

PRAYER LETTER FOR GRACE OF CHRIST CHURCH | Week of June 8, 2026

Galatians 6.9 *And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.*

Proverbs 22.6 *Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.*

A few weeks ago, I witnessed something encouraging that has stuck with me. A father and his toddler son were nearing their car when something dropped. I was a few cars away, loading my groceries, but I knew what had happened by the sound of the liquid splashing on the pavement. The dad was frustrated but recovered quickly. He said to his son, "Well, that isn't what we wanted to happen but it's ok. I'm going to take some deep breaths, and we are going to go back in and get Mom's coffee." The whole thing lasted about 30 seconds. The child wasn't bothered, the dad, who I assumed was in a hurry, had made a choice that I believe could be incredibly beneficial for his son in the future. He chose to show his son how to overcome feelings of frustration. He paused to take deep breaths, and what I absolutely loved hearing - he told his son what he was doing. He was letting himself cool down and he was allowing space for calm decision making. He was redirecting his mind to focus on the positive - on making the best out of an unfortunate situation. This was a teaching moment for a kiddo who would one day be practicing what his dad taught him. What his dad **showed** him how to do. And maybe...most likely...he would share this with his children one day.

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PRAISES

- Grateful for our choir! What a wonderful anthem Sunday, "Remember Me."
- I've seen God work in my life in so many blessed ways, I cannot praise Him enough!
- Thank You, Jesus, for healing and mending J & S's faith in the Church and in You. We are grateful for the deacon who has been connecting with them.
- Lord, we are so grateful for our pastor and church staff, for the leadership and welcome they provide for our church family.
- Praise the Lord, we are a praying church! 20 people will be praying for Outreach Camp this weekend!
- We are grateful for our volunteers!
- The R family thanks you all for your prayers for them!
- Praise God for His word - Jesus Christ.
- Praise the Lord, He is good and His steadfast love lasts forever!
- Thank You, God for new life that You give every day. Open our eyes to see You.
- Praises every day for the Lord in our life!
- I am thankful beyond words about all the Lord does in my life - I love talking about Him!
- We will miss the choir over the summer. Their music today was fantastic.
- Praises for our staff, the unsung heroes of our church.
- Thank You, O Lord, for keeping me safe from a car accident last week.
- J and J were wonderfully helpful in our purging.
- God has brought people who love the Lord to fellowship with us, we are so thankful!
- Count your blessings, count them one by one, see what God has done. Praise the Lord!
- Praises for all who came to see the Huichol exhibit last Sunday.
- Lord, we thank You for the work of Trailseekers and for their Orcas encampment, and for all who help in this ministry.
- Praise God for physical healing last week! God is good, God is good all the time!

PRAYERS

- Please pray for my son and daughter-in-law and their marriage, that J and K come together and seek you in their relationship. Help them to be honest with themselves and each other for the good of the marriage.
- Continued prayers that P's double vision will subside.
- Prayers for full recovery, healing, and comfort for Q's mom, for K, D, and S who all had surgeries this week.
- Prayers for our friends getting married who had a change in the ceremony – may there be grace and understanding.
- Praying for my siblings, for reconciled relationships, and for forms I need to complete for a procedure. God help me understand.
- T asks prayer for his sister that they can be reconnected.
- Prayers for my long-time friend P – she has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Healing for my friends who are battling cancer.
- Prayers for Holy Spirit to remind us to pray for the Huichol people and for them to have opportunities to hear about Jesus and choose to follow Him.
- Praying for Outreach Camp this weekend! May needs for all campers and counselors be provided, in Jesus' powerful name.
- Compassion and mercy – please Lord, help us show these gifts in our actions, and in the actions of our local and national leaders.
- Prayers for the C family as God gives them peace, comfort and strength during C's final days. Blessings to all of them.
- Prayers for my granddaughter A who graduated HS and is headed to college, majoring in Chemistry and Education – wanting to teach highschoolers. I am very proud of her!
- Praying for God's goodness to overflow on the children and their families from Outreach Camp.
- Prayers for safety, joy, protection over the season of summer – for many to experience the Lord and His Kingdom!
- Father God, continue please, to give me strength and guidance with all I am involved in and those things I put off due to the sorrow it causes me.
- Continued prayer for the sale of my home and a good place for me to move into.
- Prayers for my family in Spokane.
- Lord, we ask for protection and safety for our son C as he and his children travel across many states in their very large RV.
- Healing for D and encouragement to move more, to make healthier choices – mind and body.
- For A to find joy in what he does, for his home decisions and his finances. For his children who make choices based on today's wants then suffer the consequences that come with some of those poor decisions. May they see where God is providing opportunities and loving direction.

THANK YOU FOR PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH OFFICERS:

ELDERS: John Adkison, Aaron Dalan, Bruce Drollinger, Michele Elledge, Ana Lucas-Garcia, Eric Gustafson, Larry Hasen, Janet Krieger, Todd Lincoln, Rich Millet (Clerk), and Joe Park.

DEACONS: Brian and Stephanie Ahlgren, Patty Arkills, Todd and Terri Buchanan, Siegie Daniel, Dave Geho, Nancy Gustafson, Larry Handy, Todd Hunziker, Cal Jansen, Randy & Robbie Johnson, Ginger McIlvanie, Jean McKitrick, Kathy Mathison, Matt Miles, Mike Ojanen, Deb Russell, Jean Schiewe, Becky St. John, Dorothy Stotz, Bruce Whitmore, and Diane Williams.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Cathy Campbell, Janet Doty, Cal Jansen, Carla Kupp, and Keith & Linda Mathews.