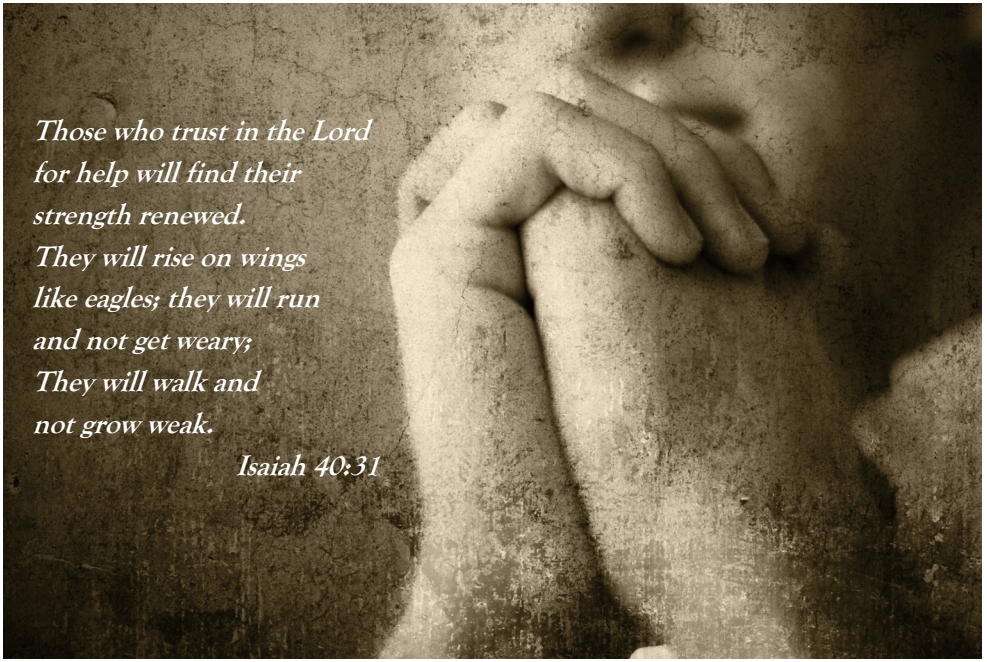
CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS



MARCH 10, 2019

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.

Prayer for the First 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 Courtney Marie Long, who died March 8, 2019; daughter of Marie Werkenthin Long

The family of Hank Bass, who died March 4, 2019; co-parent with Randall Whittington

The family of Roy McSween, who died February 17, 2019;
nephew of Rosca Toulouse, cousin to Amy Toulouse & Caleb Jackson

The family of Shirley Skidmore, who died January 8, 2019; sister of Madelyn Mitchell

The family of David Schoen, who died January 3, 2019; friend of Amy Praskac

The family of Barbara Engstrom, who died December 14, 2018

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

Tommy Cadle, father of Jennifer Bradford
Sue Fairbanks, open heart surgery, friend of Beverley Larkam
Ricardo Medrano, emergency appendectomy
Todd Nunnally, cousin to Mel Glouchkova
Heidi Spock
Bob Buchanan, friend of Karen Miller
K'Andria Bickerstaff, friend of Liz Wright
Bert Bradford, father of Chris Bradford
Kaye Smith, mother of Jennifer Bradford
Debbie Warden
Steve Cook, successful back surgery; friend of Patrick & Karen Miller
Jane Craig
Karen Cappolino
Frances Trahan
Anita Clemons
Alex Busby, heart transplant

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.

Susan Weber, friend of Karen Miller, lung cancer
Kaye Smith, mother of Jennifer Bradford, flu & atrial flutter
The Rev. Dr. Albert Aymer, father of Margaret Aymer Oget, pneumonia
David Phillips
Mary Cognetti
Louise Kabue, wife of the Reverend Simon Kabue

For the sick

Beverly Gaventa
Robin, broken neck and back as a result of a fall; neighbor of Mary Ann Parker
Barbara Litchford
Earl Gary, father of Julienne Thorp
Debora Jerome, mother of Christa Jeffers
Sarah Youngquist, pancreatic cancer, sister to Suzanna Caballero
Marilyn Zander, friend of Hector Saravia
George Parks, husband of Donna Parks
Ken Perry
Jeri, sister to Jennie Elliott, cancer treatment in Michigan
Ellen LeBlanc, recovering from a fall
Margaret Randall, aunt of Liz Wright
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
Bill Turpin, husband of Delilah Turpin, father of Brad Turpin
Mother and brother of Stephanie Morris
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

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

Hal Hopson, recuperating at home
Topher Wynn, whose right ear requires continued monitoring
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
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	Margery McKee
Margaret Richardson	Susan Berlin	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.

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