

January 4, 2024

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

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." 2Cor. 1:3-4

This Week

Pastor Joey preaching

LOCAL MINISTRY & OUTREACH

Pray that worship, teaching & community will result in spiritual growth; pray for God's empowerment for those who lead ministries; for our outreach

Faith Kids, FSM: Wisdom and sensitivity in caring for those impacted by death of Will Miles; comfort & hope for leaders who are also grieving

Local Outreach: Life2Life groups restarting; for developing genuine friendship with non-believers

Leadership: Pray for all in leadership positions and for all who are part of Faith Church. Pray each will purposefully devote time to strengthening their walk with Jesus.

FAITH FAMILY

Pray for healing, hope, and comfort in Christ; that difficulty would draw people closer to Jesus.

Amy Beattie: sister Kristy, leukemia; stem cell transplant 12/7; suppressed immune system

David Benshoof: procedure to destroy prostate cancer tissue 12/22

James & Tina Miles: Their son, Will (age 20), was killed in a car crash on 12/31. Visitation will be at Faith 10a-12p Jan 5, memorial service at 12pm with reception to follow; pray also for younger brothers Alex, Marcus, and David

Brian Parker: MSA (Multiple System Atrophy); hospice care at his home in Kalamazoo

Jerry/Judy Parker: daily challenges with Judy's care

Sylvia Scott: pancreatic & lung cancer

Darlene Senisse: unresolved stomach pains with eating

Judith Waggoner: home from hospital; cardiac issues

Nancy Wooden: MDS, blood cancer; recovering at home from stem cell transplant 10/6; good blood counts, very fatigued; suppressed immune system

Chronic Health Concerns:

Pray for encouragement, faith, and perseverance.

Rosy Andrade (neuropathy), Lucy Breitwieser (mild CP affecting left leg), Noah Breitwieser (Duchenne MD), Ghasem Charmsazi, Betty Coleman (spinocerebellar ataxia), Robin Dawes (chronic pain/neuropathy), Mary Garriott, Malinda Herke, Rich Jones (MDS), Sharon Kelly (ovarian cancer); Judy Parker; Leah Paterson; Fatemeh Saddigh (back pain)

Special Needs, Care Homes, Assisted Living:

Pray that the Church will remember and care for those who are absent in body.

Doris Craig, Frances Dawes (Brownsburg), Ethel Ewing (Maple Park, Westfield), Joe/Nell Fitzgerald (Stratford); Norm Hughey (Woodland Terrace), Phyllis Irwin, Jimmie Sue Lickliter (Hooverwood), Mattie Neff (Autumnwood Village), Audrey Pedersen (Hooverwood), Sherry Rose (Willow Springs), Bob Tansey (Bickford), Richard/Marge Upton (Allisonville Meadows), Kathy Valentine (Sunrise/Old Meridian), Elizabeth West

Military Service:

Pray for their protection, wisdom, and witness

Fields Alexander, U. S. Marines, Camp Pendleton
Samuel Morford, U.S. Marines, Camp Lejeune, NC
Sam Sawada, Indiana Air Nat'l Guard Reserve, Ft. Wayne

OUR NATION & WORLD

Pray that officials will lead with wisdom and charity, and seek justice; that they faithfully serve in their offices;

for the impact and witness of the Church in a culture of fear, division, anger, and violence;

for a just peace and an end to hostility; that people might live in safety, especially in the Middle East and Ukraine; for the peace, safety, reconciliation, and healing of those scarred by war;

for Christians caught in the middle of violence – for their hope and protection, and the Church's witness and impact as winsome ambassadors of Jesus' Kingdom.

GLOBAL OUTREACH

Pray that God will open doors of ministry, blessing partnerships & friendships; that God's people will be led by the Spirit and recognize open-door opportunities; that God will remove barriers and lead people to hearts ready to receive his Word; for encouragement & endurance.

Randy & Valerie (YFC, Southeast Asia): Pray for those coming to Christ thru YFC in S Asia being attacked, homes and possessions destroyed; strength for Randy and other leaders to sustain the heavy workload. Praise for those sharing their faith and for new believers!

Mark & Charlene Canada (MDE): Pray for personnel and funds for the growth and development of MDE and the gospel witness it brings to people who need Jesus.

Lee & Pam Christenson (Wycliffe): Direction for serving church and community; staffing needs, guidance for Wycliffe Church Relations dept; retirement changes.

Joe & Kim Cluff (CMF, Kenya): Praise of 16 years of marriage; continued success for Kim, Sophia & Theo at school.

Marc & Stephanie Dodrill (YFC, Spain): Grateful to be in the U.S., and will be at Faith Church 12/17. Praise for strong financial support in December!

Mark & Alyssa Dunker (Reach Global): Pray for students' hearts to be transformed in a culture of widespread academic cheating; pray for class prep for next semester.

Jacob & Becca Hash (Josiah Venture, Poland): Praise for being able to speak in local high schools and invite students to follow up events - 80 heard the Gospel, 7 came to youth group; Winter Camp in January, team of 4 from Faith Church going to support.

Scott & Lisa Hicks (Barnabas International): Praise for Scott's trip to Egypt to provide consultation, counseling, teaching and training! Pray for the many global workers he counsels via Zoom.

Ruth Hubbard (InterVarsity): Thankful for sabbatical rest and reflection; praise for a church home, pray for making friends and finding ways to serve; dad (95) in hospital; peace of heart and mind.

Cindy Irwin (TEAM): Praise for Afghans connecting her with other Afghan families; for classes at the Loft and the privilege of praying with students.

Doug & Darla Leatherman (Cru): Praise that students are leading spiritually on their sports teams.

Pray for Joost (soccer) and Adam (football) who both reached out to Doug wanting to meet with him and grow in their faith; impact of Winter Conference.

Lisa Meharry (Wycliffe): Pray for translation of First Nation languages, for adding a large work project to "normal" tasks, wisdom to serve well, opportunities to love well at church & in neighborhood.

Tom & Julie Meiner (Jesus Film Project): Praise for chaplains spreading the gospel in war; for Ukrainian and Russian soldiers to find salvation; pray for finances needed to move to the next phase of animation project.

Tom & Kristi Miller (Cru City): Coaching Cru City staff to follow their callings, Bible studies with ESL students. Praise that one Hindu student recently received Christ! Planning to take a short-term trip to Cuba in Feb.

Jeff & Peg Shrum (Wycliffe): Healing and pain relief for Peg's back; Jeff's family to be comforted during the holidays after the loss of his sister. Praise for the new tools & resources to distribute God's Word!

Mark Slaughter (InterVarsity): Pray for those who responded to the gospel this year and for the impact of mentoring young leaders. Strong giving in December!

Kathi Small (TEAM, Guatemala): Semester finished, now preparing for doctoral group meeting in Jan. & classes. Pray for Kathi's student, Silvia Mendoza, on a 2-month mission trip in Mexico - for safety and openness to what God is teaching her.

Isaac & Jenn Stough (YFC, Spain): In midst of 6-month furlough in U.S. Pray for wisdom balancing activities and sabbatical rest; for João to know God's grace/follow Jesus; Elena (recently baptized) to love Jesus/know He is always near; Raquel to have a job that aligns with her passions & calling.

KTS (Ukraine): Seminary not damaged by recent rocket attacks! Pray for protection of staff and campus, peace in Ukraine, for nearly 100 from KTS serving on the front line including Vitaliy Mariash; for wisdom on opening of branch campuses, for operational funds for seminary ministry in 2024; completion of shelter on campus.

ABTS (Lebanon): Pray for peace & protection in the increased threats & violence along the border with Israel; for the Church to be agents of hope & peace; for students and graduates serving in dangerous places