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## Prayer List

Call in at 10:20am to hear Sunday's Morning Service  
425-436-6377 Code #436265

### Pray For One Another

We are people who believe in the power of prayer. This does not mean we believe that God will answer every prayer by giving us what we ask, but it does mean that God goes into action when we pray. Even Jesus prayed for something that was not given to him in the Garden of Gethsemane, yet we know that he was heard by God (See Heb. 5:7). Remember, if God doesn't give you everything you ask for you are still in good company!

Even when we don't receive everything we ask for we still affirm that prayer is powerful. Consider the words of James in 5:16, "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working." We are told very clearly here that the prayer of a righteous person is powerful! With that in mind we are also told of the great need to pray for one another.

During a time like this in which we cannot gather and may be stuck in our houses, it is important to remember that we can still have a vibrant and effective ministry: the ministry of prayer.

The Apostles showed us how important prayer is when they refused to "wait on tables" but instead they chose to "devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." (See Acts 6:2-4) Jesus often made time to get away and spend time with the Father in prayer (Luke 6:12). He often taught other how to pray in both straight forward teaching and in parables. In 1 Timothy 5:5 we are told that God desires widows to "continue in supplications and prayers night and day." There is no doubt about it, prayer can be a powerful ministry and we need to engage in this good work now more than ever!

How are we to pray for one another? James 5:16 tells us to pray for the healing of each other. This is exactly why we have a prayer list. I would encourage us all to take time and pray for those who have asked for prayer.

While we are told to pray for those who are sick, the New Testament teaches us to go beyond simply praying for illness. Consider the prayer that Paul prays in Ephesians 3:14-21. Take some time to study this scripture and write down all the things Paul asks on behalf of the church here. Now pray those things for your brothers and sisters.

I have seen many churches who have their elders and evangelists pray through their directories. They may pray for 5, 10, or 20 people each day. They do this so they have an opportunity to pray for each and every member. What a powerful practice! And you don't have to be an elder or a preacher to start this. Let's all be in prayer for one another this week.

- Orion, grandson of Cathy Woods, is in Grant Hospital recovering from a severe traffic accident.
- Judy Hagner is home from the hospital and doing well.
- Bob Hamler is in the hospital in Florida, in very serious condition.
- Danielle Brown
- David Mcgaughy's parents--health issues
- Jeff Fry--recovering from knee replacement surgery
- Jennifer Nelson-Bill & Lucy Sargent's daughter
- Bonita Schwanke
- Sylvia Little
- Pansy Spearman
- Jan Conger was placed at Mount Vernon Health and Rehabilitation, room 110A. .
- Rosemary Caulkins needing prayers to find a new place to live
- Jack Anderson's sister-in-law, Judy, diagnosed with cancer
- Austin Lyons, Herb & Linda's grandson might be deployed overseas
- Mike & Vickie Reed
- Bill & Lucy Sargent's Grandson, Tucker needs prayers.
- Anya Thompson's surgery went well but might need more in the future.
- Mary McPherson
- Remember those who are shut-in and those in need of continual prayers, including Larry Weideman, Alice Thomas, Ruby Deskins, Bonnie Mechling, Ella Weimer, Danielle Brown, Mary Lou Conger, Nancy Tier, Kay Crumbaker, Bill & Terry Hickerson

*"In these days he [Jesus] went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God." (Luke 6:12 ESV)*

*"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—" (Colossians 4:2-3 ESV)*

*"do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."(Philippians 4:6-7 ESV)*