

basket
of
prayers + concerns + joys

Carroll University will be celebrating Homecoming and Reunion Weekend this coming October 5-8. Prayers for traveling mercies for the many alumni and friends who will be making long or short journeys to come home to Carroll. Special prayers for those who will gather on Sunday morning for our annual Memorial Service, where we will honor members of the Carroll family who passed away over this past year.

Prayers for **Alla Soroka** - one of fifteen “international peacemakers” who will be traveling throughout the United States - is sponsored by our denomination’s Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. Alla works with orphans and other at-risk children in her native Odessa, Ukraine, and she has also helped organize a peacemaking and reconciliation camp for families who have been displaced by military conflict in eastern Ukraine.

The horrific violence by a shooter unleashed upon unsuspecting people enjoying a concert in **Las Vegas** has brought overwhelming grief and sorrow. And the carnage has brought anger. Pray for all those who lost loved ones from this evil action, for those injured in body, mind, and spirit, for those brave people who tried to shield others from harm, for all the law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line for the safety of others, for the medical teams working around the clock to save people’s lives, and for all the generous people who gave blood to help save the lives of those fighting for their lives.

Lord, help us find ways to be **peacemakers**. Move us beyond our laments and prayers to places where our concerned voices are heard and our peaceful actions help make a difference in people’s lives.

Continue to pray for all those who have experienced devastating natural disasters in **Mexico and the Caribbean islands - most especially Puerto Rico** where there is great need for the distribution of food and water and other life sustaining necessities. Nikki Blanks has asked for special prayers for a few of her McCormick friends who are still waiting to locate family members in Puerto Rico.

Prayers for **all those in our midst** suffering from illness of body, mind, and spirit. May God’s abiding love and healing grace bring peace and hope - and may our thoughts, prayers, and acts of kindness bring encouragement and comfort.

Prayers for the many concerns that are around the corner from us and in other corners of the world that lay heavy upon our hearts.