last month, we are happy to have rescheduled Honoring Our Heritage to March 21st! You are invited to celebrate your home and culture by wearing a traditional (or modern) outfit that represents your heritage.

Also that morning we are honored to welcome the mayor of Lexington, Linda Gorton, for a short visit!

Be sure you are a little early that day. We will start a few minutes early because we have a lot to do. We will still have classes that day.

It will be an exciting morning for Friendship International that you will not want to miss!

SPRING BREAK IDEAS: DAY TRIPS

Spring Break is coming up soon! We are including some ideas below of some attractions that are within driving distance for just one day. The price of these attractions varies. For several of these places, it is highly recommended that you reserve your tickets in advance. Click the names below to be taken to their website for more information.

[Louisville Zoo](#)
1.4 hours from Lexington

[Cincinnati Zoo](#)
1.5 hours from Lexington

[Newport Aquarium](#)
1.5 hours from Lexington

[Kentucky Science Center](#)
1.5 hours from Lexington

[Mammoth Cave National Park](#)
2 hours from Lexington

[Natural Bridge State Park](#)
1 hour from Lexington

[Cumberland Falls State Park](#)
1.75 hours from Lexington



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