

I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal.
1 Kings 19:18

READ: 1 Kings 19:8-11, 15-18

“So great to see you!” “You, too!” “So glad you’re here!” The greetings were warm and welcoming. Members of a ministry in Southern California gathered online before their evening program. As their speaker, calling in from Colorado, I watched silently as the others gathered on the video call. As an introvert and not knowing anyone, I felt like a social outsider. Then suddenly, a screen opened and there was my pastor. Then another screen opened. A longtime church friend was joining the call, too. Seeing them, I no longer felt alone. God, it seemed, had sent support.

Elijah wasn’t alone either, despite feeling like “the only [prophet] left” after fleeing the wrath of Jezebel and Ahab (1 Kings 19:10). Journeying through desert wilderness for forty days and forty nights, Elijah hid in a cave on Mount Horeb. But God called him back into service, telling him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet” (vv. 15–16).

God then assured him, “Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him” (v. 18). As Elijah learned, while serving God we don’t serve alone. As God brings help, we’ll serve together.

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REFLECT: What support has God recently sent when you were serving Him? Whom could you invite to serve with you to grow your ministry impact for God?

PRAY: *Dear God, when I feel alone while serving You, remind me that others are with me as we joyfully serve.*

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS:

- Pray for those who are newly alone due to the death of a spouse or parent, divorce, or deployment. May God send comforters and help for the journey. Especially lift up those who are approaching their first holiday season alone.
- Pray for psychologists, counselors and mental health workers. May God give them wisdom and insight to help those under their care.
- Pray for the Ecumenical Food Pantry, for abundant stores of food, finances, and necessities to help those in need.
- Pray for missionaries who are often far from the place they call “home”. May the Spirit of God bring peace to their hearts and prosper the work of their hands.

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
Diane Cooper's friends Jamie Bartilotta & Ed Fisher
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
Wayne and Barbara Harding
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

Jane Wilson
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
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.