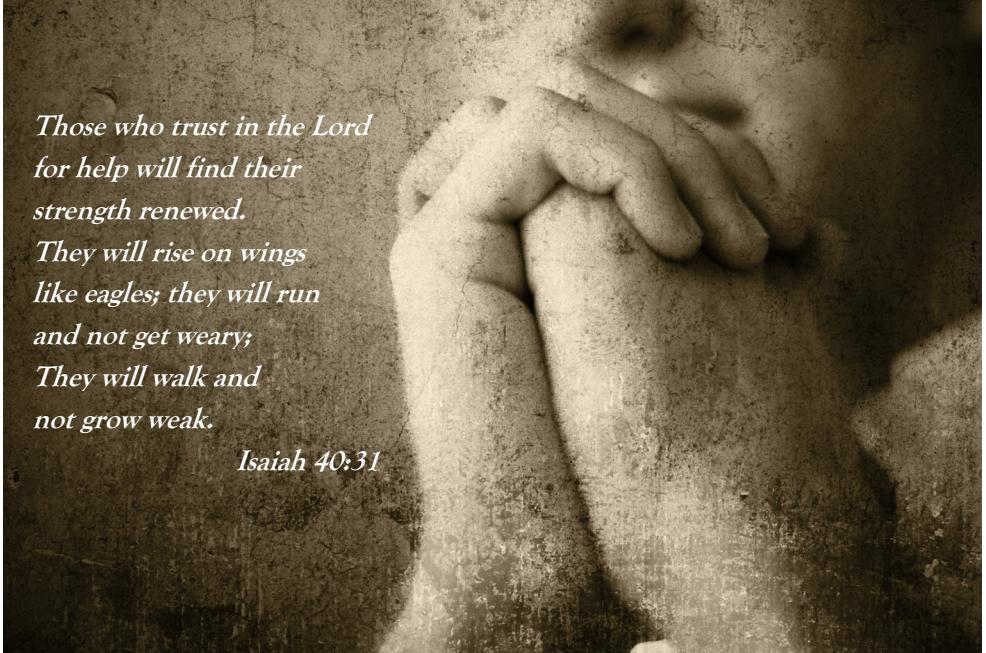


CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS



*Those who trust in the Lord
for help will find their
strength renewed.*

*They will rise on wings
like eagles; they will run
and not get weary;
They will walk and
not grow weak.*

Isaiah 40:31

DECEMBER 9, 2018

*Please use the gold prayer request cards in the pew racks;
place in the offering plate.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Great God, you have been generous and marvelously kind. Give us such wonder, love, and gratitude that we may sing praises to you and joyfully honor your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Peace in Advent

Bring peace, O God, to the world you have made: the peace that passes understanding and the promise of your new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is coming in glory to reign. Amen.

For those who mourn

O merciful God, you teach us in your Holy Word that you do not willingly afflict or grieve your children. Look with pity on the sorrows of those who mourn, for whom we pray. Remember them, O lord, in mercy. Strengthen them in patience, comfort them with the memory of your goodness, let your presence shine on them, and give them peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The family of Magdalene Harcombe, who died October 20; mother of Lorraine Harcombe

The family of Hildur Satre Brees, who died September 30; wife of Jay Brees

The family of Norman Ernst, who died September 29; father of Cliff Ernst

The family of Georgia Spruce Walker, who died September 28; sister of Alice Meriwether

The family of Gloria Price Pfluger, who died August 13; mother of Brad Price

The family of Mabel Dumire, who died August 12; mother-in-law of Pat Mayne

For those recovering from or facing surgery

Mighty and merciful God, you sent Jesus Christ to heal broken lives. We praise you that today you send healing in doctors and nurses, and bless us with technology in medicine. We claim your promise of wholeness as we pray for those who are ill in body or mind, who long for your healing touch. Make the weak strong, the sick healthy, the broken whole, and confirm those who serve them as agents of your love. Then all shall be renewed in vigor to point to the risen Christ, who conquered death that we might live eternally. Amen.

K'Andria Bickerstaff, friend of Liz Wright

Bert Bradford, father of Chris Bradford

Kaye Smith, mother of Jennifer Bradford

Carter King, now recovering at home

Debbie Warden

Steve Cook, successful back surgery; friend of Patrick & Karen Miller

Jane Craig

Karen Cappolino

Frances Trahan

Anita Clemons

Alex Busby, heart transplant

John Jackson, friend of Susan Berlin

Glen Tandy, friend of Susan Berlin

For the sick

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers, mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Dan, hospitalized as a result of serious injury from a fall; friend of Suzanne Freeman Robin, broken neck and back as a result of a fall; neighbor of Mary Ann Parker Hal Hopson, recovering at home

Barbara Litchford

Earl Gary, father of Julianne Thorp

Debora Jerome, mother of Christa Jeffers

Barbara Engstrom, being treated for walking pneumonia

Sarah Youngquist, pancreatic cancer, sister to Suzanna Caballero

Shirley Skidmore, sister of Madelyn Mitchell

Marilyn Zander, friend of Hector Saravia

Mary Cognetti

For the sick

George Parks, husband of Donna Parks

Ken Perry

Ken McWilliams

Jeri, sister to Jennie Elliott, cancer treatment in Michigan

Ellen LeBlanc, recovering from a fall

Margaret Randall, aunt of Liz Wright

Ellie, granddaughter of Carol Keller, recovering from being hit by a car

Viktor Greif, son of Katie Greif, born at 33 weeks, doing well at home

David Phillips

Beth Warren, friend to Betsy and Pat Boyt

Sylvia Chao, new tumor identified, awaiting recommendations; mother of David Chao

Kathy Joy, wife of former member Glenn Joy

Laura Davidson Fowell, friend of Karen Miller

Ben Johnston-Krase, former associate pastor at UPC

Griffin Perkins, friend of Ben Bradford

Ted Pitzer, who suffered a stroke at 32; friend of Amy Praskac

Bill Turpin, husband of Delilah Turpin, father of Brad Turpin

Mother and brother of Stephanie Morris

Courtney Long, daughter of Marie Werkenthin Long, under hospice care

Hank Bass, co-parent with Randal Whittington, cancer

Fred Perella, father of Claire Baxter

Andy Kates, friend of Alex Pappas, ALS

Sharon Bayer

Jeanne Janson, major health issues following Hurricane Harvey

Jim & Elizabeth Zorn, parents of Becky Lott

Waylon Wimberly, cousin of Suzanne Freeman

David Reynolds, friend of Shannon Middleton

Aletha Keelen, mother of Nancy Lewis

Dan Marshall, friend of Jim & Katherine Ray

Kristen, aunt of Amanda Utter

For those in harm's way

The world is yours, mighty God, and all people live by your faithfulness.

Bless and defend all who strive for our safety and protection, and shield them in all dangers and adversities. Watch over those who are traveling, who drive or fly, or speed through space. May they be careful, but not afraid, and safely reach their destinations. Wherever we wander in your spacious world, teach us that we never journey beyond your loving care, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Catherine, who serves in the Navy; Nancy Barnes' Goddaughter

For those awaiting a birth & new parents

Mighty God, by your love we are given children through the miracle of birth.

May we greet each new son and daughter with joy, and surround them all with faith, so they may know who you are and want to be your disciples. Never let us neglect children, but help us to enjoy them, showing them the welcome you have shown us all; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Rachel & Andy Finken, Grace Jillian, born 10-01-18

Ashley & Edward Williams, Oliver Sansom, born 09-28-18

Sarah & Byron French, William Emmanuel, born 07-17-18

Casey & Caleb Deats, Harlan Hayes-Deats, born 6-16-18

Natalie & Austin Bradley, Thomas Roland, born 04-23-18

Katie Greif, Viktor, born 05-25-18

For continued prayers

Almighty and everlasting God, you are the comfort of the sad and strength to those who suffer. Let the prayers of your children who are in any trouble rise to you. To everyone in distress, grant mercy, grant relief, grant refreshment; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Jamie Keller, daughter-in-law of Carol Keller

Topher Wynn

Lou Goodman

The Reh family, refugees now living in Austin

Marilyn Malone, age 90, hospice; sister-in-law of Ann Winkle

Peggy Miller, in hospice care at Legacy Oaks

Dan Morris, friend to Betsy and Pat Boyt

The Rev. Dr. Albert Aymer, father of Margaret Aymer Oget

Jim Budd

Patti Turner, niece of Ann Winkle

Alex, brother of a friend of Meg McReynolds

The Padilla family in Reynosa, Mexico

Sam, brother of Pat Mayne, in remission

Leo Lopez & family

Hadeel and Nabeel, refugees supported by the UPC Service Committee in 2017

The Abell family

The Laney family

Kathie McNutt

Roy Craig

Ricardo Medrano

Margaret Richardson

Susan Berlin

Margery McKee

Alice Meriwether

For inquirers / candidates under care

God of prophets and apostles, you have chosen leaders to train your people in the way of Jesus Christ. We thank you that in our day you are still claiming men and women for special work within the church. As these have dedicated themselves to you, let us pledge ourselves to them, so that, surrounded by affection and hope, they may grow in wisdom, mature in love, and become a faithful worker, approved by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ezequiel Herrera

We pray for those searching for work

Gracious God, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our wealth and resources that all persons may find suitable and fulfilling employment and receive just payment for their labor; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Richard Moore

If you'd like to be part of UPC's Prayer Chain, please email the church office:

upc@upcaustin.org

You will receive emails asking you specifically to pray
for people who have requested prayer support.