

Lutheran Church of the Covenant's

Prayer Chain Ministry

*"I urge you, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercessions,
and thanksgiving be made for everyone." 1 Timothy 2:1*

Being called into the Ministry of Prayer, and more specifically, into intercessory prayer, is both a privilege and a responsibility. The Prayer Chain members are committed to praying for our church family, their family members or friends, and others who are in need of prayer. The Prayer Chain consists of volunteers from our congregation who are available to pray for joys and concerns that are requested. The Prayer Chain is a confidential ministry and prayer requests are not shared with others, except Pastor Darcy, unless asked to pass the information to the congregation at large (by the person initiating the request).

When you have a concern for yourself, or if someone else requests prayer (need not be a congregational member), you can activate the Prayer Chain. Prayer Chain volunteers are available to support you through prayer. All you need to do is make one phone call or send an email, and the prayer request will be passed to all the other pray-ers! Prayer is always helpful in any situation!

To request a prayer:

Send an email to prayerchain@lccodalecity.org

OR

Call the Prayer Chain Lead at 571.210.1979

If you feel called to pray for others and want to be part of the Prayer Chain Team Ministry, please contact Tricia at 703.670.4242 or office@lccodalecity.org.

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Prayer Chain Guidelines

The names of individuals and their health or personal situations are sometimes shared in great detail (by the person initiating the request). Yet, please keep the information as private as possible. Being prayed for by those on the Prayer Chain is a sacred gift and not a means for group discussion or unwanted questions. The following are some guidelines to support us in praying for the joys and concerns of others:

- Do not discuss the prayer requests that are sent out with other people.
- Unless you have a personal relationship with the people/person involved, do not initiate conversation about the prayers with them. Let them make the decision about with whom they want to discuss these personal matters.
- Try to keep the details minimal as not all facts need to be known to be able to lift them up in prayer. ***God knows who and what we are praying for!***
- Verify that a person actually wants their request on the prayer chain. (Just because Jane thinks Mary should be prayed for does not mean Mary wants her name or situation publicized.)
- Use first names only of the individual(s) for whom we are praying.
- Clarify whether a person wants their prayer requests included in the Prayer List on Sunday morning.

These guidelines are to assist us to be sensitive to each other and not overstepping boundaries, always a difficult task because my boundary is not necessarily your boundary - and how do I know? Let's continue to be patient and loving with each other and err on the side of caution and - GRACE!

The primary goal is to pray for one another!