



WEEKLY PRAYER LIST – February 5, 2023

5th Sunday after Epiphany

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 Jesus Christ Jesus, Who calls His people to be salt and light to the world and Who gives us the faith, the strength, and the capacity to respond to His call;
- for the righteousness of Jesus Christ “imputed” or attributed to us who are anything but righteous, that we may receive eternal life;
- for all disciples of Jesus Christ and saints of God, who share their bread with the hungry, shelter the homeless, and find in these loving acts their own healing from the world’s hurts;
- for those who do, indeed, fear the Lord, worshipping Him with awe, love, and gratitude for His gift of life and all we need to sustain life;
- for our elders in faith, who have, after long years of faithfulness, “conformed their minds” to Christ, and illuminated for us the joy of discipleship;
- for the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit, calling us into discipleship, that we may labor faithfully and fruitfully preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ;
- for the opportunity to feed the poor on Souper Bowl day, February 12, and for the chance to enjoy what will likely be a great Superbowl game;
- for those of delving into God’s Word, and taking part in the 90 Days Through the Bible series beginning this month;
- for the huge response to little Delaney Kring’s terminal cancer diagnosis from her neighbors and the international community that brought joy to Delaney near the end of her life and solace to her parents and other family members;
- for the wonders of space, and for those who dedicate their lives to exploring space and researching its mysteries;
- for men and women who leave their families and comfortable homes to bring light and heat to homes where power has been lost for reason of weather, especially this week after the ice storms in the Midwest and southeast;
- for ordinary people who learn to save lives by taking cpr and aed training;
- for the continued recovery of Betty and Frank Cluster, Barbara Kessler, Jim Hersh, Harold Kessler, Kevin Crum, Joan Tracey, 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 minds conformed to the mind of Christ, that we may be walking, talking billboards telling people that He forgives sins and gives us new lives;

- for belief in and respect for the power and work of the Holy Spirit, that we may open ourselves up to His work, worshipping Him in truth and light, sharing our gifts with one another, and bringing comfort and peace to the poor and afflicted;
- for respect for our Creator and respect for the life He gives, that we may gratefully welcome into our lives children, the disabled, and our elders in need of love and compassionate care;
- for all victims of terrorism, including those killed or injured leaving a synagogue east Jerusalem, in a mosque in Pakistan, by radical Islamists;
- for an end to the drought in the western states, made worse by ineffective and sometimes outright silly governmental policies, and which risks the lives of the citizens of those states and their wildlife;
- for the new Methodist denomination (Global Methodist Church) which has, like the NALC, left its prior denomination for reasons of Scriptural authority and faithful witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ;
- for the North American Lutheran Church (NALC), of which we are a part, and its Bishop, staff, and teaching theologians, whose faithfulness to God's Word provides encouragement as we work in an increasingly secular and anti-Christian environment;
- for a profound commitment on the part of all who belong to our church to grow personally in God's grace and in mission;
- for people who have lost jobs or will lose jobs as the economy falters;
- for protection from crime, for safety in our streets;
- the suffering citizens of Ukraine, especially those who lost family members and friends to Russian bombings this week, and who suffer from the cold because power stations have also been destroyed;
- for the southern border of our country and for the communities surrounding it, whose streets and medical facilities are severely taxed by an enormous influx of illegal immigrants;
- for an end to inflation and the threat of recession, that families do not need to fear for their ability to feed and shelter their children or seniors the loss of pensions;
- for a swift end to the flu season, and also for protection for children and the vulnerable to rsv and covid and other communicable diseases;
- for peace throughout the world, and most especially for an end to the violent intentions of China, Russia, North Korea and war mongering groups in Africa and the middle east;
- for the women of Afghanistan, Iran, and Mexico, whose freedoms and even their lives are under constant threat by their governments and abusive men;
- for people enslaved by addiction to drugs and alcohol, and for the families who suffer with them;
- for the healing of our brothers and sisters in Christ, including Barbara, Carol, Connie, Frank, Harold, Jim, Kevin, Lisa, 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.

Prayers For Healing	
2-5	Joe Carr
1-15	Rick Murray
1-15	Rev. Stanley Bowers
1-22	Dorothy Stinchcomb
1-22	Phyllis Eyster
2-5	William Smith

Military	First Responders
Makenzie Eldridge	Jen Clements
Barrett Hemelgarn, Jr.	Scott Rivera
Allen Kern	Ian Stuckert
Anthony Reed	
Brady Shultz	

Families & Friends Of	
1-15	Bob Stiffler
1-22	Ed Severn

ON-GOING HEALING AND SUPPORT

OUR MEMBERS	FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS	FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS
Lynn Baer	Maretta Baer	Sharon Mack
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 Reeve
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	Henry Stuckert, Sr. & Lily Keller
	Ray Kibler	Becky Thomason
	Carl Klingelhoffer	Joan Tracey
	Trudi Krebs	Carolyn Tracy
	Rev. R.E. & Hertha Langford	Tom Trulli & Family
	Warren Laughman	Robin & Kay Wade
	Jenn, John & Ava Luisi	Jimmy Willis
	Helen Mables	Rev. Ron York