

St. Paul's Prays for the Church and the Christian Home

March 22 - 28, 2020

During the Church Year, we remember in prayer the boards of the church and their programs as well as each of the homes of our congregation. This weekend, these boards, programs and homes will be lifted up in prayer on the weekend by the entire worshipping community and day by day throughout the week by all of our members in their personal/home devotions and prayers. Please take this page and use it in your prayers this week. You may wish to keep it with your devotional materials, or post it in some prominent place in your home (refrigerator, bulletin board, etc.) to remind you to hold these specific children of God in your prayers.

Sick/Hospitalized *** (Please note: Hospitalization can be a time of stress in one's life. If you are going into the hospital, please notify the church office so that Pastor can visit with you before or during your hospitalization. The hospitals may not always notify us, so please call the church office if you or a member of your family is hospitalized. Because of Privacy Laws [HIPPA], we are only allowed to publicly list those individuals who request our prayers.)*

THIS WEEK IN THE HOSPITALS

Riverside: Ben Deck, Sam Martino

St. Mary's: Michael Morgan

Upcoming Procedure/Surgery: Justin Schroeder

Out of Town: Christine Carlson, Becky Elumbaugh, Ruthri Goodwin, Velma Philley, David Rapp

On Hospice: Ruth Balgeman, Gerald Morrical, James Ray, Verla Reutter

ONGOING PRAYER NEEDS:

Robert & Edie Adams, Linda Ahrens, Mary Ann Allen, Brenda Arms, Eunice Bailey, Emily Bales, Mallory Bass, James Beedle, Kathy Beedle, Bobbe Belden, Mary Benedetto, Christine Betourne, Mary Boudreau, Lisa Bowers, Cindy Bruno, Dot Buckman, Dennis Burke, Frieda & Charles Byte, Joann Cantrell, Myrna Clayton, Lenore Cooper, James Cornett, Elizabeth Cureton, Naomi Donovan, Shari Ebert, Jennifer Elliot, Mireille Irene Elsey, Sue Embree, Kathleen Ernst, Shirley Foggel, Bret Gadbois, Linda Gadbois, Dianne Gordon, Jerry Harsha, Elle Hazlett, Laurie Hofman, Marilyn Janssen, Troy Janssen, Dorothy Jensen, John Latham, Robert Latham, Ed Laurents, Marjorie Legris, John Lunn, Connie Malone, Ginny McDonald, Ida Mersch, Tina Murphy, Patricia Nelson, Pam Nummela, William Odette Sr., Heidi Ostrowski, Kirk Patchett, Phyllis Pigusch, Jon Price, Irene Roelfs, Blythe Rogers, Dave Rogers, Kayla Ronchetto, Natalee Scivally, Kathy Sendra, Carla Sylvester, Audra Taylor Family, Catherine Taylor, Sandra Varela, Marsha Wagner, Carrie & Katrina Whitten, Larry Winge, Eugene Wood, Judy Yott

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Our Christian sympathies are extended to Sarah Quaintance at the death of her husband, Frank Quaintance on Saturday, March 14th. Our sympathies are also extended to the family of Lillian Dahling, who passed away Tuesday, March 10th. We ask that the Lord grant them His strength in their time of grief.

God our Father, Creator of the world, almighty and merciful, out of love for us You sent your Son into the world as the doctor of our souls and our bodies, look upon your children who, in this difficult time of confusion and dismay in many regions of Europe and the world, turn to you seeking strength, salvation and relief, deliver us from illness and fear, heal our sick, comfort their families, give wisdom to our rulers, energy and reward to our doctors, nurses and volunteers, eternal life to the dead. Do not abandon us in the moment of trial but deliver us from all evil.

If you desire prayer, please note your request on one of the Prayer Request forms and place it in the offering plate as it is passed. Your request will be forwarded to our confidential prayer chain. If you are interested in being part of the prayer chain, please contact the church office.

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PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE DURING THIS PANDEMIC

This was in a recent email and we are sharing it with you to guide your prayers at this time.

- ✓ **Pray for an end to the spread of the virus.** The Coronavirus did not take God by surprise; He is still governing and sustaining the world (Colossians 1:17). Pray for God's healing mercy and that He would graciously bring this pandemic to an end. Pray for healing for all those affected by the virus.
- ✓ **Pray for government leaders.** At all times, Christians are called to pray for those in positions of authority (1 Timothy 2:2). This is especially true during a time of national emergency. Pray for the President, Vice President, governors, mayors, and all those making decisions related to public health and safety. Pray for a spirit of bipartisanship as lawmakers work together to protect people.
- ✓ **Pray for church leaders.** Pastors around the country are making difficult decisions related to public worship and the safety of their members. Pray that pastors will have wisdom to faithfully shepherd the congregations under their care, even if they are unable to physically gather (1 Peter 5:2). Pray that Christians will love their neighbors well during this time (Mark 12:31). **[Pray also for your pastors, principal, teachers, and lay leaders here at St. Paul's that God would guide us that we might bear witness to our Risen Savior, Jesus!]**
- ✓ **Pray for the vulnerable.** Authorities tell us that immunocompromised people are especially at risk as the virus spreads. Pray for protection for the elderly, diseased, and those facing financial hardship. Pray for students who are being required to vacate university and college housing with very little notice. Over the next few weeks, there will be many opportunities to meet tangible needs. Pray that God's people meet these opportunities with wisdom and grace (Matthew 25:35-40). **[IF you know of someone in need and requiring supplies, please let us know.]**
- ✓ **Pray for Healthcare Workers and First Responders.** In the midst of the crisis, doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, and first responders are working long hours to provide much needed medical care to those affected by the virus. Pray they'll have wisdom as they care for patients. Pray for energy and stamina as they work. And pray for their families who are making tremendous sacrifices as well.
- ✓ **Pray for honest reporting.** Christians should pray for those in the news media. Pray that reporters and journalists would accurately report updates about the status of the virus and not seek to stoke fear and panic.
- ✓ **Pray for a spirit of generosity.** During this time, churches will face a loss of income at a time when there are many opportunities to meet physical needs. Pray that God's people will manifest a spirit of generosity and sacrificially give of their time and resources to meet needs that will arise (2 Corinthians 9:6-8).
- ✓ **Pray for a posture of trust.** Scripture teaches us that God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power and love and self-control (2 Timothy 1:7). Pray for enduring faith during this season of heightened fear, anxiety, and confusion. Appropriate precautions should be taken, but Christians must continue to rely on God and trust His purposes and plans (Romans 8:28).
- ✓ **Pray for the spread of the gospel.** In this time of great anxiety, pray that God's people would be ready to meet the world with the comfort and hope that only the good news of Jesus Christ can offer.

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