

Prayers – May 24

Eternal Father we come to you this morning thanking you for the grace and blessings you have showered us with. Thank you for keeping us safe for another week of this pandemic. We pray that your healing hand is on all those who are suffering from COVID 19. We lift up Vern and pray for his continued good health. We lift up Beverley Bennett and pray for her as she enjoys another birthday this week.

We lift up Allan Watts, a friend of the Glasses in Florida. We pray for healing and restoration for him. We lift up both him and his family that they would find the comfort that only you provide.

We lift up children and youth, particularly those in our community. We ask for your healing and comforting hand on them as they deal so young with the realities that life now surrounds them with. Imbue in them faith and grant them discernment. Keep them safe.

We lift up those in our congregation and community who are in need of your healing hand. We thank you for your hand on Ben Hampton in his doctor's visit and procedure this week. Keep Ben in the palm of your hand and provide him restoration and comfort.

We pray for measurable and nourishing rain to break this dry spell we are experiencing.

We lift up our community, state and country as we continue to deal with the COVID pandemic. We pray for wisdom for those in authority as they navigate the difficult path to balance public health and personal desires. We pray for this, your particular church, as we consider the path toward reopening.

We lift up those who continue to work in places where they are at risk. We continue to lift up medical workers, those in grocery stores and the entire food supply chain from farm to table. We pray for those who maintain the utilities that keep the lights on and roads open. We lift up businesses as they struggle with the decisions and realities about reopening without placing themselves and the public at greater risk. We pray for those who live and work in nursing homes and pray that they be kept safe.

We pray for those who are developing COVID treatments and vaccines and pray for timely development and deployment so that we can find a way to live with the reality of COVID.

We pray for all whose jobs and families have been impacted by this pandemic. We pray for timely return to work and for continued benevolence as we all attempt to make ends meet.

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.