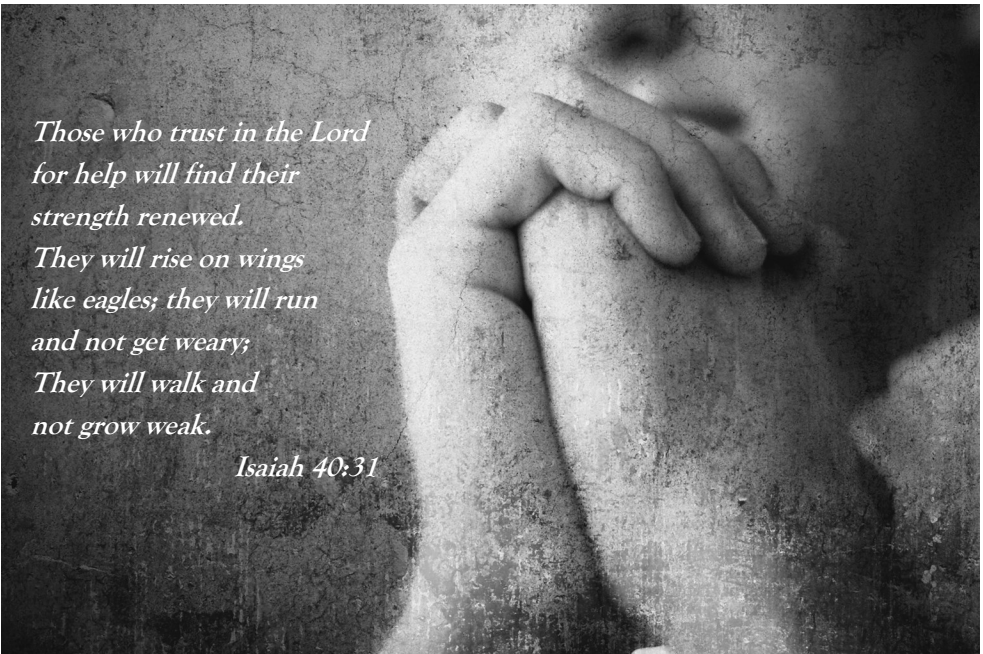


CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS



*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

MARCH 8, 2020

*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.

Second Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: Give us faith to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 John "Took" Edwards, who died March 4; grandfather of Krystal Leedy
Officer Jake Troy and his family; Officer Troy's father-in-law died recently in Houston

The family of Hazel Grice, who died February 20 in Tulsa, OK; mother to Neal Grice

The family of Sarah Youngquist, who died February 15; sister to Suzanna Caballero

The family of Elizabeth Jepson, who died January 31; daughter of Linda & George Henderson

The family of Don Carlson, who died January 30, in St. Louis, MO; father to Andy Carlson

The family of John Savage, who died January 27, in Charlottesville, VA.;

friend of Matt & Sarah Gaventa

The family of Michael E. Middleton, who died January 16; brother to Gary Middleton

The family of Henry A. Thiede, MD, who died January 13, 2020; father to Pat Thiede

The family of Dr. Bert Edwin Bradford, who died December 14, 2019; father to Chris Bradford

The family of Catherine Wharton McKie, who died December 11, 2019

The family of Barbara Litchford, who died December 6, 2019

The family of Mildred Edwards, who died December 3, 2019; grandmother to Eric Wall

The family of Dr. Paul Grice, who died November 18, 2019; father to Neal Grice

The family of Kathie McNutt, who died November 17, 2019; arrangements are pending

The family of Mary Beth Kitchens, who died Sunday, November 10; mother to Marti Parker

The family of Virginia Park, who died October 19, 2019; arrangements are pending

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.

René Haas, hip replacement, February 13

Scott McNulty, in thanksgiving, as he moves toward the top of the kidney transplant list

Waylon Wimberly, quadruple bypass surgery; cousin to Suzanne Freeman

Bob Ernst, surgery after a fall, broken leg, hip prosthesis replacement, January 21

Kathy Anderson, chaplain at Mo-Ranch, foot surgery January 15

Dorothy Quick, follow up surgery January 8, recovering at home

Debbie Warden, foot surgery December 26, recovering at home

Sherry L. Smith, neck surgery December 20, recovering at home

Arthur Morris, cancer surgery December 3

Ernest Stromberger, knee replacement surgery November 20; cousin to Karen Miller

Peter Stromberger, knee replacement surgery, October 14; cousin to Karen Miller

Eleanor Stromberger, knee replacement; sister-in-law to Karen Miller

Shepherd Garza, doing well following open heart surgery; friend of Marie Long

Hal Hopson

Ginny Thomas, spleen / pancreatic surgery, August 2; sister to Debbie Warden

Ralph Lee, in therapy and improving

Nancy Lewis, recovering from hip replacement surgery

Karen Cappolino

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.

Jo Berkman, Brookdale Westlake skilled nursing, following a fall
Jan Brunner, stage 3 pancreatic cancer; friend to Betsy Boyt
Dottie Penn, Westminster Skilled Nursing Unit following a fall
Jeffrey Bridge, recovering at home from a lung infection
Jerry, UPLift & Micah 6 client, beginning treatment for lung cancer
Jane Payne, recovering at home
Patricia Martin, undergoing treatment for breast cancer
Frances Trahan, recovering at home following a brief hospital stay
Gretta Riccobene, recovering at home from shingles and pneumonia
JC Stromberger, COPD & Parkinson's; brother to Karen Miller
The Dowdy family; family of Jennifer Bradford
Susan Berlin, recovering at home following hospitalization for pneumonia
Larry Lynch, COPD; brother-in-law of Richard Moore
Sam Johnson, responding well to experimental treatments; brother of Pat Dunmire
Becky Pigott
Kathy Jones, cancer; cousin to Maggi Miller
Amanda Grantham, breast cancer; friend to Joshua Hsu
Cheryl Bryan, paralyzed following back surgery; friend of Betsy Boyt
Elizabeth and her baby Rayan, niece of Suzanna Caballero
Kaye Smith, heart ablation scheduled; mother of Jennifer Bradford
Bill Warden, early onset Alzheimer Disease; brother-in-law of Debbie Warden
Mary Cognetti
Jeri, sister to Jennie Elliott, undergoing cancer treatment in Michigan
Laura Davidson Fowell, being treated for cancer, friend of Karen Miller
Ben Johnston-Krase, former associate pastor at UPC
Griffin Perkins, friend of Ben Bradford
Jim & Elizabeth Zorn, parents of Becky Lott

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

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

Katie Greif & Steffan Backen, Juli Tove Backen, born 09-27-19
Owen Moorhead & Erica Mendoza, Hugo Lucio Moorhead, born 10-31-19
Ellen Gladish & Gerard Barreto, Edith Bertha, "DeeDee," born 01-19-20

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

Fred Perella, father of Claire Baxter
Joe Tippet, brother of Stephanie Morris
Aletha Keelen, mother of Nancy Lewis
George Parks, husband of Donna Parks
Lou Goodman; friend of Dave Reynolds
The Reh family, refugees now living in Austin
Jim Budd
Patti Turner, various health issues; niece of Ann Winkle

Jeanne Janson
Barbara Evans

Margaret Richardson
Roy Craig

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.

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.

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