

June 28, 2020

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MEMBERS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

Holy God, comfort your people in this time of sadness and struggle. May your mercy and strength surround and uphold us all. We remember those in special need of your care, including:

- All the African American Men, Women and Children, made in your image God, who have been brutally murdered. Prayers for George Floyd, Ahmoud Arbery, Sandra Bland, Sean Reed, Tamir Rice, Eric Garner, Oscar Grant, Michael Brown, Walter Scott, Freddie Gray, Dante Parker. May we remember them.
- We mourn the loss of all who have died due to racism.
- Prayers that we will together commit to racial reconciliation & healing
- Prayers for the dismantling of white racism.
- Prayers for Gretchen's friend, Joan Walton, who lost her daughter, Katie
- Nancy's daughter, Linda
- Mike and Deb Fuller
- Sonia, and her family
- Natalie and Natalie's Mother
- Paul and Priscilla
- Ken
- Let's pray for our members who don't have PCs and can't join us for our coffee time together; we miss everyone and need to keep in touch; Joan Callahan, Paula Fulton, Sue Nicastro, Karen Andrews and others
- Families and friends of our congregation
- Prayers for Weymouth Police, firefighters, emergency management, all first responders and service men and women
- Pray for all Churches learning a new way to worship and be stewards of God; We are the church, not the building
- Pray for all the people who have recently lost their jobs

- Pray for all Musicians who can't play together and may be out of work
- Pray for the small businesses that had to close and can't retain their employees which has impacted their financial health; the self-employed and hourly workers, the hairdressers, nail salons, restaurants, especially our Jackson Square neighbors.
- Michelle Young and family
- Victor's friend who has a brain tumor and is a quadriplegic
- Elaine
- Mike and Karen G
- Kristin
- Judy C
- Denise
- Kelly
- Karen D
- Mighty Quinn
- Shirley
- Richard B
- Angela
- Wendy
- Bette
- Michael B
- Diane
- Samantha
- Brenda
- Arlene
- Rev. Gretchen & her family
- All the special needs children in homes who can't see their families
- Those working in health care and grocery stores, food services, bankers, cleaning services, public transportation and delivery workers, pharmacies, factories; all whose work exposes them to health risks
- Caregivers & healers: doctors, nurses, health aides, chaplains, nursing home and group home staff, and many others.

- Those living in nursing homes, elder care facilities, at the VA
- Those who are experiencing isolation & loneliness; all who live alone
- Those struggling with addiction and mental health issues
- Government and community leaders
- All of us, in our struggle with systemic racism in and around us, and its tragic impacts
- Those who are afraid; all whose hearts are weary.
- We pray for those in quarantine and currently ill with COVID-19 and we mourn those who have died from COVID-19
- We pray for those recovering from COVID-19 including Pastor Gretchen
- All those living with illness, recovering from injury, seeking healing & relief
- Those healing from abuse or trauma
- We pray for those near death and those who are grieving losses
- We mourn the injustices and inequalities magnified in this pandemic.
- We mourn many personal losses: our routines and special events; resources and securities; pleasures and comforts; and our church as it is in person.

THANKS AND JOYS

- Thank you to Victor for his amazing work on our Sunday services and Zoom coffee time
- Continued prayers of joy for Peter Preble & family & their new baby girl
- Congrat's to the Ranjan family and Gauri, their beautiful newborn girl and big sister Amber
- Congrats to Lydia Fulton Whiting and Tarris on the birth of their new baby girl, Janna. She is home and doing well.
- We are thankful that Jackson Square Artisans and Dolly's Boutique have reopened

- Let's be thankful for all the random acts of kindness around the world
- Thanks to everyone who is volunteering their time to making face masks and face shields for the medical workers and delivering food to people in need
- Thanksgiving for answered prayers. Natalie is grateful that her knee doesn't bother her as much. She says "Thank you for prayers. Prayers still work."
- Sonia is grateful she is not feeling any more pain. She's excited to go to Jamaica and see her son.
- Prayers of joy for James' healing.
- Continue to love and pray for each other from a distance until we meet again.

God of all comfort and consolation, we entrust all your beloved children, and our own hearts, and your wide creation, into your tender care. Bless us with peace in this time; release and relief from our anxiety; courage to meet each day; moments of consolation and hope. Help us also to discover and treasure the gifts of these days: Searching our hearts, we give thanks for the blessings we have experienced and witnessed... Thank you for the unending and grounding grace which you offer. May we accept its bounty, and because of your blessings, be a blessing to others.

Amen.