

You help us by your prayers.
2 Corinthians 1:11

READ: 2 Corinthians 1:8-11

Samuel Mills and four of his friends often gathered together to pray for God to send more people to share the good news of Jesus. One day in 1806, after returning from their prayer meeting, they got caught in a thunderstorm and took refuge in a haystack. Their weekly prayer gathering then became known as the Haystack Prayer Meeting, which resulted in a global mission movement. Today the Haystack Prayer Monument stands at Williams College in the US as a reminder of what God can do through prayer.

Our heavenly Father is delighted when His children approach Him with a common request. It's like a family gathering where they're united in purpose, sharing a common burden.

The apostle Paul acknowledges how God helped him through the prayers of others during a time of severe suffering: "He will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers" (2 Corinthians 1:10–11). God has chosen to use our prayers—especially our prayers together—to accomplish His work in the world. No wonder the verse continues: "Then many will give thanks . . . [for the] answer to the prayers of many."

Let's pray together so we can also rejoice together in God's goodness. Our loving Father is waiting for us to come to Him so He can work through us in ways that reach far beyond anything we could ever imagine.

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REFLECT: What request can you and others pray for? How has your faith been strengthened when you pray with others?

PRAY: *Father, help us to pray together even as we work together.*

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS:

- Give thanks for the gift and power of prayer in the believer's life. The Word tells us to "be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer" (Romans 12:12). Ask God to help you in this journey of joy, patience, and prayer.
- Pray for ministries that encourage prayer such as The Upper Room and Our Daily Bread devotional ministries. Pray for their writers, editors, and publishers and for the millions who use these resources, in print and on the Internet.
- Pray for the prayer ministries of local churches. Most churches have a group like our "Church at Prayer" with a list of needs for which they pray daily or weekly. May they be "joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer" (Rom 12:12)
- Continue to pray those areas devastated by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Pray for rescue and recovery workers, for those who lost homes, and for rapid and safe rebuilding of infrastructure and restoration of utilities.

CHURCH AT PRAYER

Current 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.