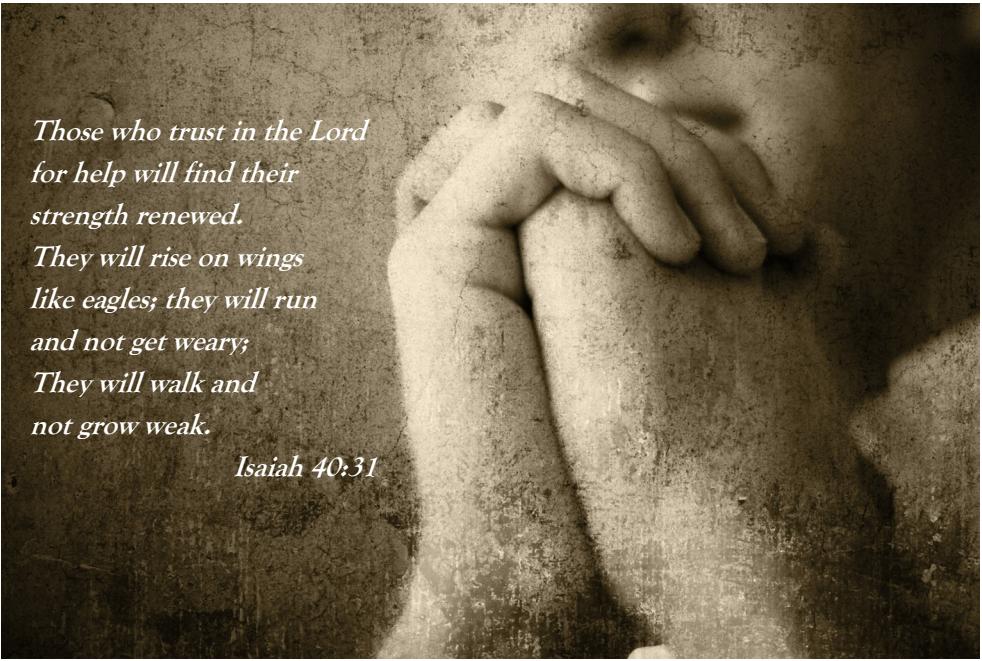


# CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS



*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*

*April 15, 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.

## *A Prayer for Eastertide*

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 Willa Scheweppe, who died April 12; grandmother of Aaron Thorp

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

The family of James Herbert Quick, who died April 3

The family of Brooke Doss, who died March 20; friend of Johnnie Overton

The family of the Reverend Prentice Harmon Barnett, who died March 16

The family & friends of Julia M. Penn, who died March 4; friend to Karen Miller

The family of Sue Ann Gearhart, who died February 26; mother of Rob Gearhart

The family of Lillian Kirkpatrick, who died February 22; mother of Karen Werkenthin

The family of James Warren Deats, who died February 10; father of Craig Deats

### ***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 Cappolino

David Phillips

Elaine Wagner

Ricardo Medrano

Frances Trahan

Anita Clemons

Alex Busby, heart transplant

John Jackson, friend of Susan Berlin

Travis Turner, great-nephew of Ann Winkle

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.

Diane Sanders, diagnosed with lymphoma; cousin to Johnnie Overton

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

Grace Martin, hospitalized, cousin of Ann Winkle

Kathy Joy, wife of former member Glenn Joy

### *For the sick*

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, Amanda Utter's aunt

### *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

Natalie & Austin Bradley, due April 2018  
Sarah & Byron French, due July 2018  
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  
Jessie & Josh Hsu, Josiah Hao-Yu, born 07-14-17  
Elyse Fort & Ian Jacques, Maya Elizabeth, born 07-07-17  
Piper Madison & Daniel Betts, Harvey Nash Betts Madison, born 05-17-17

### *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

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

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

The Padilla family in Reynosa, Mexico

Rebecca Kieschnick, friend of Katherine Ray

Sam, Pat Mayne's brother, in remission

Leo Lopez & family

Hadeel and Nabeel, refugees supported by the UPC Service Committee in 2017

The Laney family

The Abell family

Kathie McNutt

Hildur Satre Brees

Roy Craig

Susan Berlin

Margaret Richardson

Barbara Engstrom

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.

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:

**upc@upcaustin.org**

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