ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PROCLAIMING CHRIST IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

Prayers of the Parish for October 30, 2026

Each week in Grace Notes, we prepare prayers for justice, hope, and healing to include in individual daily prayers and devotions during the week. As Christians, we are called to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thes 5:16-18). We trust that praying shapes our identity and actions in the world as followers of Jesus. In and through our prayers, Christ is present to heal, redeem, and transform us and the world around us. As always, you may submit prayer requests to be included in both the Prayers of the Parish as well as for the Sunday Prayers of the People by contacting Carter Johann at 804-643-3589. Please provide any feedback, questions or concerns to the Rev. Gwynn Crichton (gcrichton@stpaulsrva.org).

We give thanks to God…

…for the Feast of All Saints, where we celebrate the whole family of God, the living and the dead, those whom we love and those whom we hurt, bound together in Christ by sacrament, prayer, and praise.

…for the gift of creation, especially the bounty of the earth's harvest during the autumn season.

…for the generosity of all who have made a pledge to support St. Paul's 2027 Annual Giving Campaign "This Is Our Story" to support our vibrant ministries and mission to proclaim Christ to the heart of the city.

We pray for God's mercy…

…for the Universal Church, especially the ministry of the Baptized; Presiding Bishop Sean, Virginia bishops Mark, Gayle, Mark, all bishops, priests, and deacons; St. Thomas (McLean), according to the diocesan cycle of prayer; Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America, according to the Anglican Cycle of Prayer; the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East and St. George's College Jerusalem.

…**for the nation,** especially the leaders of this land, including the President and his administration, Congressional representatives, the judiciary, and armed forces; people struggling with food insecurity, hunger, and loss of SNAP benefits; the safety and protection of all poll workers, voters, and election officials on November 3rd and all working to ensure fair, accessible and peaceful elections.

…for the world, especially an end of warfare between the U.S. and Iran; the people of Palestine including Gaza and the West Bank, Lebanon and Yemen; peace between Ukraine and Russia; our siblings in Haiti and Cuba; the village of Mwitikira; those living without access to clean water or air.

…for Metropolitan Richmond, especially the immigrants being deported daily on flights from Richmond International Airport; persons in financial need, including the unemployed and underemployed that all workers may experience suitable work, living wages, and fair benefits; the Downtown Community Ministry; our Emmaus guests; the Woodville School community.

…for those who are sick in body, mind and spirit, and all for whom prayer has been requested, especially Mary Grace & Jim Lucier; Maggie Hager; Mary Margaret, friend of David Hoover; Ned Suzman, grandson of Lee Switz; Holly Jordan, Beth Neidel, sister of Jane Baird Hyde; Elizabeth & Fr. Gustavo Manzells, friends of Anne Snyder; Cyane Tornatzky, Mary Page Jones' daughter; Lee Cook; Susan Murphy; the Coleman Family, friends of Rann Paynter; Rosalyn Crump & her family; Bob Bark; John Lowe; Chip Smith, Gwynn Crichton's step-father; Susan Norris; Barb Davis and Helen Reese, friends of Anne Snyder; Curtis Payne, friend of Ginny Campbell; Grace Broughton, friend of Christie Montgomery; Lois Broadwater; Lisa Hawkey, friend of Christie Montgomery; Tad Wilson, son of Sue Wilson; Laura and Robert Hunt, friends of Anne Snyder; Alan Thorn, partner of Cynthia Ellis; Russell Hess, friend of Eleanor Burt; William Morris, son of Annette Woo Morris; Maria Minor, sister of Annette Woo Morris; Theresa Williams, cousin of Yvonne Harris; Jim Martin, brother of Bob Martin; Sharon McSweeney, friend of Lydia Mercado; Bill Sherrill, father of Scott Sherrill; Scott Sherrill; Bob Hafford, brother of Kathryn Hafford; Charles Crone, cousin of Sallie Nolte; Elizabeth Wilkerson, friend of Denise Williams; Mary Ramsey, friend of Celia Luxmoore; Dr. Boyd Clements, Howard Wells' father-in-law; Ruth Lokey, Beth O'Leary's mother.

…for eternal peace of the departed, especially Kent Granzow, brother of Sue Wilson; Harper Spangenthal, friend of Denise Williams; Marika Archbell Rawls; Lili Irving; all who have lost their lives due to violence, disaster, and disease; and those whom we love but see no longer.