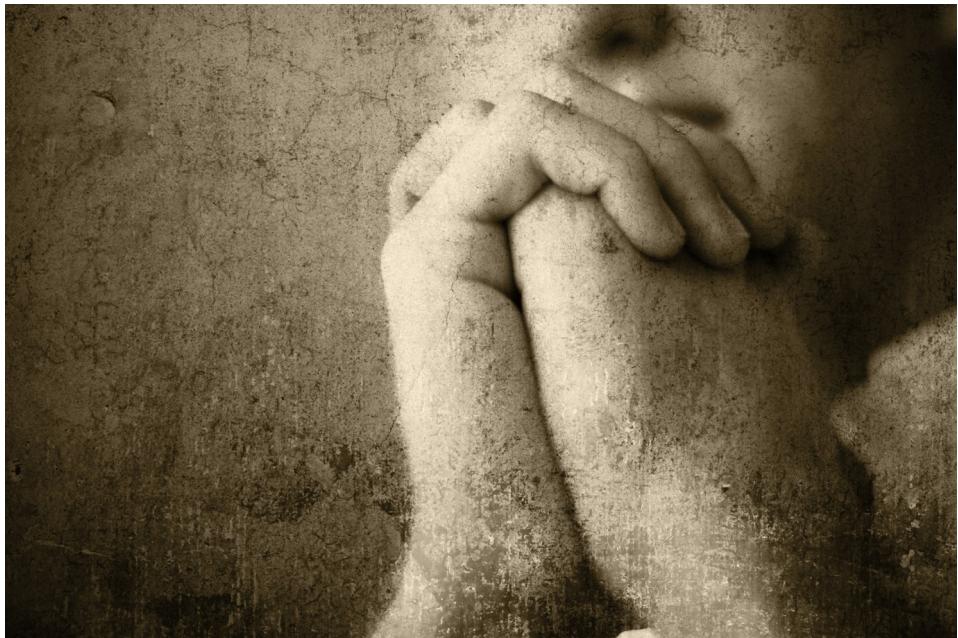


CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS



May 7, 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 celebrate the new beginning of our ministry together with Pastor Matt Gaventa.

Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit, serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in suffering, constant in prayer, supporting one another, and welcoming all.

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 Kathleen Smith, who died April 28; mother of Arthur Graves
The family, friends, and faithful caregivers of Mary Crum, who died April 18
The family of Bob Inman, who died April 13; father of Joyce Inman
The family of Kate Hoffman Garcia, who died April 5; friend of Heidi Spock
The family of Henry Willbern, who died April 4; stepfather of Paul Lewis
The family of Pat Lewis, who died April 2; sister of Pam Legett

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.

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

Alexander Glaser, nephew of Julia Wynn
Travis Turner, great-nephew of Ann Winkle
Karen Cappolino
Jim Ray
Jon Bayer
Robin Birdwell
Mary Humphlett, friend of Betsy Boyt
Glen Tandy, friend of Susan Berlin
Steven Scher, friend of Karen Miller
Charlotte Cooper, friend of Karen Miller
Bonnie Wildman, aunt of Jennifer Bradley
Jacob Pilcher, friend of Janis Reinken

Hal Hopson
Debbie Warden
Mary Cognetti
Ricardo Medrano
Frances Trahan
Anita Clemons

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.

Mikayla Harris
Kaye Smith, mother of Jennifer Bradford
The Rev. Dr. Albert Aymer, father of Margaret Aymer Oget
Alice Meriwether
Barbara Watson, mother of Bee Moorhead
Rosemary Green, sister of Carol Fowler

For the sick

Sharon Bayer
Barbara Litchford
Frankie Lee
Jan McInroy
Jeanne Janson
Dick Cassidy, friend of Karen Miller
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
David Reynolds, friend of Shannon Middleton
JC Stromberger, brother of Karen Miller
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, Elizabeth Anne, born 04-11-17
Sarah & Byron French, Charles Simeon, born 11-14-16
Sarah & James Cain, Robert Morrison, born 10-8-16

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

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

Jeri, Jennie Elliott's sister

The Padilla family in Reynosa, Mexico

Catherine, Nancy Barnes' Goddaughter

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

Lillian Kirkpatrick

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.