

Email Prayer Ministry

Overview

At GraceChurch of Columbia, we believe in prayer. If you have a prayer need, it's easy to find someone to pray for you!

- Grab a friend on Sunday morning or give them a call during the week.
- Speak with a staff member or anyone in leadership at any time on Sunday morning.
- Share with your small group, who are a bunch of friends who know you and care about what is going on in your life.
- Place a written prayer request in the basket labeled "Prayer Requests" on the table in the entryway or in the offering basket.
- If you are a Grace member or regular attendee and have a prayer request for yourself or your immediate family, send your prayer request to the email prayer ministry.

Email Prayer Ministry Guidelines

Prayer is a vital part of church life. We have a number of people that will stop what they are doing and pray right away when they receive a prayer request. These are the guidelines the church follows, and we ask those who use the email prayer ministry to do the same.

For those joining the email prayer ministry:

- To join, we ask that you are a member or regular attendee of Grace.
- We never share your email address with anybody else for any reason, and we do not sign you up for any other email distributions.
- All prayer requests are filtered and resent so you will not receive extraneous emails.
- You may unsubscribe at any time.
- We pass along prayer requests as quickly as possible, but we make every effort to not flood your email.
- You will not be solicited for money or gifts through the email prayer ministry.

For those submitting prayer requests:

- We receive and pray for requests as they come in. Your request is filtered; it does not go out directly to the email prayer ministry,

which may cause some delay between the time you send it and the time it is sent to the distribution list.

- Your request may be edited. All editing will be done carefully so that all necessary information is conveyed in a succinct manner.
- Only members and regular attendees of Grace are put on the list to receive email prayer requests, but anyone is welcome to submit a prayer request.
- Prayer requests for Grace members, regular attendees, and their immediate family will be forwarded to the email distribution list. Other prayer requests are prayed over by staff when they are received.
- For Grace members and regular attendees:
 - Please remember that the purpose of this ministry is to update the Grace family of urgent prayer needs (e.g. surgery, accident, birth, death, or other immediate and unforeseen situations) within our congregation.
 - We ask only family members to issue the prayer request so that we do not pass along information that the family would prefer to keep private.
- Please keep the following in mind when sending a request:
 - Please be brief and to the point.
 - If you are sending updates for an ongoing situation, please limit your updates to major changes in the situation or a praise report for answered prayer.
 - Please choose your wording carefully so that the need is clearly stated, but those reading are not overwhelmed by the detail.
 - We believe nothing is too insignificant to take to our Father in prayer, but please consider if your request would best be sent to just friends and family or to the entire email distribution list.

If you have any questions or concerns about these guidelines, please email contact@gracechurchcolumbia.org.