ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PROCLAIMING CHRIST IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

Prayers of the Parish for November 13, 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…

…as we approach the end of the liturgical year in the life of the Church and prepare for the new beginning of Advent.

…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; Meade Memorial (Alexandria), Piedmont (Madison), and St. Matthew's (Richmond), according to the diocesan cycle of prayer; Iglesia Anglicana de Chile, 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 newly elected leaders of this land, the President and his administration, the judiciary, and armed forces; all veterans who have served valiantly to ensure our freedom; people struggling with food insecurity, hunger, and loss of SNAP benefits; immigrants and refugees that have been arrested, detained, and/or deported and their loved ones.

…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 homeless, the hungry and those unable to work, the elderly and children, that all may know the dignity and provision of safe, affordable housing and low-cost nutritious food; 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 Tom Chafin, father-in-law of Nancy Chafin; Charles Wohlforth, cousin of Bev and Jane Nelson; Mary Grace & Jim Lucier; Maggie Hager; Mary Margaret, friend of David Hoover; 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 and Lisa Hawkey, friends of Christie Montgomery; Lois Broadwater; 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; Dr. Boyd Clements, Howard Wells' father-in-law; Ruth Lokey, Beth O'Leary's mother.

…for eternal peace of the departed, especially Micah Salazar, 16th month-old son of Eliza and Isaiah Salazar and great-grandson of Joe and Mary Jo Kearfott; Elizabeth Wilkerson, friend of Denise Williams; Mary Ramsey, friend of Celia Luxmoore; Jody Wakefield, cousin of Katy Fenn; all who have lost their lives due to violence, disaster, and disease; and those whom we love but see no longer.