

# PRAYER LIST

## COVID-19 VICTIMS WORLDWIDE

LILLIE ALFORD, Ethel Clark's sis-in-law  
LINDA BULLOCK, medical issues/tests  
CHERYL BARRON, Stan Raley's sister  
WILLIAM CAREY's MOM  
ALAN DES ORMEAUX, Vinson friend; cancer  
CHRIS EMOND, Madison family friend; cancer  
ALANA FAIR  
SUE GETER, Emily Fair Geter's M-in-law; Covid  
JAMES GORDON, Bridget Smith's dad  
BUD HARPER, Cindy's bro-in-law, health issues  
TERRY HARPER, Cindy's husband health issues  
THERMAN HODGE, 9/30 surgery recovery  
VERNITA HUBBARD  
JACK HUNTLEY, Callens friend  
BILLY JOHN, recent health issues  
JORDAN KEMBLE, Warren friend; brain tumor  
WALTER KING, Lamar's dad; surgery rehab  
LEANNE MANNES, Linda Bullock's niece  
JACK MEARS  
JAKE NESTER, Fair friend – esophageal cancer  
CHARLENE RALEY, Stan's mom – health issues  
GENE RALEY Family, Stan's dad, passed 9/30  
STAN RALEY  
GRADY RICHARDSON, Angela Duncan's dad;  
9/29 surgery recovery & rehab  
LLOYD & BRIDGET SMITH, health issues  
AL ST. CLAIR  
MATTHEW STOKLEY, Duncan friend - cancer  
THELMA TALBERT, Shirley Raley's mom  
RUTH TAYLOR, Brookdale/Meridian  
BARBARA TERRAL, Jennifer Guy's mom  
BEVERLY THOMAS  
KEARRA THOMAS  
PERRY TUBBY, Brandie Madison's dad  
ANNIE WEBB, Cindy Harper's g-grand-daughter  
MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES  
CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE

# ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

October 11 : Tom & Alana Fair  
October 11 : Brandie Madison  
October 17 : Rachel Wilkerson

## Pine Vale Children's Home Fall



Pine Vale Children's Home Fall Pantry Drive is beginning and our list of items to gather will be posted on the foyer bulletin board. Thanks in advance for your continued generosity in helping the Home and their children. This year's items requested are:

**Spaghetti Sauce**  
**Cooking spray (ex: PAM)**  
**Dawn Dishwashing Liquid**

~Have items at church building Sunday Oct. 18th~



# In the Darkness, Trust

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... To top it off, Saul took back the daughter he had given to David in marriage, robbing David of his wife.

It does us no good to compare the different kinds and levels of pain and stress people go through, as if it was some kind of competition. But, we can suffice it to say that David knew well some of the emotions we're feeling this year, emotions like fear, anxiety, anger, loneliness, and hopelessness.

What kept him going? The knowledge that he would see God's goodness through it all. That was his light at the end of the tunnel.

In the meantime, as he sat in the darkness, he trained himself to do two things:

1. Seek God's presence continually.

*"One thing I have desired of the Lord,*

*That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple." (27:4 NKJV)*

*"When You said, 'Seek My face,' My heart said to You, 'Your face, Lord, I will seek.'"*

When times are tough and we may feel that God is far off, that's when we have to set our minds to seek His presence. Our faith in God's goodness is what keeps us going. Because we believe that, we seek Him no matter what comes our way.

Having a toddler in the house has truly shown me the concept of childlike faith, and she perfectly bears out what David means by seeking God. When she gets hurt, she seeks me or her mommy. When she's hungry, she seeks us. When she's excited about something, she seeks us. When she needs love and attention, she seeks us. She know we'll take care of what she needs, and she acts on it. That's exactly how we're supposed to seek God.

2. Wait on God.

Just because God doesn't come through for us right away, or because we aren't getting the desired answers to our prayers, it doesn't mean we despair. That's when we train ourselves to wait and let God be God.

A quote commonly attributed to Nazi concentration camp survivor Corrie ten Boom says it best: "When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away the ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer." Every dark tunnel is a chance to build our faith in God (James 1:2-4). When He comes through for us, as He always does, we have occasion for even greater thanks and praise, which makes us stronger for the next dark tunnel in life. Learning to wait on God is one of the great uses of life's dark tunnels.

I don't know what you, the reader, are going through right now. Maybe you're doing well, all things considered, or maybe the trials of 2020 are wearing you down. Regardless, we're all going to hit those dark tunnels in life. Isn't it so much better going through them knowing we can count on the goodness of God?