

Prayer Time

AUGUST 2023



“When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea, Thou who rules wind and water, stand by me.”

~ Charles A. Tindley, HWB #558.

PERSONAL PRAYER LIFE POINTERS:

Carve out a space for prayer in your home & in your schedule; life has a way of filling in unclaimed spaces.

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Begin by simply taking time to bask in the awareness that God loves you unconditionally, and desires to pour out on you blessings of peace and strength.

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Prayer is a conversation with God. In a noisy world, silence may make us uncomfortable, but embrace its presence, and listen for what God might want to say to you in the stillness.

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When words don't come easily, meditating on a song or a passage of Scripture can aid our prayers. The Psalms are especially rich in prayer words.

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Be kind to yourself; even 5 minutes are a good start toward a deeper prayer life, helping us orient our day on God's Presence with us.

PERSONAL PRAYERS FOR THIS SEASON:

The height of summer brings thunderstorms. What storms threaten your spiritual peace, or rage in your life, or the lives of those around you? Read the stories of Jesus calming the storm (Matthew 8:23-27; 14:22-32), and look to Him in prayer to keep you from sinking.

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY:

Pray for our church's ministries. Particular needs at this time include: a Church Board chair, worship leader(s), nominations committee, and an assistant for the treasurer.

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Pray for those who are grieving: The family of Linda Wall, who died on July 11th.

The family of Henry Rahn, who passed away on July 25th.

Hans J. Wiens & family at the passing of grandson Daniel Prickett, on July 6th.

Inge Enss & family at the passing of daughter-in-law, Karen Enss, on July 4th

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Pray for resources as we deal with aging sound equipment, and deteriorating windows and doors on our building; for a spirit of generosity among us, and wise handling of the gifts given for the building of God's Kingdom.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:

As the war in between Ukraine & Russia keeps intensifying, let us pray for a path toward an end to the violence and destruction that is threatening the food supply of the most vulnerable people of the world.

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Fire, floods and storms have been causing untold death & destruction in so many parts of the world. Let us pray for healing and hope for those who have been directly affected.

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As we harvest the bounty of orchards & gardens, let us pray for those who are going hungry, in our own community and around the world.

My Prayers throughout the month of August:

