

Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. Isaiah 1:18
Isaiah 1:10–18

READ: Isaiah 1:1-18

What if our clothes were more functional, having the ability to clean themselves after we dropped ketchup or mustard or spilled a drink on them? Well, according to the BBC, engineers in China have developed a special “coating which causes cotton to clean itself of stains and odors when exposed to ultraviolet lights.” Can you imagine the implications of having self-cleaning clothes?

A self-cleaning coating might work for stained clothes, but only God can clean a stained soul. In ancient Judah, God was angry with His people because they had “turned their backs on” Him, given themselves to corruption and evil, and were worshiping false gods (Isaiah 1:2–4). But to make matters worse, they tried to clean themselves by offering sacrifices, burning incense, saying many prayers, and gathering together in solemn assemblies. Yet their hypocritical and sinful hearts remained (vv. 12–13). The remedy was for them to come to their senses and with a repentant heart bring the stains on their souls to a holy and loving God. His grace would cleanse them and make them spiritually “white as snow” (v. 18).

When we sin, there’s no self-cleaning solution. With a humble and repentant heart, we must acknowledge our sins and place them under the cleansing light of God’s holiness. We must turn from them and return to Him. And He, the only One who cleans the stains of the soul, will offer us complete forgiveness and renewed fellowship.

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REFLECT: When the Holy Spirit reveals your sins to you, what is your response? How does John describe the process of bringing your sin to God and repenting of it (see 1 John 1:9)?

PRAY: *Father, forgive me for ignoring or trying to get rid of my own sin. I know only You can clean the stains of my soul. I acknowledge and repent of my self-sufficiency and turn to You.*

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS:

- Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. May God’s name be revered and lifted up over all the earth. Join with the angels in Heaven in worship of the our awesome God!
- Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Pray for God’s will to come to pass in your life and in the world. May His resurrection power be at work especially in places that need healing and *shalom* peace.
- Give us this day our daily bread. Pray this prayer in the spiritual company of the hungry in the world. Enfold them in your thoughts as you ask God for today’s spiritual and physical sustenance.
- Pray for the Senior Expo this week and our outreach to seeking seniors, asking God to direct them our way, and may they feel His love and care through our volunteers.

CHURCH AT PRAYER

Current Health Issues:

Joyce Anderson's daughter Cheryl & grand-daughter Kim
Ben Ashton, & his aunt Minnie
Ed Bachus
Linda Banks' mother & friend Loretta Martin
Jean (Les) Bell
Karen Bowser's granddaughter, Laura
Clark & Jean Brillhart's friend, Shirley
Roger Carey's friend, Chris Z.
Sally Clark
George Chamberlin
Diane Cooper's friends, Jamie B., Ed F. and Terry
Charlie Costello's great-granddaughter, Scarlett
Dawn Durling
Barbara Eisenbach's friends, Mike K. & Rev. Richard Adams
Carol Ernst's son, Robert
Diane (Richard) Grant, her sister, Barbara, & brother-in-law, Herb
Ray & Gayle Green's daughter, Samantha, & grandson Melvin
Barbara Harding
Mildred Hartman
Rev. Sandy Hill
Donna Jackson
Ron Kelly
Mary Keogh's sister, Calista
Joan Kraftchak's neighbor, Chris
Sharon Layman's friend, Bill, & sister, Robin DeRosa
Juanita Leioatts' sister, Shirley, & friend, Teri
Doreen Lynch's brother, Richard, friends; Jessica, Judy, Chris, & neighbors, Linda & Al
Marshall (Patsy) McCammack
Cornelia Mills' daughter, Dawn and son-in-law, Charles
Kathy Morrison
Bobbi Mosley's nephew Sean
Dan Sharrow and his friend, Charlie
Ralph Smith
June Taylor's daughter, Cheri
Norma (Al) Tebbs' friend, Esther
Juanita & Bill Welsh
Jane Wilson
Carol Wise and her 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
Dale Kuckenbecker

Grieving:

Family and friends of Donna Jackson, on the loss of her mother (2025)
Family and friends of Kim Hislop, on the death of her mother, Margaret (2/25/25)



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:

4th Tuesday of the Month at 9:30 a.m.