



Northminster Presbyterian Church
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Daily Prayers

Week of -July 6-10, 2020

Kindling the Fire

(ancient Celtic prayer)

Holy God,

This morning, as I kindle the fire upon my hearth,
I pray that the flame of your love may burn in my heart,
and the hearts of all I meet today.

I pray that no envy and malice, no hatred or fear,
may smother the flame.

I pray that indifference and apathy, contempt and pride,
may not pour like cold water on the fire.

Instead, may the spark of your love light the love in my heart,
that it may burn brightly throughout the day.

And may I warm those that are lonely,
whose hearts are cold and lifeless,
so that all may know the comfort of your love.

For the people of the congregation:

John and Brenda Reed; Patricia Reid; Ashleigh, Alex, Isaac and Benjamin Rexford;
Tony, Anne, Keane and Wade Ricchiuto

For those dealing with injury or illness:

Betty Bowers; Sean Litel; Joyce Swick, relative of John and Brenda Reed; Edward Vance, brother of Denise Harrington; Prentice Pascoe, relative of Denise Harrington; JaNia Harrington, daughter of Denise Harrington; Paul Matteson, son of Nancy Sala; Pat Freije; Lauren Robinson; Bill Barrett, friend of Ruth and Mark Moore; Donna Jo Easton, mother of Abby Eberhard; Rick Melton; Hadley Moore; Dave Mattingly, family of Susan Glant

For those grieving the loss of:

Joyce Hall; Bob Rogers; Mason Garvey, friend of Robin Litel; Norma Wilson

For our missions:

Day of Caring

For this local community:

Crown Hill Neighborhood Association

**For the churches in our Presbytery – their leaders,
members and mission:**

Fort Wayne-Trinity

From the World Council of Churches (oikoumene.org):

Evangelical Church of Westphalia

Those who are helping with the health emergency:

Doctors, nurses, therapists, all hospital personnel, nursing home caregivers, pharmacists, grocery store employees, social workers, teachers, EMTs, firefighters, and police officers.

Those who are struggling during the health emergency:

Small business owners and employees, restaurant owners and employees, those suffering financially, the vulnerable elderly, the isolated, the anxious, and those whose medical treatment has been postponed.

Our church staff and leadership:

Tim McElroy, Lori Schlabach; John Wright

Tuesday

For the people of the congregation:

Catherine Richardson; Janice Richardson; Sandy Riggle; Mary Beth Riner; David Ring; Cathy Robinson

For those dealing with chronic illness or long-term treatment: Jack Mart; Cathryn Siegrist; Barb Jones; Sandy Frankovitz; Bill Siegrist; Ellen Williams; Teresa Siegrist; Chris Ellington; Jackie Schmidt; Terri Hubbard; Jim Mann; Bill Dynes; Major Rhodes; Kelly Stanley; Kim Leech; David Parsley; Jodi Sprague; Bret Fackler; Lee Morack; Becka Snider; Yumi Perkins; Mary Tarbell; Scott Newman; Suzan Stoops

For our missions:

Raphael Health Center

For this local community:

Forest Hills Neighborhood Association

For the churches in our Presbytery – their leaders, members and mission:

Forth Wayne-United Faith

From the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook of Prayer:

G. W. Rolle, pastor of justice ministries at The Missio Dei, a new worshipping community in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay, knows people living on the streets don't hear the information about the virus like others do. "They don't have TVs to tell them everything is closed," he said. "And most of the places where they could go for public meals are shut down." Missio Dei is one of the few places left in the community providing meals. On Saturday mornings, volunteers still give our breakfast burritos. While they're not gathering people anymore for meals, they are handing out food in bags. The Missio Dei has received support from Mission Program Grants. Available through the Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries, the grants support the transforming work of new worshipping communities and mid councils.

From the World Council of Churches (oikoumene.org):

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria

Our church staff and leadership:

Ruth Moore, Denise Harrington, Nancy Sala

Wednesday

For the people of the congregation:

Matt, Marci, Kate, Lauren, Caroline and Annie Robinson;
Doris Rodenbeck; Brad and Evelyn Ronco

For those in hospice care:

Charlotte Chadwick

For our missions:

Bread for the World

For this local community:

Golden Hill Neighborhood Association

For the churches in our Presbytery – their leaders, members and mission:

Franklin-First

From the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook of Prayer:

With many Americans losing the ability to work, school being canceled for millions of children, and child-care centers being shuttered, the challenges of people already living on or near the edge of society become magnified. “We can pretty much guarantee that there will be heightened food insecurity,” said the Rev. Rebecca Barnes, coordinator of the Presbyterian Hunger Program. “I’m thankful for the conversations opening up,” Barnes said. “People are using the phrase, ‘We’re all in this together.’ This is a great invitation for us to really examine some of the policies and systems we have in place.” There’s still plenty more to do, particularly at the advocacy level. So, the Presbyterian Mission Agency’s Compassion, Peace and Justice Ministry has put together a list of resources to help people continue to do social justice work during the pandemic. The resource list can be found at [www. presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassionpeace-justice/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassionpeace-justice/).

From the World Council of Churches(oikoumene.org):

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Brunswick

Our church staff and leadership:

Susan Glant, Melissa Hopkins, Marland Pittman

Thursday

For the people of the congregation:

Pete, Deb, William, Kate and Benjamin Ronco; Fred Rooks; Bob Ross and Anne Hosier; Rob and Gail Rothrock

For those who are especially homebound:

Marge Ashby, Diantha DeGraw, Mary Garrett, Juanita Cox, Mary Kask

For our missions:

Joy's House

For this local community:

Highland Vicinity Neighborhood Association

For the churches in our Presbytery – their leaders, members and mission:

Greenfield-First

From the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook of Prayer:

Mission co-worker Nadia Ayoub felt a strong call to work with refugees. She has moved to the city of Katerini on Greece's mainland to serve in partnership with Perichoresis, a Presbyterian (U.S.A) global partner that works to alleviate some of the hardship suffered by refugees. Perichoresis provides housing and support for approximately 550 refugees in 115 apartments in Katerini. "When refugees had to camp out in Idomeni, Greece, members of the Evangelical Church in Greece rediscovered their own forced migration story from 100 years ago and decided to organize support," said Burkhard Paetzold, Presbyterian World Mission's regional liaison for Central and Western Europe. Now their expanded programs include a nursery school sports activities program, and socio-therapeutic groups for children, adolescents and women. It also supports refugees with medical appointments and visits with lawyers.

From the World Council of Churches (oikoumene.org):

Methodist Church in Indonesia

Our church staff and leadership:

Carol McDonald, Marko Petričić, Jonathan Petersen

Friday

For the people of the congregation:

Max, MaryAnn, Katharine and Isabel Ruegger; Mike, Kate and Jonathan Runge;
Gary Ryan; Rebekah Ryan, Sara Sarno

For those going through a difficult time:

Tom and Gail Fields family, friends of Robin Litel;
Garvey family, friends of Robin Litel; Tanya and Loretta, friends of Melissa
Hopkins

For our missions:

Brooks Place

For this local community:

Historic Meridian Park Neighborhood Association

For the churches in our Presbytery – their leaders, members and mission:

Greensburg-First

From the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook of Prayer:

The Rev. Morgan Schmidt, Associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Bend, Oregon, launched the Facebook site Pandemic Partners on March 12. The magic of this," she said, "is the crowdsourcing of kindness – making it happen as people rise to their best selves." By posting how-to guides on its Facebook page, Pandemic Partners, located in the Presbytery of the Cascades, has taken hold in about 18 other communities, with another 15 preparing to launch in the Bend area. Pandemic Partners is all about people with a specific need identifying their need online and then connecting with someone who can meet that need. There are now chapters operational in large communities including Denver, Seattle and San Antonio, as well as in more rural communities in Minnesota and other states.

Rev. Schmidt says, "There are acts of kindness within the power of all of us."

From the World Council of Churches (oikoumene.org):

Presbyterian Church of Nigeria

Our Leadership:

Session, Deacons, Trustees, Stephen Ministers, E -Team, Christian Ed Team, Mission Team, Personnel Committee, Congregational Life Team, Worship Team, Pipe Organ Task Force, Foundation, Support Team (Finance, Building & Grounds, Stewardship), Pastors, Support Staff, the congregation