

April 1, 2020

A weekly guide of prayer concerns in the Faith Church family and ministry.

Psalm 42

To the choirmaster. A Maskil of the Sons of Korah.

As a deer pants for flowing streams,
so pants my soul for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.

When shall I come and appear before God?

My tears have been my food
day and night,

while they say to me all the day long,
“Where is your God?”

These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:

how I would go with the throng
and lead them in procession to the house of God
with glad shouts and songs of praise,
a multitude keeping festival.

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.

My soul is cast down within me;
therefore I remember you
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
from Mount Mizar.

Deep calls to deep
at the roar of your waterfalls;
all your breakers and your waves
have gone over me.

By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

I say to God, my rock:

“Why have you forgotten me?

Why do I go mourning
because of the oppression of the enemy?”

As with a deadly wound in my bones,
my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me all the day long,
“Where is your God?”

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.

Sunday, April 5

This Sunday, as we worship at home, we continue our series “Interrupted” in Luke 7:11-17.

LOCAL MINISTRY & OUTREACH

As we are not meeting face to face during this time, pray we will continue to serve and encourage one another, our community, and our world in alternative ways.

Faith Kids: Pray the kids will thrive in the worship at home format during this time.

Faith Student Ministry: Adjustment for students as they learn at home, separated from friends and activities. May they be renewed in body and mind, not overwhelmed with fear and anxiety or feeling isolated and lonely.

Adult Ministries: Community groups as they meet in alternative ways to serve one another and serve beyond themselves.

Iglesia de Fé: Pastor Luis Martinez and his leadership team, seeking to serve their church family when they can't meet as usual.

Faith International English: FIEC team as they reach out to students in this tough time, even more difficult in not being part of the majority culture.

Staff and Leadership

Pray for all in leadership positions at Faith Church. Pray each will purposefully devote time to strengthening their walk with Jesus as they are challenged to lead in new and unique ways during this pandemic.

FAITH FAMILY

Anna Houser: breast cancer, radiation treatment

Bill Ashcraft: ongoing physical therapy; improved blood flow and relief from neuropathy in left leg and foot

Noah Breitwieser: Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy - motor and language development; timing of steroids to slow effects of MD; research and possible drug trials that could help Noah

Jenn Breitwieser: enlarged heart; slowing/reversal of damage to avoid eventual transplant; full, active life without symptoms; faith in God's sovereignty to glorify Him through difficulties

Bud Coleman: cataract surgery in both eyes recently; right eye went well but left needs to be redone

John Crocker: recovery from outpatient surgery 3/23

Frances Dawes: neck discomfort; also daughter, Cappy, treatment for cancer

Rich Jones: MDS (myelodysplastic syndrome)

Sharon Kelly: ovarian cancer

Daniel McBride: debilitating back pain

Marti Miles: Ramsey Hunt Syndrome

Nancy Pryor: lupus and cirrhosis of the liver

Ryan Tomlin (son of Mark and Kim): working on front lines against COVID-19 as clinical pharmacist in infectious disease clinic in MI

Chronic Health Concerns: Tammy Bridges, Ghasem Charmsazi, Betty Coleman (spino cerebellar ataxia) John Crocker (Hepatic encephalopathy), Shari Davies, Robin Dawes, Nell Fitzgerald, Malinda Herke, Barbara Switzer

Special Needs, Care Homes, and Assisted Living:

Lil Ashby (at home), Ethel Ewing (Maple Park), Lois Gumper (Magnolia Springs), Norm Hughey (Woodland Terrace), Marilyn Klotz (Green House), Betty Miller (the Stratford), David Moore (Woodland Terrace) and Gloria Moore (home), Mattie Neff (Autumnwood Village), Stella Phillips (Jane Fleck's mother), Sherry Rose (Willow Springs, Golden Living), Kathy Valentine (Sunrise/Old Meridian), Catherine Welty (the Stratford), Elizabeth West (home)

Employment needs: Scott Freeman, Daniel McBride

GLOBAL OUTREACH

Most of our missionaries are profoundly affected in their ministry because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This unprecedented challenge is filled with great Gospel opportunity. Pray to that end!

Pray for all our missionaries who are figuring out how to continue to train and serve their teams virtually, following God's leading in new and innovative ways, and for those who are making difficult decisions for their summer programs.

Joe and Kim Cluff – pray they are able to renew Sophia's passport without trouble and for Kim as she teaches online.

Dave and Emily Cetola – living in perhaps the hardest hit coronavirus area. Pray for openness to the Gospel in the face of sickness and death.

Pray for missionaries who have had to quickly and unexpectedly return to the US and are now in quarantine:

Mark and Alyssa Dunker, Bethany and Jacob Alex Truex

Tim and Clarissa

Eric and Sarah, Karsten, Aubrey, Simeon, and Demaris

Also pray for:

International Ministries

Arab Baptist Theological Seminary

Kiev Theological Seminary

NEGST (part of Africa International University)

Umoja Project—Orphans & Vulnerable Children

Local Ministries

Good News Ministries

Life Centers

Shepherd Community Center

Wheeler Mission