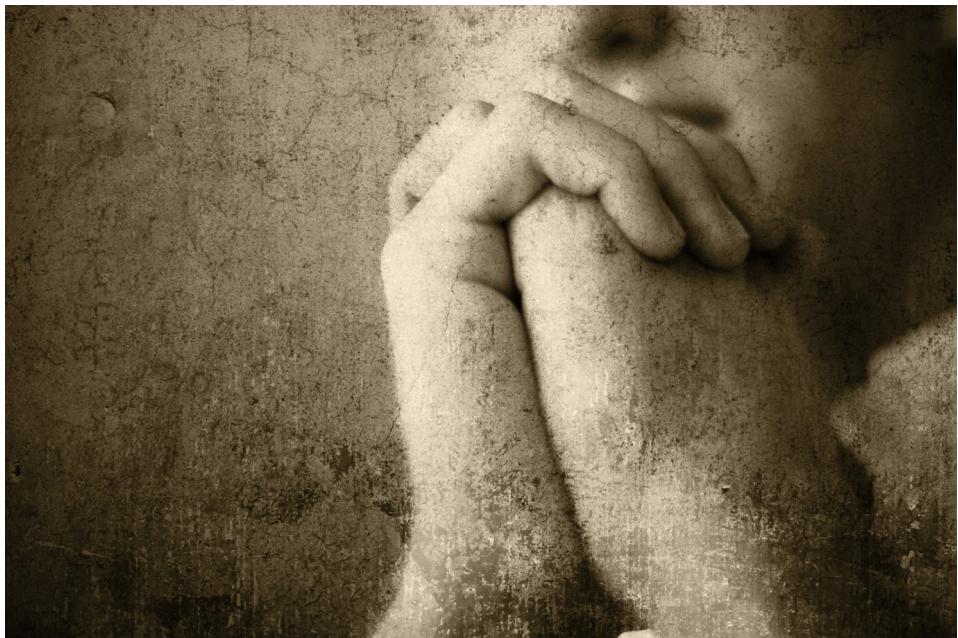


CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS



February 5, 2017

*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.

As a congregation, we are grateful that we have been led to call the Reverend Matt Gaventa as Senior Pastor and Head of Staff, trusting that God's hand has been in this process every step of the way.

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.

Ellen & Dick Cassidy, friends of Karen Miller, whose daughter Melissa died

The family of James Paget, who died January 17; father of Mary Cognetti

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.

Suzanne Freeman

Robin Birdwell

Jon Bayer

Hal Hopson

Debbie Warden

Mary Cognetti

Ricardo Medrano

Frances Trahan

Anita Clemons

Glen Tandy, friend of Susan Berlin

Steven Scher, friend of Karen Miller

Charlotte Cooper, friend of Karen Miller

Bonnie Wildman, aunt of Jennifer Bradley

Rev. Karl Travis, First Presbyterian, Ft. Worth

Jacob Pilcher, friend of Janis Reinken

Marilyn "Bubbles" Malone, sister-in-law of Ann Winkle

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

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.

Sharon Bayer

Barbara Litchford

Frankie Lee

Jan McInroy

Jeanne Janson

Dick Cassidy, friend of Karen Miller

Sylvia Chao, mother of David Chao

For the sick

Jim & Elizabeth Zorn, parents of Becky Lott
Linda & J. C. George, friends of Elaine Wagner
Hall Kelly, friend of Karen Miller
Waylon Wimberly, cousin of Suzanne Freeman
Denise, friend of Meg Reynolds
David Reynolds, friend of Shannon Middleton
JC Stromberger, brother of Karen Miller
Rosemary Green, sister of Carol Fowler
Aletha Keelen, mother of Nancy Lewis
Marilyn Bradford, mother-in-law of Jennifer Bradford
Laurie McConnell, niece of Katherine Ray
Chris VanderSlice, nephew-in-law of Joyce Inman
Russell Luigs, father of Susan Thompson
Suanne Roueche, friend of many at UPC
Kane P., friend of Maureen & Andy Carlson
Dan Marshall, friend of Jim & Katherine Ray
Chris, friend of Nancy Barnes
Harry, long-time friend of Jan McInroy, & his family
Susie Gearhart, mother of Rob Gearhart
Norma, mother of Paul Hooker
Kristen, Amanda Utter's aunt
Marquita Wooley, friend of Karen Miller
Ellen Kinney, Diane Eddison's sister

For those in harm's way

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

Steve Varella, Kuwait; son-in-law of Madelyn & A.L. Mitchell
Layne Wilson, Afghanistan; friend of Lindsay Wenk
Jacob Arthur, Ellen & Steve Leblanc's nephew, Israel

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

Jessie & Josh Hsu, due July 2017
Emily & Travis Givens, due May 2017
Sarah & Byron French, Charles Simeon, born 11-14-16
Sarah & James Cain, Robert Morrison, born 10-8-16
Stephanie & Adam Houghton, Julie Marcelle, born 8-30-16

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

Lillian Kirkpatrick

Matthew Roe, Allison Phillips's brother-in-law

Jeri, Jennie Elliott's sister

The Padilla family in Reynosa, Mexico

Catherine, Nancy Barnes' Goddaughter

Kaye Smith, mother of Jennifer Bradford

Terry, Donna Wood's sister

Rebecca Kieschnick, friend of Katherine Ray

Sam, Pat Mayne's brother

Leo Lopez & family

Chuck Bolliger Sr., the Saravia's daughter's father-in-law

The Laney family

Hildur Satre Brees

Margaret Richardson

The Abell family

Riki Graves

Barbara Engstrom

Kathie McNutt

James Quick

Margery McKee

Jim Budd

Roy Craig

Edith Ferguson

Susan Berlin

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.

Dhawn Martin, Eric Peterson

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.

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.