

PRAYER LETTER FOR GRACE OF CHRIST CHURCH | Week of October 5, 2026

Proverbs 4.23 “*Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.*”

I was given sage advice this morning. Some new friends and I were talking, sharing stories, getting to know each other better. I mentioned having trouble writing... a bit of writer's block, a bit of asking God *why* am I writing. I've had a bit of a season of not hearing from God as clearly as I have in the past. As I was chatting with my friends, I felt like I could be vulnerable with them. So, I asked him (he is an avid writer with a great weekly blog) what I should do. His reply was twofold, first he asked if I was taking time to listen to God. Secondly, he said emphatically, “Be true to yourself.”

Pastor Gregory spoke recently about being a body of believers in unity with God at the core, and each of us using our God-given gifts for the glory of the Lord (my take, not a quote). He referenced Romans 12.1-8 in his teachings. Verses 4 and 5 stood out to me today - “For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.” After reading those verses and wanting to take my friend's advice of listening to God while being true to myself, I set out on a walk. I do some of my best thinking outside. I also pride myself as a fine multi-tasker thinking I can listen to my book, walk, and spend time in prayer. The Lord had another plan.

My earbuds would not connect. I tried multiple times...still nothing. I finally stopped. Literally, I stopped walking. I laughed and realized God wanted my attention. He wanted me to be still (as I was walking!) and listen. What I heard from Him were a few lines from a worship song. He was bringing my focus back to Him. Reminding me He is everywhere; He is part of me. He is bigger than anything I encounter – physically, mentally...or emotionally.

Breakthrough comes. God is working even in the quiet moments when we feel like we've been waiting for ages. Today, I got to experience connecting to Him through an impromptu visit with friends and wonky earbuds, which led to a prayerful walk. And I am deeply grateful.

How is the Lord connecting with you today?

Ericka

PRAISES

- Grateful our friend was surrounded by medical professionals when he experienced a health issue. God is good!
- Praise the Lord for a successful fundraiser for Camp.
- Thank You, Lord, for the ladies of Sisters in Faith, the connection and friendships are growing and can be seen on Sunday and during the week.
- Thank You, God, for peace of mind received by the 2nd option on doctor visits as well as being heard by doctors.
- God is real!
- I praise God for the blessed life He gave me. What I always thought was good luck was actually Christ working in my life. Jesus showering me with His grace.
- We are so grateful for our pastor and our church staff. Thank You, Lord, for the message of Your love that they show in so many ways, in so many places.
- Lord, You are so good. Your blessings are too many to count. We are so thankful.

- Praise for great nephew born 9/14. Initially not taking nourishment by mouth but so glad he is now.
- Praise for a friend getting promoted and a raise in her job.
- Praise we were able to connect with our son P and his wife S. He is doing well on home dialysis.
- Thank You Lord for my prayer partners.
- Thank You God for communion Sunday.
- Praises! We love You Lord!
- Thank You, Lord, for our Youth Program.
- You are our Lord, our peace and hope.
- Grateful for Pastor Gregory's inspiring message on church unity.
- Praise the Lord for T's successful surgery!

PRAYERS

- Please pray for God's peace and comfort for J as he mourns the loss of his father.
- Healing for D as she recovers from a stroke. Praying for her son as he navigates her medical care and situation.
- Healing and comfort for S who is recovering from shoulder surgery. Prayer for his wife and caregiver T.
- Prayers for good rest and healing for D as she recovers from a stroke.
- Praying for God's peace over D, that he trusts in God's provision during his time away.
- Lord, we ask Your blessing on the work of Lani and Michael Johnson in the Philippines.
- We pray for our local and national leaders that they may value mercy and justice in their decision making. Lord, we ask that for ourselves too.
- Prayers for the church family that we may be united, love one another and bless one another.
- Prayers for T's family.
- Prayers for my daughter, T, as she flies to Houston this week for a consultation on her narcolepsy diagnosis. We pray for a successful treatment plan.
- Asking the Lord for journey mercies in the coming week.
- Please pray for B as she recovers from her breast cancer surgery. Ease her pain, give her rest, grant her peace.
- Pray for J as he gathers strength mentally and physically to walk and rejoin with his daughters.
- Pray for the events of the next two Sundays, that God will be glorified and people will be blessed: 10/11 bell choir and Garth Gustafson; 10/18 Mission Sunday.
- May we fix our eyes on You Lord Jesus and may You lead us in ways that bring love into us and our paths.
- Prayers for my sister that she would have a good attitude in her new location. Prayers for my brother and sister-in-law.
- Prayers that my grandson gets the appointment he needs.
- Please pray for my family; S and D. I would like S to have contact with his dad who he has not seen for 15+ years. I have not seen or talked with him for 15+ years. Please pray for reconciliation.
- Pray for my church, Bethel Baptist in Everett.

- Praying for the love of Christ to encircle our grandchildren, protecting their minds in a confusing world. Provide strong believing friends and hearts of gratitude, thankfulness and obedience. Draw them to Your ways.
- Silence bullies in classrooms.
- D's hand is improving some. She meets with her doctor Tuesday for an update.
- Prayers for doctors as my sister-in-law is having her first surgery (hip replacement) on November 9th. Pray that everything goes well. Pray for S and her husband (amputated both legs).
- Lift up M as she continues to navigate college, soccer, turning 21 on the 25th of this month. Keep her safe and mindful of who You created her to be.
- Lord, continue to guide and lift up our church family. Keep our church strong with a future everlasting in our community.
- Lord come, protect those struggling with life, bring hope to those who are at the end of their rope. Spirit nudge our spirit to pray for others.

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