

# PRAYER LIST

**CHERYL BARRON**, Stan Raley's sister  
**BECKY BROWN**, Sherri Clopton's mom  
**LINDA BULLOCK**, medical issues/tests  
**DWIGHT CALLENS**, surgery recovery  
**ALAN DES ORMEAUX**, Vinson friend; cancer  
**CHARLES DOOLEY**, surgery recovery  
**TAMMIE DUNN**, Linda Bullock's daughter  
**CHRIS EMOND**, Madison family friend; cancer  
**ALANA FAIR**  
**JAMES GORDON**, Bridget Smith's dad  
**ANTORIAS GROVES**, Ethel Clark's son-in-law,  
**EVELYN GUY**, health issues  
**BUD HARPER**, Cindy's bro-in-law, health issues  
**TERRY HARPER**, Cindy's husband health issues  
**THERMAN HODGE**  
**JACK HUNTLEY**, Callens friend  
**BILLY JOHN**, health issues  
**JORDAN KEMBLE**, Warren friend; brain tumor  
**LAMAR KING**  
**WALTER KING**, Lamar's dad  
**JACK MEARS**  
**CHARLENE RALEY**, Stan's mom – health issues  
**STAN RALEY**  
**GRADY RICHARDSON**, Angela Duncan's dad  
**AL ST. CLAIR**  
**MATTHEW STOKLEY**, Duncan friend - cancer  
**THELMA TALBERT**, Shirley Raley's mom  
**RUTH TAYLOR**, Brookdale/Meridian  
**ANNIE THOMAS**, Edna Toole's mother, health  
**TERRY TRIBBLE**, Renée Cumberland's friend  
**PERRY TUBBY**, Brandie Madison's dad  
**ANNIE WEBB**, Cindy Harper's g-grand-daughter  
**MAX WEBB**, Cindy's grandson, deployed  
**MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES**  
**OUR GOVERNMENT – NATIONAL & STATE**  
**CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE**

## ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

June 2 : Linda Bullock  
June 3 : Josh & De'Lana Rushing

### Commit to Submit

The word for “submit” (in some cases, “be subject”) in the New Testament comes from a military term meaning to arrange troops under the command of a leader. The word is defined by Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon as, “to subject one's self, to yield to one's admonition or advice, to obey.”

Of course, this word is used in specific cases (as in the case of wives, servants, and young folks, cf. Eph. 5:22; 1 Pet. 2:18; 1 Pet. 5:5), but it is mostly used in the general sense for all Christians. Take note of what we are to submit and be subject to:

- \* We are to fully submit to God and His will (Jas. 4:7).
- \* We should submit to the government and its ordinances (1 Pet. 2:13-14).
- \* We must submit to and encourage fellow Christians (Eph. 5:21).
- \* We are even to submit in ministering to others (1 Cor. 16:15-16)

Christians, let's submit and commit ourselves to these things, knowing that a better world results from them.

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## Nation

Four things must be present to have a nation, according to *Merriam-Webster's Dictionary*. Not surprisingly, the church has each of those four parts, too.

A nation is a community of people. The church is the community of the saved (Acts 2:47). Luke describes them as being of “one heart and one soul.” They were concerned about the needs of every member, and those disciples readily sold their possessions and gave the money to the apostles, expecting any in need to receive care (Acts 4:32, 34-35).

God's kingdom, the church, is also composed of one or more nationalities. Jesus spoke of other sheep who were “not of this fold” (i.e., Israel) (John 10:16). Paul carried the Gospel to all sorts of people and nationalities (Romans 1:14-16). In Christ, all those are melded into one body (Galatians 3:27-28).

Christ's kingdom possesses a more or less defined territory. Jesus said, “Nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you” (Luke 17:21). Jesus told the disciples that He and His Father would make their home with anyone who loved Him and kept His Word (John 4:23). Jesus' letter to the church at Laodicea included a description of Him standing at the door of their hearts, desiring to come in and dine (Revelation 3:20).

*Webster* said a nation has a government. The “saints and faithful brethren in Christ” who lived in Colosse were told, “And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence” (Colossians 1:18). Jesus declared all authority had been given to Him immediately before ascending into Heaven (Matthew 28:18). Paul said Jesus “must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.” Once that is accomplished, the Lord will deliver up the kingdom to His Father (1 Corinthians 15:23-26).

We are God's nation. Christ charges us through Paul to obey those ruling over us, but only so long as they do not ask us to violate His will (Romans 13:1-7; Acts 5:29). Let us pledge our ultimate allegiance to God and recognize His Son as our King.

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