

The Prayers of Our People – January 10, 2021

We are all aware of the political tensions that are a current plague to our nation. Above all things, let us as a people of God commit ourselves first to love... love of neighbor, no matter what. And then, let us commit ourselves to truth... for unless we live and tell the truth, we will have no foundation for trust.

We thank God for **scientists and medical professionals** who are giving so much to the effort of meeting the Pandemic. We pray for nurses, physicians, and hospital staffs stretched to the max due to the increase in COVID patients. As vaccine distributions have begun, we pray that a robust plan will take full effect as the rollout continues.

We pray for those families struggling economically due to employment circumstances.

We pray that all our schools, including our preschool, would be places of safety. May God grant wisdom, tolerance, and patience to all.

We pray for the healing of racial tensions; the reduction of violence; and justice on all sides.

Gene Reisinger had Carpal Tunnel surgery on both hands last week. He is healing slowly.

Bill Garman had knee replacement surgery this past Thursday. We pray for his recovery and the therapy that lies ahead.

David Rutledge, father of Gerald Rutledge, has been in and out of the hospital from his Nursing Home care in Lima, Ohio. These past 90 days has found him dealing with difficult pulmonary issues, now compounded by a positive test for COVID 19.

Kathryn Summers continues her recovery from COVID 19 at home. She is on oxygen as they are watching those levels carefully. Memorial services for **husband Paul** were held graveside this past Tuesday.

Ruby Hoffman had a difficult health episode that has taken her back to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for testing and evaluation.

Ryan Harper has requested prayer for his **father** as he journeys through various medical tests and challenges this month.

Gail Gianneschi reports that her **brother Bruce and his wife Nancy**, both in mid- 80's and living in AZ, were both admitted to hospital on Christmas Eve with Covid. Both of them are released and are now recovering at home.

Lori Breen's father, Russell Koontz has been diagnosed with COVID 19. He is at home and currently holding his own.

Sandra C. has contacted us to be in prayer as she suffers from the loss of hearing.

Another person, **Shavon Gartner** has contacted us to ask prayers for her family upon the passing of her sister, **Kathy Johnson** on January 3.

Caleb Garman asks us to remember a classmate named **Taiven** who has had a recurrence of brain cancer.

We pray for the next faithful steps of our United Methodist Denomination.

We pray for the strength of families and marriages.

We pray for those who struggle with mental illness in its many forms and those families who walk with them in their struggle.

We pray for those struggling with addictions, and those who do their best to walk alongside them in the struggle.

These are family and friends who the journey of recovery: Jim Adams, Faye Kline, Rose Domen, Bob Good, Mason Kuhn, Crystal Silvagni, David Bollis, Grace Neff, Ava-Kate Buckmaster, Teresa Bollis' mother, Autumn Fox, David Meanor, Richard Anderson, Ned Stabley, Susan Strayer, Kirk Slenker, Mary Gail Witmer, Maverick Gaynor, Pete Atwood, Diane Smeltzer, Suellen Williams, Kevin Bush, Kelly Adams, Donald Paules, Ada Eaton, Rodney Sechrist, Charles Shoffstall, Greg Dettinger, Faye Harrold, Margaret Tome, Barb Wise, Terry Knisely, Torus Crouse, Pauline Good, Adam Miller, Braxton Bull.

Family and friends with cancer include: Sandy Brindle, Cookie Streavig, Debra Gable, Diane Eberly, Steve Gruber, Julie Wilson-Kumar, Teresa Bollis, Louise Reisinger, Vic Coble, Michael Burns.

Being aware of the dangers of serving as a first responder we are faithful in prayer. We have 5 active members who are police officers here and four others related through family. We have several others who are related to local fire and EMT services. We pray for the safety of all these.

We pray for Alex Bollis and Ryan Kuhn and all members of our armed forces are to be remembered in the many places they serve.