

# CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS



*March 19, 2017*

*Please use the gold prayer request cards in the pew racks;  
place in the offering plate.*

## *Prayers of Thanksgiving*

*Great God, you have been generous and marvelously kind. Give us such wonder, love, and gratitude that we may sing praises to you and joyfully honor your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

As a congregation, we are grateful the successful mission work in Reynosa, for great friendships formed and renewed, and for the safe return of our UPC and UKirk missionaries. We give thanks for the beginning of a new chapter in the ministry of our congregation as Pastor Matt Gaventa begins his work with us today. Bless our work together, to your greater glory. Amen.

### *For those who mourn*

O merciful God, you teach us in your Holy Word that you do not willingly afflict or grieve your children. Look with pity on the sorrows of those who mourn, for whom we pray. Remember them, O lord, in mercy. Strengthen them in patience, comfort them with the memory of your goodness, let your presence shine on them, and give them peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Elyse Forte, active at UPC in the early 2000s, whose mother died.

Elyse lives in Dallas and is expecting her first child.

The family of James Paget, who died January 17; father of Mary Cognetti

### *For those recovering from or facing surgery*

Mighty and merciful God, you sent Jesus Christ to heal broken lives. We praise you that today you send healing in doctors and nurses, and bless us with technology in medicine. We claim your promise of wholeness as we pray for those who are ill in body or mind, who long for your healing touch. Make the weak strong, the sick healthy, the broken whole., and confirm those who serve them as agents of your love. Then all shall be renewed in vigor to point to the risen Christ, who conquered death that we might live eternally. Amen.

Betsy Boyt  
Suzanne Wofford  
Jim Ray  
Suzanne Freeman  
Robin Birdwell  
Jon Bayer  
Hal Hopson  
Debbie Warden  
Mary Cognetti  
Ricardo Medrano  
Frances Trahan  
Anita Clemons  
Glen Tandy, friend of Susan Berlin  
Steven Scher, friend of Karen Miller  
Charlotte Cooper, friend of Karen Miller  
Bonnie Wildman, aunt of Jennifer Bradley  
Rev. Karl Travis, First Presbyterian, Ft. Worth  
Jacob Pilcher, friend of Janis Reinken

*Those who trust in the Lord for help  
will find their strength renewed.*

*They will rise on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not get weary;*

*They will walk and not grow weak.*

*Isaiah 40:31*

### *For the sick*

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers, mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Barbara Watson, mother of Bee Moorhead  
Felicitas Williams, sister of Remi Martin  
Rosemary Green, sister of Carol Fowler  
Tim Trickey  
Sharon Bayer  
Barbara Litchford  
Frankie Lee

## *For the sick*

Jan McInroy  
Jeanne Janson  
Dick Cassidy, friend of Karen Miller  
Sylvia Chao, mother of David Chao  
Jim & Elizabeth Zorn, parents of Becky Lott  
Linda & J. C. George, friends of Elaine Wagner  
Hall Kelly, friend of Karen Miller  
Waylon Wimberly, cousin of Suzanne Freeman  
David Reynolds, friend of Shannon Middleton  
JC Stromberger, brother of Karen Miller  
Aletha Keelen, mother of Nancy Lewis  
Marilyn Bradford, mother-in-law of Jennifer Bradford  
Laurie McConnell, niece of Katherine Ray  
Chris VanderSlice, nephew-in-law of Joyce Inman  
Russell Luigs, father of Susan Thompson  
Suanne Roueche, friend of many at UPC  
Kane P., friend of Maureen & Andy Carlson  
Dan Marshall, friend of Jim & Katherine Ray  
Chris, friend of Nancy Barnes  
Harry, long-time friend of Jan McInroy, & his family  
Susie Gearhart, mother of Rob Gearhart  
Norma, mother of Paul Hooker  
Kristen, Amanda Utter's aunt  
Marquita Wooley, friend of Karen Miller  
Ellen Kinney, Diane Eddison's sister

## *For those in harm's way*

*The world is yours, mighty God, and all people live by your faithfulness. Watch over those who are traveling, who drive or fly, or speed through space. May they be careful, but not afraid, and safely reach their destinations. Wherever we wander in your spacious world, teach us that we never journey beyond your loving care, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen*

Steve Varella, Kuwait; son-in-law of Madelyn & A.L. Mitchell  
Layne Wilson, Afghanistan; friend of Lindsay Wenk  
Jacob Arthur, Ellen & Steve Leblanc's nephew, Israel

## *For those awaiting a birth & new parents*

*Mighty God, by your love we are given children through the miracle of birth. May we greet each new son and daughter with joy, and surround them all with faith, so they may know who you are and want to be your disciples. Never let us neglect children, but help us to enjoy them, showing them the welcome you have shown us all; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen*

Jessie & Josh Hsu, due July 2017  
Emily & Travis Givens, due May 2017  
Sarah & Byron French, Charles Simeon, born 11-14-16  
Sarah & James Cain, Robert Morrison, born 10-8-16  
Stephanie & Adam Houghton, Julie Marcelle, born 8-30-16

### *For continued prayers*

*Almighty and everlasting God, you are the comfort of the sad and strength to those who suffer. Let the prayers of your children who are in any trouble rise to you. To everyone in distress, grant mercy, grant relief, grant refreshment; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

Matthew Roe, Allison Phillips's brother-in-law  
Jeri, Jennie Elliott's sister  
The Padilla family in Reynosa, Mexico  
Catherine, Nancy Barnes' Goddaughter  
Kaye Smith, mother of Jennifer Bradford  
Terry, Donna Wood's sister  
Rebecca Kieschnick, friend of Katherine Ray  
Sam, Pat Mayne's brother  
Leo Lopez & family  
Chuck Bolliger Sr., the Saravia's daughter's father-in-law

The Laney family  
The Abell family  
Kathie McNutt  
Jim Budd  
Edith Ferguson

Hildur Satre Brees  
Riki Graves  
James Quick  
Roy Craig  
Susan Berlin

Margaret Richardson  
Barbara Engstrom  
Margery McKee  
Lillian Kirkpatrick

### *For inquirers / candidates under care*

*God of prophets and apostles, you have chosen leaders to train your people in the way of Jesus Christ. We thank you that in our day you are still claiming men and women for special work within the church. As these have dedicated themselves to you, let us pledge ourselves to them, so that, surrounded by affection and hope, they may grow in wisdom, mature in love, and become a faithful worker, approved by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Dhawn Martin, Eric Peterson

### *We pray for those searching for work*

*Gracious God, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our wealth and resources that all persons may find suitable and fulfilling employment and receive just payment for their labor; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

If you'd like to be part of UPC's Prayer Chain, please email the church office:

**[upc@upcaustin.org](mailto:upc@upcaustin.org)**

You will receive emails asking you specifically to pray  
for people who have requested prayer support.