

Current Prayer Concerns for August 23, 2026

Please pray for:

Dalton McLean's father, Bill McLean (now receiving palliative care), Mike Cockman and family, on the unexpected death of his sister, Deborah Goodykoontz, on August 9 (funeral September 13); Linda Veach (thanksgiving for small steps; requests visitors: Whitestone, Room 111-A, Bldg. 1020, Care Center, 700 S. Holden Road); Emily Brame (thanksgiving for good report following new treatments), the Rev. Fran Saylor and family on the passing of her father, William Spier (funeral August 15); Larry Weavil (continued healing); Marshall Mason, grandfather of Jessica Smith (treatment for a mass around his heart); David Lozano (continuing his recovery); Jane McKinney's friend, Bobby Martin (cancer); Teresa Walker's brother, Doug Meese; Karen Mashburn (chronic health concerns); Evans Petersen Jr.(hospitalization) Elvis Petersen, (back and gastric issues); Julia Estrill, cousin of Lauren Petersen (main caretaker of the Estrill and Doane Families); Michelle Vessup-Nielle, cousin of Lauren Petersen (reconstruction surgery after double mastectomy); Steve Danasi, Elvis Petersen's friend/brother (second knee replacement); Teresa Louis, a close friend of the Mulraine and Petersen Families (lymph node cancer); Lionel Mulraine, Lauren Petersen's father (thanksgiving for improved health); Yvonne D. Francis, member of New Herrnhut Moravian Church (VI) and cousin of Lauren Petersen (multiple health problems); Sharon L. Doane, cousin of Lauren Petersen (recent heart attack); Cecile E. Estrill, cousin of Lauren L Petersen and mother of Sharon L. Doane (dialysis); Samuel H. Doane, Jr., cousin of Lauren Petersen and son of Cecile E. Estrill (bladder cancer); Emmet A. Petersen, brother of Elvis A. Petersen and uncle of Evans A. Petersen III (sole caretaker of his mother, Evelyn J. Petersen, who suffers with dementia); Evelyn J. Petersen, mother of Elvis A. Petersen and grandmother of Evans A. Petersen III (dementia); Howard D. Francis, member of New Herrnhut Moravian Church, VI, cousin of Lauren L Petersen and brother of Cecile E. Estrill and Yvonne D. Francis (diminished eyesight); and those places in the world suffering from conflict, hunger, and disease, particularly Ukraine, the Middle East, and central Africa.

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Scripture for August 23, 2026

Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness; you who seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.³For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats,^[a] but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ²Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Matthew 16:13-20

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah,^[a] the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter,ⁱ and on this rock^[c] I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was^[d] the Messiah.^[e]

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