

**Joyful in Hope – 50 – May 14, 2020**  
**(thoughts and ideas to encourage and challenge)**  
*“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”*  
*Romans 12:12*

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Let's begin today with prayer. I discovered this prayer recently, and am determined to use it regularly. It's entitled, *A Prayer for Christian Solidarity During Covid-19*:

*For all who have contracted coronavirus, We pray for care and healing.*

*For those who are particularly vulnerable, We pray for safety and protection.*

*For all who experience fear or anxiety, We pray for peace of mind and spirit.*

*For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, We pray for policies that recognize their plight.*

*For those who do not have adequate health insurance, We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.*

*For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.*

*For our brothers and sisters around the world, We pray for shared solidarity.*

*For public officials and decision makers, We pray for wisdom and guidance.*

*Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.*

*Grant peace.*

*Grant comfort.*

*Grant healing.*

*Be with us, Lord.*

*Amen.*

Here are the people and situations we prayed over last night, as several of us gathered in the Zoom Meeting, Heritage Prays. (Just a reminder, we are meeting via Zoom every Wednesday, from 7 – 7:45 PM. You are always welcome.)

- Lisa Kimmel asked for prayers on Tuesday, as she and Duane accompany their friend Sharon to Cleveland, where she is receiving ongoing treatment for Wegener's Disease.
- Lisa also asked for continued prayers for her cousin, Steve Sitter. We have been praying for Steve ever since he was mugged and beaten three years ago. Steve's life has been spiraling downhill since then, and he is now in a Crisis Treatment Facility. The hope is that he will get the care he needs.
- Tim was supposed to have a spinal tap last week, but it was delayed until today because Tim fell down a flight of stairs. He's in a lot of pain right now, and he appreciates everyone's prayers and concern.
- Phuong is hoping to begin her cancer treatment today or tomorrow. She wanted to tell everyone hello and thanks for prayers.
- Ward asked for prayers for students and former students who are in troubling home situations, and because of stay at home restrictions, cannot leave when things get tense and even abusive.
- Prayers for the racism and prejudice in our nation, that causes such horrific divides in our fabric and strikes fear in the hearts of many. Prayers that Christians can be the difference makers, the peacemakers, the God honorers, as we affirm that we are all created in his image.
- Ward offered a prayer of thanksgiving to those who are sharing food and encouragement with other Heritage Family members.

- Tom and Vicki are great grandparents. Congratulations!
- Judy Skelton asked for prayers for her granddaughter, Evie, who fell off her bicycle and was being examined for possible broken bones.
- Maralee's friend, Rich, is home and continues his recovery from covid-19.
- Correction from last week. Maralee's nurse friend, who is in the hospital with covid-19, is Lorna. Prayers needed.
- Kim Morgan is OT, PT and Speech today, despite the doctors still not having found the source of her spinal fluid leak. She is still at Royal Oak Beaumont.
- Dorothy Welch's brother, Rick, was released from the hospital, but had to go back in, hopefully only for a short time.
- Chase Brazle received a very good report from his ultrasound.
- Marvel asked for prayers for her brother, whose cancer has returned.
- Janine and Pete are giving thanks that we have had some contact with our grandsons, Axel and Gabe, via son-in-law Kurt.

Note: the prayer at the beginning of today's email, Prayer for Christian Solidarity During Covid-19, would be a good prayer to offer today, and every day during the month of May, at 3:13 PM, as we stop and pray for 3 minutes for Metro Detroit.

**3 at 3:13**

Be sure to block out some time Sunday afternoon, at 3 PM, for a **Congregational Zoom Meeting** to share plans for coming back together, post Stay at Home Orders.

***Have a blest day. Thank you, Lord, for the rain!***