

April 9, 2025

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

“O LORD, may you hear my prayer and be favorably disposed to me. O God, because of your great loyal love, answer me with your faithful deliverance.” Psalm 69:13

This Week

Pastor Jeff preaching from Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

LOCAL MINISTRY & OUTREACH

Pray for growth in the fruit of God's Spirit; for God's wisdom for ministry leaders, outreach to neighbors

All Church: Impact of “creative disruption” of our habits this Lent; Palm Sunday, Good Friday & Easter Sunday services

Global Outreach: Formation & prep of Serve & Learn teams going to KTS/Poland, Italy, Spain this summer

Elders: Jonathan Baker, Mark Canada, Lee Christenson, Brian Clarke, Dennis Dawes

Deacons: Scott Beattie, Josh Horstman

Staff: Hannah Angebrandt, Kendra Carter, Jane Greuel (at a Benevolence conference this week), Karl Pohl

FAITH FAMILY

Pray for hope in trials and care for one another

Edouard Alexandre: father passed away in Haiti, 3/11; pray for mother Claudia, sister Edeline, and brother Emmanuel

Rosy Andrade: Praise for great improvement with migraines, able to attend church regularly!

Amy Beattie: sister Kristy, leukemia – in remission!

Bonnie Benshoof: cervical spine surgery on April 17

Noah Breitwieser: effectiveness of gene therapy

John Buben: teaching at West Nairobi Christian School

Lois Deyo: pancreatic cancer

Dane & Liane Ezernack: daughter Emma, age 3 – brain cancer; recovery from chemo and effectiveness of follow-up surgery (Mar 28)

Joe Fitzgerald: Rehab at the Stratford to regain strength; back pain/fractured vertebrae; care for Nell

Sue Foster: Parkinson's, stability in walking

Agusta Harting: pain from Tarlov Cyst, spinal fluid leak

John Hooten: sister, Debbie, passed away Mar 15; spinal surgery Apr 14

Rich Jones: MDS, blood cell counts deteriorating, chemo has lost its effectiveness

Matt Mahan: employment & financial needs; praise for new life in Christ! Pray for growth & encouragement

Cullen Nance: diagnosis & treatment for seizures

Brad Parker: failing health with liver cancer, pain

Jerry & Judy Parker: challenges with Judy's care; grief in loss of son, Brian

Sue Price: husband, Dick, passed away Feb 15

Sylvia Scott: On hospice care at home

Virginia Shafer: Knee revision surgery Mar 25

Bill Shewan: sister-in-law's cancer has returned and is inoperable; treatment options limited

Angelica Verastegui: Knee surgery Mar 25

Tom Waltz: Step-father Richard Roebke died Mar 21

Jim Wright: effectiveness of radiation therapy for prostate cancer

Chronic Health Concerns:

Pray for faith, strength, perseverance & wholeness

Lucy & Noah Breitwieser, Ghasem Charmsazi, Robin Dawes, Rich Jones, Judy Parker, Leah Paterson, Fatemeh Saddigh, Sylvia Scott, Ron Sonti

Special Needs, Care Homes, Assisted Living:

Pray the Church will remember and care for those who are unable to worship in person

Betty Coleman, Frances Dawes, Joe/Nell Fitzgerald, Barbara Fountain, Norm Hughey, Audrey Pedersen, Sherry Rose, Peggy Sprinkle, Bob Tansey, Richard/Marge Upton, Kathy Valentine, Chandler/Judith Waggoner, Elizabeth West

Military Service:

Pray for their protection, wisdom, and witness

Samuel Morford, U.S. Marines, Camp Lejeune, NC

Sam Sawada, IN Air Nat'l Guard Reserve

Kyle Somers (Peklo's SIL), Air Force Reserve, deployed

Anne Davidson Ward (daughter of Darrell and Robin),

Navy MD, Pensacola FL

Ryan Woolf (son of Mike & Elizabeth), US Army

OUR NATION & WORLD

Pray for those suffering from natural disasters and those responding to the crises, especially massive earthquakes in Myanmar;

for our political & civic leaders to seek God's wisdom and advance policies that reflect His character;

for the many civil servants, gov't employees, researchers, and contractors who serve the common good and whose employment is uncertain;

for peace, safety, and security in troubled parts of the world, especially Ukraine and the Middle East (renewed attacks on Gaza and attacks in Yemen);

for foreign Christians living and serving in Turkey who are facing deportation, for believers suffering threats and persecution in Congo, Nigeria, and Myanmar.

GLOBAL OUTREACH

Pray that God will open doors and bless partnerships & friendships; that God will lead people to hearts ready to receive his Word; for encouragement & endurance.

David & Karen Bradley (Jesus Film Project): Rest & peace for David during his sabbatical and for the 7 leaders/teams he normally leads to stay focused.

Kim & Joe Cluff (CMF, Kenya): Pray for Joe's mom (non-Hodgkin's lymphoma); for their team to stay focused on mission, that the Lord will give them success; for teachers at West Nairobi School for next school year.

Kim & Jan Cone (Wycliffe): Praise for good health & God's blessing on the trip colleagues took to the Luto-speaking area of the CAR; wisdom for Kim as he and a colleague write a paper comparing orthographies used to write the Sango language, for their daughter-in-law, Tirza, struggling with Lyme disease.

Mark & Alyssa Dunker (ReachGlobal, Kenya): In CA caring for Mark's parents and teaching NEGST classes remotely, returning to Nairobi 5/6; pray for a good care plan for Mark's parents, for wisdom teaching the 2nd half of the term, for Alyssa's work permit.

Jacob & Becca Hash (Josiah Venture, Poland): Pray for online small groups for leaders that Jacob and a new teammate will lead; lots of family travel – for girls to adjust/sleep in new places.

Scott & Lisa Hicks (Barnabas Intl): Scott recently counseled at a medical conference in Thailand, at another med missionary conference in Orlando this summer; working with 5 medical mission hubs in five different countries; pray God will open the minds and hearts of counselees, wisdom for Scott as he chooses paths to follow in their healing process; health for their immediate family (multiple concerns).

Ruth Hubbard: Continuing part-time with MDE; developing her own brand under which to serve individuals, groups, organizations in what they've been created and called to do as they join God on mission.

Doug & Darla Leatherman (Cru): Pray for student sign-ups for Ultimate Training Camp this summer; Doug helping to run two Cru Intern Orientation weekends in April (Indy and Dallas).

Lisa Meharry (Wycliffe): Praise for 15 yrs with Wycliffe, for a refreshing vacation, team transitions are going smoothly! Pray for upcoming meetings in Orlando - to plan well together; wisdom for leadership re: sale of Wycliffe USA campus.

Tom & Tom & Julie Meiner (Jesus Film Project): Praise that the Obamba people are hearing about God in their heart language! Pray for wisdom for the JFP Executive team; for the production of the animated Jesus film; Tom traveling to Malaysia 3/30-4/5; that their 6 grandkids will grow in their knowledge & love of Jesus.

Jeff & Peg Shrum (Wycliffe): Jeff's daily study in Hebrews, thoroughness in his paper on AI translation tool, that the Lord will use the 4 NTs recently dedicated in S. Asia; wisdom on selling their home.

Andy & Janet Singleterry (Servant Partners, San Jose): Pray for Janet's health & team finances; trip to Indy the first week of May

Mark & Dawn Slaughter (InterVarsity): Mobilizing & equipping Christian Life Fellowship (Greentown, IN) in evangelism; serving on a team selecting 300 mentors for Lausanne's next Younger Leader Gathering in 2027.

Kathi Small: (TEAM, Guatemala): Praise she has finished her dissertation proposal! Teaching Education I during the upcoming trimester; TEAM Guatemala has a new missionary family of five; pray for Aura, a seminary student whose husband just died, and for her children.

Isaac & Jenn Stough (YFC, Spain): Praise for powerful time at youth retreat! Pray Esther continues to open up and to find in Jesus she is not alone; for Elena to find a friend at school to stick with her; God to provide for an unexpected car repair; healthy pregnancy for Jenn and baby (due in Sept.), wisdom parenting toddler, Loyal.

Bill & Thelly Thomas (Cru): Bill's team in Bogota, Columbia the first week of April; pray for increased effectiveness leading global staff so more hear about Jesus; wisdom for Bill and Thelly after 55+ years with Cru, how to best use their talents for the Lord; for financial partners.

ABTS (Lebanon): Pray for a lasting resolution to ME conflict, for Christian responses to those in need; for Wissam Nasrallah as President of ABTS on Elie Haddad's retirement (Oct. 2025).

KTS (Ukraine): For justice, hope, peace and freedom for Ukraine; for soldiers' and civilians' safety and healing from injuries and trauma; continued growth of the church; for wise leadership; for economic stability; for KTS President Ruslan Khmyz and his family.

NEGST (Kenya): Pray for provision for needy students and programs, provision of all the resources needed to establish the new School of Law; wisdom in planning and favor with regulators. Pray for relaunching the Doctoral Ministry program.