

## The Prayers of Our People – January 21, 2020

In this time of leadership transition, and as a people of God, we pray for the strength of our nation. We commit ourselves first to love... love of neighbor and love of enemy – in all circumstances. And we 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 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 issues.

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.

**Ed Albricht** is near death (Thursday morning) due to COVID19. Pray for the family.

**Lucille Budesheim** is currently hospitalized with COVID19. She is making progress.

**James Reed, son of Linda Reed**, had an emergency appendectomy last Thursday morning. His recovery has not gone well. He is now back in the hospital for a third time to deal with issues that have arisen. We pray for answers to these difficulties.

**Pam Gamble's son-in-law, Geoffrey Green**, has been struggling to regain health after gall bladder surgery. A cyst has been discovered on his pancreas.

**Malinda Davidson** reports these several prayer matters related to COVID:  
-**Steve Freeman**, a friend, in Sinai hospital with COVID double pneumonia  
-For cousin, **Della Manifold**, a nurse on a COVID floor in south Texas. The patient load is exhausting. Due to her work, she is immune compromised.  
-For her **brother and sister-in-law**, both of whom tested positive for COVID, but are thankfully managing at home.  
-For **Caroline Romero**, in a Rochester, NY hospital ICU, after being found on the floor of her home after family could not reach her. She is under evaluation.

We are asked to pray for **Tom Schroeder, friend of Jacob Swartz**, hospitalized since January 16 with a grave case of heart and kidney failure. Doctors cannot determine a course of treatment for him and are monitoring his condition.

**David Rutledge, father of Gerald Rutledge**, has returned to his nursing home residence in Lima, OH after a severe bout with the COVID. We are grateful.

**Ruby Hoffman** had a difficult health episode that took her back to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. They could find no reason for the episode. She is home.

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

**Caleb Garman's** friend and classmate, **Taiven** 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:** Bill Garman, Jim Adams, Gene Reisinger, Faye Kline, Russel Koontz, Kathryn Summers, Bob Good, Grace Neff, Ava-Kate Buckmaster, Joanne Anderson, 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.

## **Joys**

**Bob Good** celebrated his 98<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 19.

**Donald Paules** celebrated his 87<sup>th</sup> birthday January 21, and **he and Barbara** celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.