



# WEEKLY PRAYER LIST – December 4, 2022

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Prayers of Faithful

*Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. James 5:13-16 (NRSV)*

### **Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered**

We give thanks ...

- for the Holy Child laid within the manger, Who will return as both our Judge and Savior, and make perfect His redemption of God's creation;
- for the gifts of that Holy Child to us all, of a hope that conquers hopelessness, peace that stills conflict, joy that overcomes despair, and love that vanquishes indifference;
- for all who prophesied faithfully of the judgment of God on sinners, and who were punished by their fellow Israelites for their frank honesty, but who also held out the reality of the grace of God for all who believe and repent;
- for grandbabies, who bring all joy of children but without the responsibility of parenthood;
- for the beauty of this season, that sees festive lights imposed on the barrenness of winter's landscape, lifting our spirits and reminding us of a peace without end;
- for the many traditions of Advent, from the wreathes that bring light to our kitchen tables to the Scripture readings that promise an end to suffering and death when Christ returns;
- for Christmas cookies by the many dozens, and for those who made them to lighten the congregation's budget and to bring joy to many mouths;
- for the PALS group, whose work feeds the hungry and brings them joy;
- for Team USA's soccer wins in Qatar, and for the respect with which they treated other teams;
- for all who spend their lives investigating crime and bringing those who have done harm to others to justice;
- for the three doctors who ministered to a young woman with a medical emergency on our flight last week, spending an hour on their knees giving her aid;
- for the families of veterans fallen in duty, that this holiday season and all others they may know we grieve with them their sacrifice and wish them God's own peace;
- for the continued work of scientists and physicians to understand the nature of disease and find effective preventative treatments and medications to alleviate suffering and death;
- for the owners and workers at tree farms, who work throughout the year in hot weather and cold, that we may bring beautiful Christmas trees into our homes as a reminder of Christ's light;
- for the continued recovery of Lisa Severn, Betty and Frank Cluster, Barbara Kessler, Connie Hersh, Jim Hersh, Harold Kessler, Wanda Sechrist, Carol Seeley, Wendy Hemelgarn, Sonya Walker, and Ray Seeley;
- for members of our armed services, who prepare for war while praying for peace.

### **For World and Regional Concerns**

We pray .....

- for the compassion of God almighty, the ruler of the universe, Who, for compassion's sake, suffered that we may be forgiven our sins and saved from death;

- for Jesus Christ our Lord, who agreed to humble Himself and come into this sin darkened world as a helpless child, that He, though sinless Himself, might bear our sins to the cross and put them to death;
- for a break from politics this holiday season, and for some time to contemplate holy things rather than secular headaches;
- for harmony within our families, our workplaces, this church, and ourselves, that God's peace might truly light up our lives with contentment and joy;
- for the homebound and others, who for reasons of age, illness, or need, struggle with loneliness and the need for love;
- for families struggling to put food on the table in these economically depressed times on ordinary days, much less feast days;
- for disciples of this congregation to step up and become a part of the ministries of the church, bringing new life and vigor to what we do to serve our Lord and His Church;
- for volunteers to serve as treasurers and members of the altar guild;
- for a renewed commitment to growing in our faith, that we may also grow in numbers;
- for the families and friends of victims of natural catastrophe, this week, especially those who live in the south hit hard by tornadoes or flooding;
- for parents with children suffering from RSV, and for victims of the flu of every age;
- for wise and faithful policies honoring God's work in creation so we do not seek the destruction of bodies well and wondrously made but rather honor life and the physical integrity of our children;
- for the people of Ukraine, facing a horrific winter without heat as a consequence of very heavy Russian shelling;
- for an end to border policies that have greatly increased the availability of killing drugs, especially fentanyl, throughout this country;
- for people enslaved by addiction to drugs and alcohol, and for the families who suffer with them;
- for an end to drops in stock prices, potentially catastrophic for retired people;
- for an end to nuclear brinkmanship among rogue countries, that may lead to an event with disastrous consequences;
- for the women of Iran and their supporters, many thousands of which may soon be executed in mass murders for insisting on the freedom to make their own decisions regarding their lives and their clothing;
- for an end to gang warfare and crime associated with it;
- for the healing of our brothers and sisters in Christ, including Barbara, Bentley, Carol, Connie, Frank, Harold, Jim, Lisa, Pam, Sonya, Wanda, Wendy, and Ray;
- for an end to hunger everywhere.

*The **Prayer List** is an invitation to our members and friends to pray for each other; members of our extended Christian community; and world concerns. We keep the names on for **FOUR WEEKS** except for the on-going names. To request that we keep someone on longer than four weeks or to add a name, call the church office @717-235-7313 or send an email at [stjacobs@comcast.net](mailto:stjacobs@comcast.net).*

**Prayers For Healing**

11-13 Pastor Paula Murray  
 11-13 Frank & Betty Cluster  
 11-20 Irma Grim  
 11-27 Wendy Hemelgarn  
 12-4 Joan Tracey  
 12-4 Bentley Waltersdorff

**Military**

Makenzie Eldridge  
 Barrett Hemelgarn, Jr.  
 Allen Kern  
 Anthony Reed  
 Brady Shultz

**First Responders**

Jen Clements  
 Scott Rivera  
 Ian Stuckert

**Families & Friends Of**

11-27 Allen Myers

## ON-GOING HEALING AND SUPPORT

OUR MEMBERS	FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS	FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS
Lynn Baer	Maretta Baer	Rev. Dean David McGettigan
Frank & Betty Cluster	Jean Beck	Donald & Mary Lou Meckley
Steve & Camellia Gantz	Donna Bollinger	Sandra Messersmith
Christine & Kylee Grim	Zacharia Bortner	Harold Miller
Jim Hersh	Lois Brenneman	Bill Mosebrook
Barb Kessler	Ralph Cameron	Djino Parker
Larry & Marilyn Leiphart	Brookes Case	Karen Reever
Macie Leiphart	Bob Cornealis	Jan Shelley
Ray Seeley	Mark and Bambi Daugard	MyKal Shephard, Sr.
	Donald Dickman	Paulette Smith
	Philip Gladfelter	Bev Stiffler
	Ray Hill	Bob Stiffler
	Ray Kibler	Henry Stuckert, Sr. & Lily Keller
	Carl Klingelhoffer	Becky Thomason
	Trudi Krebs	Joan Tracey
	Rev. R.E. & Hertha Langford	Carolyn Tracy
	Warren Laughman	Tom Trulli & Family
	Jenn, John & Ava Luisi	Robin & Kay Wade
	Helen Mables	Jimmy Willis
	Sharon Mack	Rev. Ron York