

When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and  
cover you with my hand until I have passed by.  
Exodus 33:22

*READ:* Exodus 33:12-23

As the story goes, in 1763, a young minister, traveling on a cliffside road in Somerset, England, ducked into a cave to escape the flashes of lightning and pounding rain. As he looked out at Burrington Combe, he pondered the gift of finding shelter and peace in God. Waiting there, he began to write a hymn, “Rock of Ages,” with its memorable opening lines: “Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.”

We don’t know if Augustus Toplady thought about Moses’s experience in the cleft of a rock while writing the hymn (Exodus 33:22), but perhaps he did. The Exodus account tells of Moses seeking God’s reassurance and God’s response. When Moses asked God to reveal His glory to him, God answered graciously, knowing that “no one may see me and live” (v. 20). He tucked Moses into the rocks when He passed by, letting Moses only see His back. And Moses knew that God was with him.

We can trust that just as God said to Moses, “My Presence will go with you” (v. 14), so too we can find refuge in Him. We may experience many storms in our lives, as did Moses and the English minister in the story, but when we cry out to Him, He will give us the peace of His presence.

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*REFLECT:* As you look back at various seasons of your life, how do you see God’s loving presence during the storms? How do you experience His presence today?

*PRAY:* *Father God, help me to trust that You’re with me, even during the storms of life.*

### **PRAYER SUGGESTIONS:**

- Pray giving thanks to God for his sustaining and protecting power in your life. Ps 138:8 says “The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me...” Trust that God is working in all aspects of your life to bring about His good and perfect will for you.
- Pray for servicemen and women in the Coast Guard—those who job it is to carry out rescues in storms or other dangerous conditions.
- Pray for Camp Haven and for SafeSpace, where men and women can find shelter in times of need. Pray for The Salvation Army, which offers aid and shelter to families.
- Pray for church musicians, hymn writers, and sacred music publishing companies. The coming months are busy ones. Ask God to give them strength and fresh purpose in their ministries, and pray God’s blessing on their efforts, for His glory.

## CHURCH AT PRAYER

### Health Issues:

Joyce Anderson's daughter Cheryl & grand-daughter Kim  
Ben Ashton, & his aunt Minnie  
John & June Atta & friend, Don  
Ed Bachus  
Brian Bank's daughter  
Jean (Les) Bell  
Karen Bowser's grandson, Elija  
Clark & Jean Brillhart's friend, Shirley  
Dwight (Sandy) Campbell  
Sally Clark  
Charlie Costello  
George Chamberlin  
Dawn Durling  
Diane (Richard) Grant, her sister, Barbara, & brother-in-law, Herb  
Ray & Gayle Green's daughter, Samantha & grandson Melvin  
Mildred Hartman  
Rev. Sandy Hill  
Ron Kelly  
Mary Keogh's friends, Beth & Debbie  
Joan Kraftchak's neighbor, Chris  
Sharon Layman's friend Bill & friend Robin  
Juanita Leioatts' sister Shirley, & friend Teri  
Lulu Llewellyn's friend Daniel Beasley  
Doreen Lynch's brother Richard, friends- Jessica, Judy, & Chris, & neighbors Linda & Al  
Marshall (Patsy) McCammack  
Cornelia Mills' friend Sharon  
Kathy Morrison  
Dave (Christine) Pierson  
Dan Sharrow  
Ralph Smith  
Rev. Jim Spanogle  
June Taylor's daughter, Cheri  
Norma (Al) Tebbs' friend, Esther  
Juanita & Bill Welsh  
Carol Wise's son Jimmy  
Julie Wylie, and grandson, Austin

### Persistent/Chronic Illness:

Pam Carter  
Pat (John) Carroll  
Stan (Helga) LaVoque

### Homebound/Care facilities:

Patci Blackwood  
Ray Bratberg  
Nancy Hart  
Stan LaVoque (Encompass)  
Bebe Rowe

### Grieving:

Family and friends of Judy Nafziger, on the death of her husband, Richard (Dick) Nafziger (9/28/24)

Family and friends of Karen Rose, on the death of her husband, Irv. (10/4/2024)



**Team Members:** Joyce Anderson, Clark Brillhart, Jane Capo, Pat Carroll, Sally Clark, Barbara Eisenbach, Juanita Welsh (Rev. Jeff Wood)

**Pray with us:** Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. To request prayer, contact the office or speak to a team member.

**Prayer Teaching—** CAP's 4th Tuesday of the Month at 9:30 a.m.