

PRAYER LETTER FOR GRACE OF CHRIST CHURCH | Week of August 1, 2022

Colossians 3.1-2 "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth."

In a recent sermon, Curt said something that keeps coming to my mind. I am paraphrasing... "When we invite Jesus to be with us, He will always say yes. However, are we willing to **listen** to what He (Jesus) has to say?"

When I first heard this, I felt a catch in my spirit, and I had to stop to ask the Lord why. I felt that perhaps I'd been taking advantage of my time with God, with Jesus. Was I inviting Him in for my benefit? To make me feel better? I sensed the catch in my spirit was geared more towards the second half of Curt's question, am I willing to (do I) listen to what God/Jesus has to tell me? Do I listen to the hard stuff, the correction, the gentle nudges to go an alternate direction, to speak differently, or even think differently?

When we pray this week for our church family and friends, let's try seeing the prayers from a different angle, a heavenly perspective. Ask the Lord what He wants you to see or how He wants you to pray; how He wants you to intercede on behalf of the person requesting the prayer. Remembering that when God gives us correction, He does so from a loving, Fatherly perspective. Read Proverbs 3. [Proverbs 3 ESV - Trust in the LORD with All Your Heart - Bible Gateway](#)

With a renewed hope,
Ericka

Proverbs 3.11-12 "My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights."

PRAISES

Jeremiah 33.3 "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."

- Our Father we praise your Holy name. Thank you for providing the way for us to be cleansed of our sins so we can have a close relationship with you, our Creator, Savior, Shepherd and Shield.
- Thank you, LORD, that Linda's brother John, was released after 2 days in ICU plus a day in hospital due to a grand mal seizure! He is at home and is doing better. He is grateful for the excellent care he received while in the hospital. Please ask the LORD for a MIRACLE of the healing of his memory and for full restoration of full functioning. Thank you for your prayers.
- Our twin grandsons in Akron, PA are healthy, growing by leaps and bounds, and a month old!
- Praise my sister has recovered from being sick and thankful my husband and I are healthy!
- Grateful to be in Washington a couple weeks in July and able to worship at Grace in person.
- Praise God, M has been sober for a year!
- ¡Gloria a Dios!
- Praise for Cristi and Cassie
- My Lord's love and care never cease to amaze me. No words can express my awe in who He is. My prayer to find a part-time job has been answered.
- Praise God in all things! Due to health issues, my husband rarely leaves our home. Our recycling stack had really grown so he decided to take it to the center. On the way there, our truck started to make odd sounds before completely stopping at a very busy

intersection. It was absolutely horrible. Traffic everywhere. Within moments, two non-English speaking angels arrived and pushed the truck to a safe spot until more help could arrive. So amazing! God is so good!

- Our God is a caring Father – huge things and tiny details.
- Thank you for your prayers – our daughter has had various job interviews. She does not have a job yet, but we are trusting God to provide for her and her needs.
- Gratitude for the prayers and support that has come my way since I lost my dear wife almost one year ago.
- Thankful praise to the Lord for sending us our new Director of Student Ministries, Kara Brown. Praises, too, for Amae, Jahzeel, Shane, John, Hamilton, and so many others for their leadership roles in that ministry.

PRAYERS

Hebrews 11.1 “Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”

- Prayers that my daughter and daughter-in-law will heal completely from Covid with no long-term health issues.
- Lord, be with our friend as this is the one-year anniversary of his dear wife’s death.
- Pray for an assistant preschool director to join our staff.
- Join our mission team in praying healing for Nathan McIndoo’s chronic fatigue that has recently been thought to be Lyme disease.
- Pray for my husband, who has been overwhelmed with home and yard projects for several months. He needs to be able to ask for help.
- Prayers for my son’s wedding. That guests arrive safely and that the wedding goes smoothly. My son and new wife will be moving overseas following the wedding. Please pray for their safety.
- God’s protection, mercy, and insight for missionaries in Honduras.
- Continued prayer for Verna’s health.
- Oh God, please turn down the heat for the world – the temperatures, the heat of anger, and the fires. Lord, please bring rain for the crops, hold back the floods. Bring us to our knees.
- We ask prayer for Don as he deals with the VA.
- Please pray for my cousin who had to have back surgery following a car accident. Pray for healing, wisdom for the doctors, and patience during the healing process.
- Safe travels for B in August!
- I am praying for my family and my staff and her son.
- Pray for peace and protection for the handicapped and for the youth in our city. Pray against drug abuse.
- God, help me, Amen.
- Please pray for my daughter T.
- Prayers for strength and safety for Todd and Kara as they hike the Pacific Crest Trail. They are dealing with intense mosquitoes, heat, and (K) foot issues.
- Pray for M. and pray for our car situation. Thank you.
- Pray for my daughter.
- Continued prayer for full healing for J and B – they are improving each day!

- Continued prayer for a full recovery for W after back surgery.
- Please pray for my husband F, and our four children to come back to Jesus.
- Prayer for Barb as she undergoes medical tests for heart concerns.

THANK YOU FOR PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH AND CAMP STAFF:

STAFF: (Pastors) Curt McFarland, and Alex Rule; (Congregational Care) Jeanne Breeding; (Family & Children's Ministry) Sarah Huck; (Student Ministries) Kara Brown and Jahzeel Garcia-Figueroa; (Preschool Director) Becca Mailand; (Preschool Teachers) Crystal Lopez, Amber Miller, and Amiya Aparicio; (Childcare) Rachel, Emma, Gracie, and Drew; (Media/IT) Deb Meyers; (Business Manager) Tammy Nunley; (Building/Grounds/Custodial) Dan Barela, John Yolo, and Marcus Barela; (Administrative Assistants) Jennifer Brice and Ericka Clark; (Worship Leaders) Jason Wickson, Nathan Gross, and Jon Waite.

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1 Corinthians 15.57 "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."