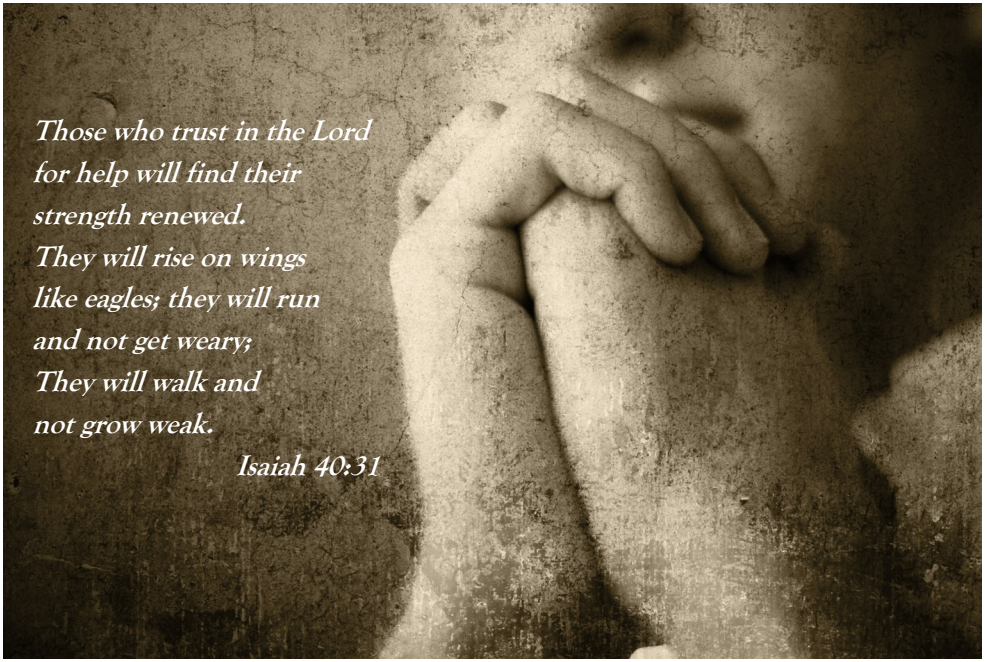
CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS



OCTOBER 27, 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.

For Renewed Commitment

O God, you are our life and breath, our light and fire, our teacher and healer. We praise you for your handiwork in shaping creation. We commit ourselves to serve you for the sake of the gospel. We devote ourselves to prayer with and for your people. We offer ourselves with vulnerability, and look to you alone for strength. Be our rest. Be our rock. Be our Lord. 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 Virginia Park, who died October 19, 2019; arrangements are pending
The family of Hattie Lee Edens Bryant, who died October 11, 2019; mother to Kay Bryant
The family of Vivian Werkenthin, who died September 28, 2019; mother to Marie Long & Max Werkenthin
The family of Kenneth Dale Hammond, who died September 26, 2019; father to Martha Bauer
The family of Rev. Charles Sheldon Rigby, who died September 21, 2019; father to Cindy Rigby
The family of Joel Chapman, who died September 12, 2019; service Sept. 18, Freemont, OH
The family of Patrick Flanagan, who died September 2, 2019; brother to Debra Flanagan
The family of Marilyn Malone, who died August 23, 2019; sister-in-law to Ann Winkle
The family of Peggy Miller, who died August 18, 2019; memorial service September 28
The family of Dorothy Edwards, who died August 16, 2019; grandmother to Krystal Leedy
The family of Kay Edwards, who died August 13, 2019; aunt to Krystal Leedy
The family of Terry Kelso, who died August 15, 2019; niece to Kathy Clark
The family of Susan Weber, who died July 26, 2019; friend of Karen Miller
The family of Cleburn Brinkmann, who died July 22, 2019; uncle to Karen Werkenthin
The family of Robert Lloyd "Bob" King, who died May 10, 2019
The family of David Phillips, who died May 2, 2019

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.

Robert Ernst, scheduled for open heart surgery; son of Bob & Sunny Ernst
Peter Stromberger, knee replacement surgery, October 14; cousin to Karen Miller
Julie Dunvan, recovering from brain surgery following a stroke; family to Betsy & Pat Boyt
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
Jon Bayer, recovering at home
Ricardo Medrano, recovering at home
Josh Hsu, recovering at home
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.

Kelvin Neuman, UPLift volunteer, Dell Seton Medical Center
Patricia Martin, undergoing treatment for breast cancer
Frances Trahan, recovering at home following a brief hospital stay
Mary Beth Kitchens, in hospice care; Steve Parker is Mary Beth's son-in-law
Gretta Riccobene, recovering from a fall
JC Stromberger, COPD & Parkinson's; brother to Karen Miller
The Dowdy family; family of Jennifer Bradford
Jo Berkman, recovering at home
Larry, COPD; brother-in-law of Richard Moore
Sam, who is responding well to experimental treatments; brother of Pat Dunmire
Becky Pigott
Jane Payne, responding well to physical therapy
Kathy Jones, cancer; cousin to Maggi Miller
Amanda Grantham, breast cancer; friend to Joshua Hsu
Sarah Youngquist, under hospice care; sister to Suzanna Caballero
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
Louise Kabue, wife of the Reverend Simon Kabue
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
Sharon Bayer, pray for general safety
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
Rachel & Andy Finken, Grace Jillian, born 10-01-18

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

Fred Perella, father of Claire Baxter
Joe Tippett, 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

Debbie Warden
Jeanne Janson
Barbara Litchford
Kathie McNutt
Margaret Richardson
Roy Craig
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.

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.

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