

# **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 every few weeks to help you remember some important needs. Spend a few moments to pray through this list each day!

- All those impacted by Hurricanes Ian, Nicole and Fiona. We especially pray for those who lost everything.
- All those still recovering from other natural disasters (recent and previous): Most especially severe winter storms, flooding in many US cities, fires in the US and Europe, tornadoes, storms, and earthquakes.
- The large number of children who are sick and hospitalized around the country with the RSV virus, Covid and flu.
- The people of Ukraine whose nation continues to be bombed and invaded, and now are struggling without heat, electricity or water in severe winter conditions. Pray for peace and pray for those who have been or will be displaced or injured. Pray for the families who have already lost loved ones, along with their homes, jobs and lives they have built over the years.
- Families who have lost their children, teachers, parents, grandparents and other loved ones to armed shooters at schools, malls, churches and special events. Prayers, please, for others who previously lost children and loved ones in similar tragedies, as these shootings bring back horrifying memories.
- Families who are struggling to put food on the table, buy medicine, pay the rent and have enough money to pay for gas to get to work and keep their jobs.
- 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
- Everyone impacted in some way by COVID-19 and its variants: sickness, death, loss of jobs and business, evictions, mental health, addictions and hungry families.
- 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. They are also dealing with an outbreak of Dengue, carried by mosquitos. Please pray for our sister church. They pray for us every day.
- Political strife within our own country, challenging our leaders and the people of our nation.
- Our church, our Pastor, our new Bishop, our District Superintendent, and our denomination.
- Everyone on our “church family” prayer list (see list in the Eblast)
- 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.