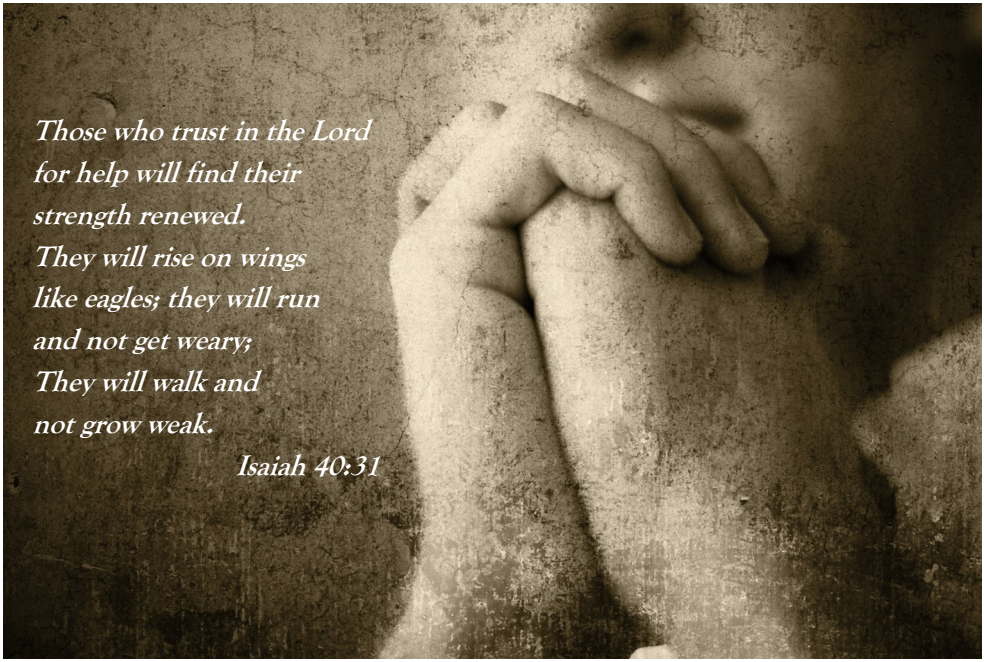
CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS



MAY 26, 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.

A Prayer for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we an desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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 Robert Lloyd "Bob" King, who died May 10; memorial service at UPC June 22, 2019
The family of David Phillips, who died May 2
The family of William "Andy" Andrew Allen, who died April 21; memorial service June 15, 2019
The family of Kenneth Walter Perry, who died April 16, 2019; father to Martha Ernst
The family of Nathan Faidley, who died recently in Lynchburg, VA; nephew to Richard Faidley
The family of Melanie Bradshaw Evans, who died April 1, 2019; aunt to Julie Miller
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

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.

Karen Werkenthin
Patricia Combs
Ralph Lee
JC Stromberger, cleared for travel following surgery; brother to Karen Miller
Nancy Lewis, recovering from hip replacement surgery
Mary Ann Parker
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.

Jennifer Bradford
Jane Payne
Kathy Jones, cancer; cousin to Maggi Miller
Amanda Grantham, breast cancer; friend to Joshua Hsu
Ginny Thomas, pancreatic cancer; sister to Debbie Warden
Sarah Youngquist, under hospice care; sister to Suzanna Caballero
Jon Bayer
Kaema Schenck, coma; son safely delivered May 6; friends of David & Suzanne Wofford

For the sick

Mark Cognetti, recovering well at home
Cheryl Bryan, paralyzed following back surgery; friend of Betsy Boyt
Donald Brand, recovering from a serious car accident; friend of Rosanne & Laurence Becker
Elizabeth and her baby Rayan, home from the hospital; niece of Suzanna Caballero
Kaye Smith, referred to a nephrologist; mother of Jennifer Bradford
Peggy Miller, in hospice care at Legacy Oaks
Bill Warden, early onset Alzheimer Disease; brother-in-law of Debbie Warden
David Moody, receiving cancer treatment; brother to Suzanne Wofford
Susan Weber, friend of Karen Miller, being treated for lung cancer
Mary Cognetti
Louise Kabue, wife of the Reverend Simon Kabue
Barbara Litchford
Earl Gary, father of Julienne Thorp
Jeri, sister to Jennie Elliott, undergoing cancer treatment in Michigan
Kathy Joy, wife of former member Glenn Joy
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
Mother and brother of Stephanie Morris
Fred Perella, father of Claire Baxter
Andy Kates, friend of Alex Pappas, ALS
Sharon Bayer
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

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

Aletha Keelen, mother of Nancy Lewis
George Parks, husband of Donna Parks
Frances Trahan
Hal Hopson, recuperating at home
Topher Wynn, whose right ear healed following surgery
Lou Goodman
The Reh family, refugees now living in Austin
Marilyn Malone, age 90, hospice; sister-in-law of Ann Winkle
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
Leo Lopez & family
The Abell family
The Laney family

Debbie Warden
Jeanne Janson
Ricardo Medrano
Kathie McNutt
Margaret Richardson
Roy Craig
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.

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