

First Presbyterian Church

Monday, April 20, 2020

Prayer Preparation

Prepare your mind and heart to come before God with reverence and awe and to worship Him in spirit and truth. Ask God to hear your prayers to Him. *The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love* (Psalm 103:8).

Prayer Focus: Attributes of God

God is **love**. “The unmerited love of God which reveals itself in pardoning sin is called His *grace*, Eph. 1:6-7; 2:7-9; Titus 2:11. That love relieving the misery of those who are bearing the consequences of sin is known as His *mercy* or *tender compassion*, Luke 1:54; 72, 78; Rom. 9:16; 18; 15:9; Eph. 2:4. And when it bears with the sinner who does not heed the instructions and warnings of God it is named His *longsuffering* or *forbearance*, Rom. 2:4; 9:22; 1 Pet. 3:20; 2 Pet. 3:15” (Berkhof, p. 26). *For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.* (John 3:16)

Prayer Guide: ACTS

Offer praise and worship to God by expressing your **adoration** and reverence for Him through your prayers. **Confess** and repent of corporate and personal sin asking God for forgiveness in His mercy and grace. Offer genuine and sincere **thanks** to God for what He has done and will do. Humbly bring your **requests** to God in prayer using the prayer points provided.

Pray for the Congregation

Please pray for -

- **The Biggs Family** (Stephen & Laura Katherine)
- **The Bivins Family** (Elbert & Betty)
- **The Bjernegård Family** (Sebastian, Ainsley, & Felicity)
- **The Blake Family** (Peggy)
- **The Blake Family** (Caleb & Mary Elizabeth)

Pray for the World

Please pray (as we do every Monday) for -

- **The President and those in National Government** (for God’s grace, protection, wisdom, discernment)
- **The Governor of Mississippi, State and City officials** (to know God, to serve people faithfully)
- **The Doctors, Nurses, and Medical staff** (for their physical and mental health: strength, patience, clarity in decision making, love, mercy) **Pray** for Christian doctors and nurses to be a shining witness to the Light of Christ. **Pray** also for their marriages and their families.

Pray for Missionaries and Ministries

Please pray for -

- **Mission to the World (MTW) Missionaries** (Rick & Terri Herr - Wycliffe)
- **Mission to North America (MNA) Missionaries** (Scott & Katie Moore - Mobile, AL)
- **FPC Jackson Ministries and Other Ministries** (Correspondence Ministry Team; New Member Hospitality)

Brothers and sisters, if you have any needs (physical, emotional, spiritual, or prayers), or become aware of any needs within your neighborhoods, we encourage you to submit those requests to needs@fpcjackson.org or by calling (601)353-8316.