

April 8, 2020

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

Psalm 61

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. Of David.

Hear my cry, O God,
listen to my prayer;
from the end of the earth I call to you
when my heart is faint.
Lead me to the rock
that is higher than I,
for you have been my refuge,
a strong tower against the enemy.

Let me dwell in your tent forever!
Let me take refuge under the shelter of your
wings! Selah
For you, O God, have heard my vows;
you have given me the heritage of those who fear
your name.

Prolong the life of the king;
may his years endure to all generations!
May he be enthroned forever before God;
appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch
over him!

So will I ever sing praises to your name,
as I perform my vows day after day.

Sunday, April 12

This Easter Sunday, Pastor Jeff will be preaching live for us at 10am. Join us this Sunday for a livestream of Easter worship as we celebrate "Death Interrupted" from Matthew 28!

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 difficult 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: isolated in room at Westminster Village
Noah Breitwieser: Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy
Jenn Breitwieser: enlarged heart; pray for slowing of damage to avoid eventual transplant
Bud Coleman: cataract surgery in both eyes recently; left eye needs to be redone
Frances Dawes: neck discomfort; also daughter, Cappy, treatment for cancer
Patrick Gresham: son of Dave Gresham; graduating from the Air Force Academy 4/18. Pray for all the cadets; two suicides recently
Jonathan Harney: Jonathon's grandmother died this past week
Rich Jones: MDS (myelodysplastic syndrome)
Sharon Kelly: ovarian cancer
Daniel McBride: father, Tad McBride died suddenly
Marti Miles: Ramsey Hunt Syndrome
Sarah Schroeder-Mohr: cancer in remission, but husband has COVID-19
Nancy Stenger (Andrea Preston's mother): St. Francis Hospital ICU with pleural effusion and pneumonia (NOT COVID-19); plan to insert drainage tube to improve breathing
Nancy Pryor: lupus and cirrhosis of the liver
Matt Saefkow: Matt's grandfather passed away 4/1, just a week after the death of his grandmother
Ryan Tomlin (son of Mark and Kim): working on front lines against COVID-19 as clinical pharmacist in infectious disease clinic in MI
Nancy West: Nancy's father, Robert Wilson, passed away on Tuesday, 4/7 - plans pending

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 – praise they were able to renew Sophia's passport without trouble, pray for Kim as she teaches online. Still planning on returning for home assignment in late June.

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.

Mark and Stephanie Dodrill – Mark had a life-threatening arterial blockage effectively opened with a stent on 3/12; working from home in Spain due to COVID-19; concern for funds to pay staff.

Dick and Sue Price – Sue has a blood and acute gastritis with allergic reaction to the antibiotics.

Bill Standridge – former missionary to Italy, died this week in Italy where he lived & served in retirement.

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 - Mark has tested positive for Covid-19, but is doing reasonably well

Alex Truex

Tim and Clarissa

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