

September 6, 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:

- Priscilla W and her daughter and her grandsons
- Paul who had surgery this week. We pray he gets relief from his pain and heals quickly.
- Debbie and Mike Fuller
- KC had a heart attack
- Allanah
- Dorothy Johnson, Brenda Jaques' sister
- Michelle Young and Starz educators as they care for their students and families
- All educators and staff, parents and students as they prepare for the new school year
- Barry Wood, a friend of the church who is in the hospital battling cancer for the third time.
- Karen D
- Victor's friend who has a brain tumor and is a quadriplegic
- Elaine
- Mike and Karen G
- Kristin
- Judy C
- Denise
- Kelly
- Judy P
- Angela
- Michael B
- Brenda
- KC
- James
- Natalie in her search for a new apartment and Natalie's Mom that she finds healing & relief
- We mourn the loss of all who have died due to racism. May we remember them and pray that we will together commit to racial reconciliation & healing and for the dismantling of white racism.
- 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, others who are

- experiencing isolation & loneliness and All those who live alone
- Prayers for all first responders and service men and women
- Pray for all the people who have recently lost their jobs and whose unemployment benefits are expiring and are seeking new careers.
- 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, many Jackson Square neighbors.
- Those living in group and nursing homes, elder care facilities, at the VA
- Those working in health care and grocery stores, food services, bankers, cleaning services, public transportation & 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 other
- We pray for those in quarantine and currently ill or recovering from COVID-19 and we mourn those who have died from COVID- 19
- Those in the path of Hurricanes Laura & Marco & the wildfires
- We mourn the injustices & inequalities magnified in the 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 and Gretchen for their amazing work on our Sunday services and Zoom coffee time
- Thanks to everyone who is volunteering their time to help our neighbors in need and for all random acts of kindness.
- 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.