

I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them.
Isaiah 42:16

READ: Isaiah 42:10-17

People ask me if I have a five-year plan. How can I plan five years “down the road” on a road I’ve never traveled?

I think back to the 1960s when I was a minister to students at Stanford University. I’d been a physical education major in college and had a lot of fun, but I left no record of being a scholar. I felt wholly inadequate in my new position. Most days I wandered around the campus, a blind man groping in the darkness, asking God to show me what to do. One day a student “out of the blue” asked me to lead a Bible study in his fraternity. It was a beginning.

God doesn’t stand at a juncture and point the way: He’s a guide, not a signpost. He walks with us, leading us down paths we never envisioned. All we have to do is walk alongside Him.

The path won’t be easy; there’ll be “rough places” along the way. But God has promised that He will “turn the darkness into light” and “will not forsake” us (Isaiah 42:16). He’ll be with us all the way.

Paul said that God is “able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine” (Ephesians 3:20). We can scheme and envision, but our Lord’s imagination far transcends our plans. We must hold them loosely and see what God has in mind.

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REFLECT: In what ways has God turned your darkness into light? What have you found to be your greatest joy as you walk with Him?

PRAY: *Jesus, I thank You that You have plans for me far beyond my imagination. Help me follow Your lead.*

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS:

- Praise God for his presence in our lives and for leading us in his ways. Think about the ways he has worked in your life and give thanks.
- Pray for those who are walking “a road not traveled”: those coping with a new cancer diagnosis; those recovering from damage or loss of their homes due to the hurricanes; moms and dads, or single moms, who are navigating the first months of parenthood.
- Pray for our nation as the election approaches. Pray for the safety of poll workers, and for the civil responses to the outcome. Pray that God’s will for our nation will prevail through the ballot box.
- Pray for our armed forces overseas and at home.

Prayer Notes

CHURCH AT PRAYER

Current Health Issues:

Joyce Anderson's daughter Cheryl & grand-daughter Kim
Ben Ashton, & his aunt Minnie
John Atta & friend, Don
Ed Bachus
Brian Banks' 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
Barbara Eisenbach's friends, Mike Kitchov and Rev. Richard Adams
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)

Family and friends of George Hall, on the death of his wife, Roxie (10/19/2024)

Family and friends of John Atta, on the death of his wife, June (10/23/2024)



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.