

August 2 prayers

Father, we come to you grateful for your grace and blessings.

We lift up this country and its struggle with the pandemic that surrounds us. Imbue vision and compassion in our leaders that they may seek the common good and care for those who are less fortunate. We lift up the RSU staff as it prepares for the beginning of school. We pray for wisdom. We pray for your hand on the youth and children of our community as they enjoy the remainder of summer and prepare for a new version of school. We lift up medical practitioners and public health workers that they would be on top of developments so that we do not suffer the experiences of the South and Southwest.

We pray for our leaders as they seek to navigate the difficult path that is 2020 with Covid. We pray that they set aside partisanship and reach compromises that will meet the country's needs and be respectful of the various factions that are present.

We pray for this particular church as we seek to witness of You and as we continue to seek the pastor you are calling to join us. We pray for the search committee in its work.

We pray for soaking rain to nourish Your community here.

We lift up our personal concerns:

For Jane Stevens as she recovers from surgery and circulation problems.

We lift up these and our other prayers as we remember what your Son taught us saying: ***Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.***