

## Prayers 05-03-20

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.

Shepherding God, we thank you for educational ministries of your church, as we continue to deepen our faith in new and old ways. We pray for spiritual development and practices as we shelter in our homes, through prayer and meditation, Bible study and faithful conversations. We pray for children attending school remotely and for all teachers, professors, and administrators. We pray for all who are engaged in continuous learning, whatever our ages. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creating God, we thank you for those who plant and harvest crops and for those who tend livestock. We give thanks for grocery stores and processing plants and for all who work in them. We thank you for take-out restaurants and delivery people, for all who work at any point in the food chain. Strengthen and protect them as they provide sustenance for others. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Guiding God, we ask you to lead the nations to paths of righteousness, especially in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Help us care for and love our neighbor in ways large and small, by limiting contact and exposure, by making sure needs are met, by supporting policies and leaders that promote abundant life for all. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Comforting God, we pray for those who walk through dark valleys shadowed by anxiety and suffering, in body, mind, or spirit. We pray 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 (*eye tumor*)

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

**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 (*still healing from ankle surgery*)

**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 spouse, 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 Wielock's son, diagnosed with cancer and having surgery*)  
**Carl Nelson** (*healing*)  
**Doris Peterson** (*foot healing*)  
**Eric Reed** (*friend of Dee Kimpel, healing from stage 3 cancer*)  
**Marlene Serikaku** (*friend of Pat & Greg Morin, serious respiratory virus, 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.**

Everlasting God, we praise you for the lives of faithful witnesses, especially Kris Helgeson. You have called her by name and guided her to your side in death, and united her with all the saints of your church of every time and place. At the last, call us all to dwell in your house, forever. 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.**