

A Prayer for Gratitude and Thanksgiving

By Debbie McDaniel

We have so much to be grateful for in this life. Each and every day. But reality is that sometimes constant life demands, struggles, and worries give more room to defeat than to a heart of thanks. Or we forget, in the midst of busyness and pressures, just to pause and give thanks, for all that God has done, and continues to do in our lives.

Sometimes it really is a sacrifice to offer praise and thanks. We may not feel like it. We're struggling. We're weary. Or maybe, we feel like He let us down. We think God seems distant, like he's far away, or doesn't really care about what's troubling us. Painful life blows and losses might have recently sent us spiraling.

But here's what can make a lasting difference. We have a choice, every day, to give him thanks. And with a heart of thanksgiving, we realize that no matter what we face, God doesn't just work to change our situations and help us through our problems. He does more. He changes our hearts. His power, through hearts of gratitude and focused minds on Him, releases the grip our struggles have over us. We're strengthened by His peace, refueled by His joy.

*“O Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.”
Psalms 95:1-3*

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Give Thanks

Prayer Pathways

- Write prayer requests on the back of the Connect Card or FCCABQ app
- prayers@fccabq.org
- Prayer Team/Pastors are ready following each service
- 505-229-PRAY (7729)

Elder's Prayer

November 25th at 6:00 PM

Come for your private time of sharing and prayer. Arrive at 6 pm and one of our Elder's/ Staff will greet you and invite you to a private area for prayer, counsel and encouragement with our elders.

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Family Matters

Aaron Robison: Zella Berry

Amy Warner & Family: Losing renter and concerned they might lose their home

Andre': for healing & protection

Angels Acts of Kindness: Funds and volunteers to serve God's people

Bobby Brunsmann: Shirlee Barnard's son: continued sobriety, in rehab in CA

Building: Repair of damages to our FCC building

Burns: Prayers for our Nation, its leadership, the church in America and worldwide. For all who serve our Country and their families

Christopher Davies: For deep devotion to study Greek & Hebrew to further God's Word

Christy Tavitias: Loneliness

Donna Vigil: God is good. Fighting spiritual warfare, please pray

Elizabeth Pena: Prayers for family, work & spiritual life

Fay Marrs: Travel mercies to & from Phoenix; 11/06 to 11/19

Isaiah Garcia: From Trish Garcia

Jane Jenkin's Daughter & Grandchildren: Recent move to North Carolina

Jesse & son Gauge: Steve & Carol Nelson. Prayers for this employee

Joyce: for healing & finance

Kasey Perry: Shirlee Barnard's Granddaughter. PRAISE!! Happy & no longer depressed

Kathy Alexander & Family: Best friend of Jayne Gregory's daughter; Live in Panama City, Florida suffering from devastating hurricane, Michael

Lenise Torres' Son & Family: Health & financial concerns

Lloyd & Betty Hoover: Family; son-in-law coming back from Jordan

Lucrecia Barreras: Please pray for family, for health & wellness

Marie Grace: Prayers for family, protection & peace

Michelle Perry: Shirlee Barnard's daughter; PRAISE!! Drug free

Michael Brunsmann: Shirlee Barnard; continues to remain drug free!

Mike Hesselgrave Family: Classmate of Jayne Gregory; Passed away

Philippines Missions: Land for cemetery

Robert & Val Gregory: Still looking for a place to stay closer to the church

Robinson Family: Continued prayers; struggling to come to church

Stephanie Newbill: Friend of Nancy Noonan; husband passed away unexpectedly

Steve & Carol Nelson: Blessings as sales are up, need prayers for employee concerns

Tim Grieve: For employment during the day, preferably with same company

U.S.A Soldiers/Military

Victoria Anaya: Gary Stansbury's daughter for strength and life direction

Youth Pastor: Search for new pastor & faith for youth

Zac: Eva Shaver's grandson; continued prayers please

Zach Cruz: Trish Garcia's nephew, recent graduate in need of discernment and wisdom

Pregnancies

Scott and Brittany Berry

Novelinda Cabalquinto: Scott & Zella Berry's friend in Philippines: pregnancy, due 11/16/2018

Job Needs

Albert Lucero

Niece & nephew of the Hoovers

Jordan Renouard: Carol Renouard's son

Robert Gregory

Ron: Jayne Gregory's son-in-law; employment issues

Scott Berry, Jr.: Continuing with job search, living in Las Cruces

Shea Trobaugh

Add your own requests and those from those added each week in the Worship Folder

Health

Aaron Dye: Implant completed on 10/19; continued prayers for healing

Amy Garcia: Friend to Amy Warner. Depression

Amy Warner: Continued healing

Babs Tawney: Elizabeth Gross' mother. Health

Barbara: Coy Brown. residing at Elans Assisted Living

Barbara Robertson: Jayne Gregory. Continued prayers, very slow recovery

Brother of Jayne Gregory: Resides in Indiana, slow recovery from pneumonia

Friend of Buddy & Sue Whitlock: Serious circulatory problems, lost his leg to his illness and is struggling to adjust

Carol Driscoll health

Carol Nelson: Still having knee problems, set up doctor appointment for Feb 2019

Connie O'Dell: Health

Debbie Morgan: Jayne Gregory. Diabetes-kidney failure. Waiting for transplant

Don & Betty Davis: Neighbors of Lloyd & Betty Hoover. Health

Dot Stansbury: residing at Uptown Rehab

Greg Gross' mother

Helen Cox: Multiple systems atrophy, type P

Jim Phillips: Friend of Nancy Noonan; recovering from heart valve replacement

Joan Beddo: Health

Jude Silva: Nephew of Trish Garcia. Health

Leah Robison: Health

Katie & Jeff: Health

Kevin: Carole Renouard's friend's son; in need of employment & suffering with depression

Marion & Dee Mayall: Health

Martha Sweeny: Marty Sweeny's Mom, Health

Madi Headley: Tom Headley's Granddaughter; in hospital in Lubbock fainting spells

May Livesay: health, improving slowly

Nancy Cox: Tom Burns' Sister; Health

Naomi: Bud & Mary Cavin's sister in law; diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease

Pat Harrelson: Husband of Beverly Harrelson; have TAVR procedure and cancer removed from cheek bone

Pauline Oliver & Family: Jayne Gregory's friend. Dementia

Rob Noble: Continued healing

Sam Kooistra: Friend of Jim and Cheryl Swart; Accepted into intense speech therapy program. Cost will be \$30,000, pray funds raised will defer cost

Mr. Sandoval: Trish Garcia's brother in law's grandfather. Poor health

Shelley: Carol Nelson's sister-in-law; continued knee surgery recovery

Steve & Carol Nelson: Steve's Dad, Ray, is on a new medicine to combat depression. Also prayers for Steve's Mom. They are not believers

Tom & Wife: neighbor of Lynette Amey; very ill, blood infection, needs gall bladder removed

Yvonne Burk: health

Cancer

Betty Pender: The Branhams. Lung

Brenda Wilson: Pat Fleming's co-worker. Breast and lung

Colleen Lewis: Pat Fleming's mother. Lung treatment is working

Daniel Scully: Ruby Loftus Scully—prostate cancer has metastasized to bone, treatment decisions

Donna: The Cavin's daughter. Taking new cancer medication

Ginny: Trish Moore's aunt; diagnosed with lung cancer. Prayers for successful surgery and treatment

Janice Swindell: Carole Renouard's cousin. Continuing with chemo treatments

Jean & Kathy: friends of Cathy Eagle; both recent breast cancer diagnosis. Prayers from wisdom & peace

Jessie Stephens: Beverly Harrelson. Brain, another round of chemo to hopefully shrink the tumor

Friend of Joe Wayton: Radiation treatments

Mr & Mrs John Dillon: Brain cancer

Joyce: Seth Biddulph's grandmother, not responding to cancer treatment, more tumors have developed

Judi Pinson: Co-worker of Todd Zeter. Ovarian

Karen: Martha Joe Hall's sister. Waiting on a biopsy on her thyroid

Grandson of a co-worker of Katie Gross: liver

Kaylee Hamilton: Daughter-in-law of Jack & Joann Hamilton; PRAISE!! Pathology showed NO cancer. Oncologist to determine course of treatment

Larry Pegg: Carol Renouard's cousin, cancer has returned

Lesa Arterburn: Rachel Dostal's mom. Breast stage 3. In remission, maintenance chemo for a year

Lucy: Friend of Trish Moore. Rare form of blood cancer. PRAISE!! Latest marrow biopsy shows the transplant is working

Lori Lee: Stage 4 lung and brain

Father of Trish Garcia's brother in law (Mark): Diagnosed with lung cancer & will start radiation

Marcella: Request from Jayne Gregory's boss; going to Cancer Centers of America in Phoenix for treatment

Mellie Lang: From Jayne Gregory. Breast cancer

Michelle Rigdon: Friend of Jayne Gregory: ovarian surgery went well, recovering in Phoenix

Pat Hesselgrave: Classmate of Jayne Gregory; diagnosed with stage 4 cancer

Mike Mayhew: Jayne Gregory request, is suffering from lung cancer

Monica: Tim Scannell. Breast cancer, chemo

Mother of Christopher Davies: Stage 4 pancreatic cancer, for healing

Patrick Coombs: Beginning treatment for liver cancer

Patsy Taveras: Friend of Jayne Gregory; Biopsy results positive for breast cancer

Patty Burdett: Marcella Smith's niece. Follicular lymphoma. Chemo finished. Pet Scan in March to be sure all is gone

Rhonda Price: From Jayne Gregory. Breast cancer

Richie: Friend of Gwen Bilby. Chemo for lung

Rick Wenniberg: From Charles Sanders. Pastor of FCC in Chadham IL, has prostate

Ron Baca: Lorenzo Baca's father

Ron Rupert: Jayne Gregory's son-in-law, PRAISE!! completed radiation, test results were good

Ula: Daughter of Jayne Gregory's friend has cancer
