

Thursday Prayer Vigil



July 2, 2020

Take some deep breaths to help center yourself.

“Joy and gratitude are the qualities of the heart by which we recognize those who are committed to a life of service in the path of Jesus Christ. We see this in families where parents and children are attentive to one another’s needs and spend time together despite many outside pressures. We see it in those who always have room for a stranger, an extra plate for a visitor, time for someone in need. we see it in the students who work with the elderly, and in the many men and women who offer money, time, and energy for those who are hungry, in prison, sick or dying. We see it in the sisters who work with the poorest of the poor. Wherever we see real service we also see joy because in the midst of service a divine presence becomes visible and a gift is offered. Therefore, those who serve as followers of Jesus discover that they are receiving more than they are giving. Just as a mother does not need to be rewarded for the attention she pays to her child, because her child is her joy, so those who serve their neighbor will find their reward in the people they serve.”

~ Compassion by Henri Nowen

MATTHEW 5:44

“But I tell you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who mistreat you and persecute you”

LEVITICUS 19:18

“Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.”

❖ *The following prayer requests from individuals:*

- *For our freedom and all those who defend our freedom*
- *Bev, who fell and needs shoulder surgery and for her son who is her caregiver*
- *Bob, who is recovering from a fall*
- *Susan, who is hospitalized and her son Johnny*
- *Lorraine, who broke her pelvis, and her daughter, Sheri, who is her caregiver*
- *For all who have died at the hands of hatred*
- *Malcolm, who has stage 4 melanoma creating brain tumors. He is beginning treatment this week.*
- *Billy — for continued healing after surgery*
- *Patti Godsen, as she recovers from surgery*
- *All those in special need of God’s love*
- *Safety for all those who are protesting*
- *For all those who are trying to bring about change*

- *Bob, who is nearing the end of his fight with bone cancer. Prayers for peace and comfort for Bob and his family.*
- *MaryAnn Lasswell — for healing*
- *Malcom Campbell, who has a brain tumor and has recently had surgery*
- *Aria Noelle Cummins, who is undergoing treatment for neuroblastoma*
- *Joyce Puebla, who is being treated for brain cancer*
- *Eileen, who has throat cancer and is recovering from surgery*
- *Peace for Midge as she battles colon cancer, and strength for her husband, Paul, who has endured recent loss*
- *Tom H., who has COVID-19 and is in a nursing facility*
- *Mark, who has cancer, and for healing and that he will come to know Jesus as his savior*
- *Rebecca — for a safe pregnancy, labor and delivery and that baby will be healthy*
- *Scott Hamill — for continued healing as he is being treated for lung cancer*
- *Jimmy — for strength during recovery*
- *Terri F. — The aggressive chemo is helping shrink the tumors, perhaps she can be a candidate for a lumpectomy*
- *Maddison and new baby Jaimie — Jaimie is in the NICU with medical issues. Strength and healing for both.*
- *That treatment helps*
- *Debbie F. — for healing*
- *Chris Stubenbort —for continued healing*
- *David English — for continued healing*
- *Continued healing for Julia and growth for her new baby, Gabriella, who will be in NICU for several weeks*
- *Judi, as she begins chemotherapy for breast cancer*
- *Heather, who has breast cancer*
- *World peace.*
- *Georgiann, as she undergoes chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer*
- *Jim, who is ill and requires surgery, and his wife who is his caregiver*
- *Anthony — that he may achieve sustained remission from disease*
- *For all of those affected by coronavirus*
- *All those affected by violence*
- *All those with mental health issues*
- *Aiden, who has a rare genetic disorder*
- *Michael, as he finishes chemo and is uncertain about future treatment*
- *Matthew, who is having many personal struggles*
- *Tonee Turner, who remains missing, and her family*
- *All those struggling with addiction*
- *Brett, who has had two open heart surgeries*
- *Joyce, who has been diagnosed with brain cancer*
- *CPC staff and their families*
- *John, as he battles leukemia*
- *For all those grieving the loss of someone special*
- *For all the requests in our hearts that do not yet have a voice*

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for listening to the prayers offered to you, for being a generous and loving father.

Thank you for lifting me up during times of struggle, for holding me in your hands. Thank you for this opportunity to do your will.

As I leave this space of prayer I ask that my words and our actions may always be a reflection of you.

Pray now the words that Jesus gave us:

Our Father,

Who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day, our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not in to temptation, but deliver us from evil

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, now and forever.

Amen