

The Prayers of Our People – February 21, 2021

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.

Emelia Kuhn, infant daughter of Ryan and Whitney Kuhn, has had feeding difficulties from birth. While at a visit for evaluation by the pediatrician, she suffered a seizure, which sent her immediately to the hospital for testing. The family is anxiously awaiting news. Ryan is currently assigned near Chapin, South Carolina as he serves in the Air Force.

Island Eve is a young two-year-old who is struggling with Sickle Cell Anemia. She is back home in the United States and making progress in recovery.

Adam Wabnik is recovering from hip surgery of this past Wednesday.

Ava-Kate Buckmaster continues testing and decisions that are crucial for her health. Pray for the family and also the physicians who are doing the work of diagnosis. Her father, **Andrew**, is struggling with a severely pinched nerve and is in great pain.

Ned Stabley continues to struggle with soft tissue cancer in his left arm. His treatment is extensive.

Pray for **Blanche Burkins**, who is still having tremendous pain & is having more testing this week.

Larry Adams is doing well at home in his recovery from recent back surgery.

Pauline Good is now in hospice care at her daughter Debbie's home.

Lucille Budesheim passed away on Wednesday morning. Private graveside services will be held Tuesday.

Don and Cindy Diehl ask prayer for the **Family of Joshua Hosler**. They grieve his unexpected death. He leaves behind a wife and young children.

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

Pam Gamble's son-in-law, Geoffrey Green, seems to have turned a corner and is now home from the hospital. After gall bladder surgery, he was unable to hold and digest his food. Additional diagnoses include an obstructed bowel and an abscess on his pancreas.

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: Steve Freeman, Caroline Romero, Greg Dettinger, Tom Schroeder, Jim Reed, Ruby Hoffman, Gene Reisinger, Faye Kline, Russel Koontz, Kathryn Summers, Bob Good, Grace Neff, Joanne Anderson, Richard Anderson, Susan Strayer, Kirk Slenker, Mary Gail Witmer, Pete Atwood, Diane Smeltzer, Suellen Williams, Don Paules, Ada Eaton, Rodney Sechrist, Charles Shoffstall, Faye Harrold, Margaret Tome, Barb Wise, Terry Knisely, Torus Crouse, Adam Miller, Braxton Bull.

Family and friends with cancer include: Nick Zarnowski, Terry Rhodes, Taiven, Sandy Brindle, Cookie Strevig, Debra Gable, Steve Gruber, Julie Wilson-Kumar.

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.

We express JOY that the Coronavirus data seems to have begun to level off, suggesting that vaccines and careful social practices are having an impact. While we are glad, we pray that all will continue vigilance.