

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS



*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

July 22, 2018

*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 Refugees and Migrants

Lord God, you cross every border between divinity and humanity to make your home with us. Help us to recognize your face in the refugee family, seeking safety and protection; in the migrant worker, bringing food to our tables; in the asylum-seeker, seeking security and compassion; in the unaccompanied child, traveling in a dangerous world. By the gift of your Holy Spirit, encourage and empower us to cross borders of our own—showing kindness, seeking justice, offering welcome, giving shelter. This we pray in the name of the one who fled as a child to Egypt, Jesus Christ 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 Adele Black Silvus, who died June 19, sister of Marilla Black King

The family of Fidela Morales Lopez, who died June 6; aunt of Remie Martin

The family of Phyllis Feener, who died May 27; daughter of Alice Meriwether

The family of William "Bill" Harris, who died May 23; father of Lydia Deats

The family of Marylyn LeBlanc , who died April 19; mother of Donna Wood

The family of Willa Schweppe, who died April 12; grandmother of Aaron Thorp

The family of Kathleen Franks, who died April 6; aunt of Karen Werkenthin

The family of James Herbert Quick, who died April 3

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.

Steve Cook, successful back surgery; friend of Patrick & Karen Miller

Ann Jacobi, mother of Mary Dodd

Jane Craig

Sarah Youngquist, sister to Suzanna Caballero

Topher Wynn

Karen Cappolino

Ricardo Medrano

Frances Trahan

Anita Clemons

Alex Busby, heart transplant

John Jackson, friend of Susan Berlin

Glen Tandy, friend of Susan Berlin

Jamie Keller, daughter-in-law of Carol Keller

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.

Ellen LeBlanc, recovering from a fall

Margaret Randall, aunt of Liz Wright

Ellie, granddaughter of Carol Keller, recovering from being hit by a car

Viktor Greif, son of Katie Greif, born at 33 weeks, doing well at home

David Phillips, responding well to treatment

Magdalene Haricombe, mother of Lorraine Haricombe

Diane Sanders, diagnosed with lymphoma; cousin of Johnnie Overton

For the sick

Beth Warren, friend to Betsy and Pat Boyt
Heidi Spock
Joy Schiller, at St. David's Central; mother of Donna Parks
Stephen Tompkins, recovering at home from pneumonia
Sylvia Chao, who continues radiation treatment; 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
Ted Pitzer, who suffered a stroke at 32; friend of Amy Praskac
Bill Turpin, husband of Delilah Turpin, father of Brad Turpin
Mother and brother of Stephanie Morris
Nancy Bazaz, niece of Helen Bardagjy
Courtney Long, daughter of Marie Werkenthin Long, under hospice care
Hank Bass, co-parent with Randal Whittington, cancer
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
John Roberts, brother-in-law of Jessie Hsu, deployed to South Korea
Jordan Thomas Parker, deployed to Egypt, grandson of Mary Ann & Luther Parker

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

Sarah & Byron French, William Emmanuel, born 07-17-18
Natalie & Austin Bradley, Thomas Roland, born 04-23-18
Katie Greif, Viktor, born 05-25-18
Joaquin & Caroline Deats Sanchez, Reese Isabel, born 04-04-18
Claire & Mark Baxter, Hope Janie Baxter, born 01-19-18
Karen & Carter Blackburn, Elizabeth Geraldine, born 01-17-18
Abigail Martin & Jason Blalock, Georgia Rio Morales Blalock, born 09-10-17
Erik & Andrea Wofford, Luke Daniel, born 08-07-17

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

The Reh family, refugees now living in Austin

Marilyn Malone, age 90, hospice; sister-in-law of Ann Winkle

Peggy Miller, in memory care at Legacy Oaks

Dan Morris, friend to Betsy and Pat Boyt

The Rev. Dr. Albert Aymer, father of Margaret Aymer Oget

Jim Budd

Patti Turner, niece of Ann Winkle

Alex, brother of a friend of Meg McReynolds

The Padilla family in Reynosa, Mexico

Rebecca Kieschnick, friend of Katherine Ray

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

Hildur Satre Brees

Susan Berlin

Alice Meriwether

Margaret Richardson

Barbara Engstrom

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.

Eric Peterson, 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.

If you'd like to be part of UPC's Prayer Chain, please email the church office:

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You will receive emails asking you specifically to pray
for people who have requested prayer support.

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