
SPECIFIC PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING; JOYS IN GOD'S WORK AND WILL

We pray for. . .

- The **baptism of Austin Vandertie, son of Mike and Emily Vandertie (9-19-21, late service)**
- **Community partnerships and events** – work for the good of community and the glory of God.
- **Stories of change**, blessing, challenge, and connection to the ministry of Christ and the working out of our vision of **taking Jesus' cross of grace and peace to our community**.
- **Birthdays and anniversaries. Everyday blessings** and the eyes to see them.
- Those who are working for our **protection, health, and healing** in these times (here and globally). Especially: medical staffs, vaccination clinic personnel, first responders, and caregivers.
- **The ministry of Messiah Lutheran Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.**
- **University, High School, Middle, Elementary and Pre-School staffs, leaders, administrators** – as they make the best decisions for the continuing school year. **Parents, teachers, specialists, aides, support staff and volunteers** – as they safely engage for the betterment of the education of children and the community and schools in which they are, especially during the changing pandemic. The education of each child in sacred and secular ways that give honor to God and His work. The **Children/ Students** – as they return to school and grow as God so blesses and equips. The transitions encountered and the challenges to life and soul – that each child may see and know that not only are they cared for by many yet even more by God Himself.

IMMEDIATE NEEDS / PETITIONS

We pray for. . .

- **Our country** – may it seek God in what it says, does, represents, legislates, judges, and lives.
- Those that are under or unemployed and in search of employment.
- Relief of pain, strength, and healing for **Brent Schaefer (surgery 9.16.21), Jan Witkowski (surgery 9.15.21), Jane Beal, Linda Stoudt, Barb Hartman, Sheryl Childress, Ty Arendall, Mike Smith, Carl Brunner, Carol Hartman and family**, and for **various family members** who are going through difficult surgeries, procedures, times of healing, and struggling with the separation of this time and circumstance.
- **All our armed service men and women** currently in active duty or the reserves. **All that work for the protection and peace of our nation, city, and neighborhoods.** The wisdom and protection of **those that make, administer, and carry-out our laws; our nation's leaders.**
- **All families walking through the valley of death's shadow.** May they and we have a deeper gratitude for the saints that have gone before and a daily grasp on the promise of eternal life in Christ alone.
- **Those that suffer in silence; that struggle with both the pain of an affliction and the pains of embarrassment, confusion, or apathy as to how to best move forward.**
- **Those in Care Centers or in Caring Environments:** Keith Musselman (Anderson Nursing Home); Laura Tomes (Carriage House), Lois Branson (Pinebrook Manor), Marilyn Kluckman (Twin Lakes), Stella Long (Berning's).
- **Persecuted Christians around the world. Those affected by the earthquake in Haiti, by the transition in Afghanistan, by Hurricane Ida, and the wild fires of the West.**