

In his hand are the depths of the earth. Psalm 95:4

READ: Psalm 95:1-7

Krubera-Voronja, in the Eurasian country of Georgia, is one of the deepest caves yet explored on planet Earth. A team of explorers have probed the dark and scary depths of its mostly vertical caverns to 2,197 meters—that's 7,208 feet into the earth! Similar caves, around four hundred of them, exist in other parts of the country and across the globe. More caverns are being discovered all the time and new depth records are being set.

The mysteries of creation continue to unfold, changing and adding to our understanding of the universe we live in and causing us to wonder at the matchless creativity of God's handiwork. The psalmist invites us all to "sing for joy" and "shout aloud" to the Lord because of His greatness (v. 1). God's work of creation—all that it contains, whether we've yet discovered it or not—is cause for us to bow down in worship (v. 6).

He doesn't just know the vast, physical places of His creation; He also knows the intimate depths of our hearts. And not unlike in the caverns of Georgia, we'll go through dark and perhaps scary seasons in life. Yet we know that God holds even those times in His powerful yet tender care. In the words of the psalmist, we're His people, the "flock under his care" (v. 7).

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REFLECT: How has God guided you through dark places? In what new place or way is He inviting you to trust Him now?

PRAY: *Creator God, help me to trust in Your care for me even in the darkest places!*

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS:

- Give thanks to God for his unfailing, never-ending love, and that even at times when we forget him or fail to acknowledge his grace and His work, He never forgets us or fails to extend his blessing and help to us.
- Pray for our print and radio advertising this Easter week, asking God to draw visitors and those who don't know Him through this outreach. Pray for our Maundy Thursday and Easter worship services, that God will move among us and be glorified in our worship.
- Pray for Imani Milele orphanage and school in Uganda and for their recently completed school building in Lusaka. Pray for the children now attending school, being fed and clothed, and learning about the love of Jesus.
- Pray for refugees who have been displaced by conflict, in Ukraine, in Gaza, and other places around the world. Pray that they will find shelter and God will provide their daily needs.
- Pray for the Ecumenical Food Pantry, for the volunteers and those who are served. Ask God to abundantly supply their need and give thanks for the work He is doing and will do through that ministry.

CHURCH AT PRAYER

Current Health Issues:

Joyce Anderson's daughter Cheryl & grand-daughter Kim
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.
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
Diane (Richard) Grant, her sister, Barbara, & brother-in-law, Herb
Ray & Gayle Green's daughter, Samantha, & grandson Melvin
Barbara Harding
Mildred Hartman
Ron Kelly
Mary Keogh's sister, Calista
Joan Kraftchak's neighbor, Chris
Sharon Layman's friend, Bill, & sister, Robin DeRosa
Juanita Leioatts' & sister Shirley
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 & 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

Grieving:

Family & friends of Juanita Leioatts on the death of her sister, Suzy (4/25)



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.