

April 14, 2020

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

Psalm 40

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the Lord.

Blessed is the man who makes
the Lord his trust,
who does not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after a lie!
You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward
us; none can compare with you!
I will proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than can be told.

In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted,
but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required.
Then I said, "Behold, I have come;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart."

I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;
behold, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O Lord.
I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your
salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your
faithfulness
from the great congregation.

As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain
your mercy from me;
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will
ever preserve me!
For evils have encompassed me
beyond number;
my iniquities have overtaken me,
and I cannot see;
they are more than the hairs of my head;
my heart fails me.

Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me!
O Lord, make haste to help me!
Let those be put to shame and disappointed
altogether
who seek to snatch away my life;
let those be turned back and brought to dishonor
who delight in my hurt!
Let those be appalled because of their shame
who say to me, "Aha, Aha!"

But may all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who love your salvation
say continually, "Great is the Lord!"
As for me, I am poor and needy,
but the Lord takes thought for me.
You are my help and my deliverer;
do not delay, O my God!

Sunday, April 19

This Sunday, Pastor Joey will begin teaching a new series "Life in the Spirit."

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

Ruth Abelard: brother, Gerry Longjohn, died 4/8

Bill Ashcraft: isolated in room at Westminster Village

Jeanne Blahnik: father, Virgil Boynton, died 4/11

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 Air Force Academy 4/18

Jonathan Harney: Jonathon's grandmother died 4/2

Anna Houser: breast cancer, radiation treatment

Rich Jones: MDS (myelodysplastic syndrome)

Sharon Kelly: ovarian cancer

Daniel McBride: father, Tad McBride died 3/30

Marti Miles: Ramsey Hunt Syndrome

Sarah Schroeder-Mohr: cancer in remission, but husband has COVID-19

Andrea Preston: mother, Nancy Stenger, died 4/9

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 4/7 - private family service 4/11

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:

Mark and Alyssa Dunker, Bethany and Jacob

Alex Truex

Tim and Clarissa

Eric and Sarah, Karsten, Aubrey, Simeon, and

Demaris