

Prayers 05-10-20

Joined together with the people of God in all times and places, joined together in hope in the promise of healing and resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Send your Spirit to our troubled hearts, O God. Be our rock and our stronghold. As we worship outside a sanctuary, make us living stones. Build us up into a spiritual house, with Christ as our cornerstone. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Help us care for the earth and all its inhabitants. Support vulnerable ecosystems and health systems that are strained by COVID-19. Strengthen the work of scientists as they work to find ways to restore creation and its creatures to health and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Align our ways to your love, O God. We pray for the nations, for those in authority, for states and cities and communities. Give wisdom and compassion to world and local leaders as they respond to the humanitarian and economic crisis of the coronavirus pandemic. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of healing, show us your presence in the work of doctors, nurses, counselors, therapists, and all who tend to human bodies, minds, and spirits. We pray for all who suffer, especially for:

Peggy Anderson (*Aunt of Travis McBride, improved health & well-being*)

Judi Bayer (*friend of Deann Sherlock, cancer treatment*)

The family of Garrett Brodersen (*16-year-old, died in car accident 8/12*)

Joey & Kristina Crook (*healing*)

Bill Doolin (*friend of Eleanor Barrett, blindness*)

Tammy Dulen (*friend of Eleanor Barrett, cancer returned*)

Judy Freels (*in hospice at home*) **and Judy** (*her primary caregiver*)

Aoife Gallagher (*West Walker neighbor, seriously ill*)

The Family of Lucy Gonzales (*32-year-old niece of Bobby Reitor, died*)

Phyllis Harmon (*friend of Eleanor Barrett, lung cancer*)

The Family of Kris Helgeson (*IPLC member, homebound in recent years, died 4/19/20*)

Jill Hjelmgren (*healing*)

Kristin Jackson (*friend of the Wielocks, healing*)

Jessica (*niece of Chris Stefko, RN in Joliet responding to call for help in New Jersey*)

Jessica & Lasse (*niece of Chris Comella & her husband, Jessica has Hodgkins Lymphoma*)

Jordan Kimpel (*son of Larry Kimpel, healing*)

Katherine Kuhn (*healing*)

Correen Larson (*friend of Jan & Fred, congestive heart failure*)

Becky Mulkerrin (*friend of the Wielocks' son, diagnosed with cancer and having surgery*)

Carl Nelson (*healing*)

Doris Peterson (*foot healing*)

Shannon (*friend of Sharon Iverson struggling with ALS*)

Darrel Shepack (*friend of the Wielocks, cancer*)

Deann Sherlock (*continued shrinkage of brain tumor*)

James Sherlock (*cousin of Bill Sherlock, healing*)

Sonia (*friend of Sue Geisler, cancer*)

Becky Wiebrecht (*sister of Roberta Bole, health issues*)

The West Family (*friends of Clair Anderson & Chris Comella, contracted COVID-19*)

Grace & Rich Wielock (*healing*)

People affected by gun violence

First responders, doctors, nurses, medical researchers & essential employees

Our homebound: Angela Motiejunas, Blanca Vargas, Ross Larson (*former IPLC Pastor*), and their caregivers.

We pray for those we name in the silence in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Nurturing God, we pray for those who tend and teach children, for safe pregnancies of expectant parents, and for families who struggle with infertility and miscarriage. We give thanks for all who have shown mothering care, and we remember all for whom this day is difficult. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Everlasting God, we thank you for the many rooms you have prepared for us in the Father's house. Comfort those who are near death, and all who mourn. Remind us of the place where we are going, for you are the way, and the truth, and the life. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.