

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

(To Help With Your Intercessory Prayers for Others)

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You are surely praying for the needs of your immediate family and circle of friends. Hopefully, you are also praying for the urgent needs of your faith family at First United Methodist Church.

Wondering *what else* to pray for? Here are some suggestions!

We are revising and posting this list each few weeks to help you remember some important needs. Spend a few moments to pray through this list each day!

- All those impacted by the tornadoes that went through seven states in recent December storms (deaths, loss of homes, churches, businesses and way of life)
- Everyone impacted by recent natural disasters: fires, storms, floods, and earthquakes.
- Everyone impacted in some way by COVID-19 and the Omicron and Delta variants: sickness, death, loss of jobs and business, evictions, mental health, addictions and hungry families. Our numbers in Collier County are not as bad as other parts of the nation, but the hospitals are flooded with COVID ICU patients in many other areas in the US and in other countries.
- The people of Haiti, who are STILL recovering from an earthquake, a tropical storm, assassination of their president, violence, political unrest and hunger. The large number of gangs that have taken control of the country has made it difficult to go out in public, go shopping, or go to work anymore.
- The people of Cuba who are lacking food and medicine, experiencing political unrest, and a surge in COVID cases, including our own sister church in Biran
- Political upheaval in several countries.
- Political strife within our own country, challenging our leaders and the people of our nation.
- Our church, our Pastor, our Bishop, our District Superintendent, and our denomination.
- Everyone on our “church family” prayer list (see above)
- Each of the families in need who received our lovingly packed bag of food in recent weeks
- Each of the organizations that has received our altar flowers
- Our healthcare workers and first responders who put their lives on the line every day for us, as they serve people in our community.
- All those struggling and overwhelmed throughout these difficult times - for courage, strength, and peace, as they maneuver through the challenges (Some are on the prayer list, and others are not.)
- Our leaders – that they will make good and Godly decisions
- Those impacted daily by racism
- Our church’s homebound or living in long-term living facilities
- All the Scouts and Scout leaders of Boy Scout Troop 165
- Our MDS preschool children, parents and teachers
- Our church’s children, youth, and college students
- Our military and their families

We pray for our divided nation and that people can learn to set aside their political differences, words of hate and even violence, and love one another as people who are all made in the image of God and loved by God.