

Prayers For This Week



- **Give Thanks for some good news!** This month the first vaccine to prevent malaria is finally in use! This disease, caused by a mosquito spread bacteria, has been a scourge in much of the world for centuries. Right now, a child dies of malaria every 2 minutes somewhere in the world. The majority of cases are in Africa. The new vaccine requires 4 doses & may require a booster dose later. Though this vaccine is only 40% effective, it is a big step forward. Better vaccines are being worked on now. Pray for the success of these efforts to develop an even better vaccine!
- **Pray for those dealing with COVID.** In the U.S. 1 out of every 500 people has died of COVID. 1 of every 4 new cases of COVID in September was a child. . . 37% of COVID patients report having at least 1 long-term symptom. Long term COVID, especially in children is not yet fully understood, but there is concern that memory & cognitive function may be affected in the young. The number of people sick, & dying has declined some in the last few weeks, but There is still no end in sight for the pandemic. Anger, frustration, fear, & mistrust surrounding the pandemic continue to be at least as serious & dangerous as the virus itself.
- **Pray for the people of Afghanistan – especially the women & girls** as they face life under extreme Islamic fundamentalism & the continuing terrors of violence. Promised protections for the rights of women & girls have now been removed by the current leaders. Girls are now limited to only a 6th grade education, & women are not allowed to work in most settings.
- **Continue prayers for those affected by Storms, flooding, & fires.** The western U.S, fire season continues to be severe. There are more new fires; the power has been cut in some areas to try to prevent more fires. Oklahoma had a tornado Outbreak Monday.
- **Pray for those who are discouraged.** Despite our longing, the pandemic is still with us. Many people are putting more energy into preserving their personal will, even if it endangers their wellbeing & that of the community, than into stopping the virus. At the same time, many people are condoning the quest for political power to increase personal gain at any cost, even if it means disregarding truth, giving up personal integrity, & ignoring the responsibility of leaders to be the servants of the people & work selflessly for the good of all. In such a time, it can be hard to see beyond the present. Lord, help us keep the flame of hope alive & rekindle it within us where it is waning. Help us redouble our efforts to build each other up & unite with each other for the common good.

Prayers For This Week



- **Give Thanks for some good news!** This month the first vaccine to prevent malaria is finally in use! This disease, caused by a mosquito spread bacteria, has been a scourge in much of the world for centuries. Right now, a child dies of malaria every 2 minutes somewhere in the world. The majority of cases are in Africa. The new vaccine requires 4 doses & may require a booster dose later. Though this vaccine is only 40% effective, it is a big step forward. Better vaccines are being worked on now. Pray for the success of these efforts to develop an even better vaccine!
- **Pray for those dealing with COVID.** In the U.S. 1 out of every 500 people has died of COVID. 1 of every 4 new cases of COVID in September was a child. . . 37% of COVID patients report having at least 1 long-term symptom. Long term COVID, especially in children is not yet fully understood, but there is concern that memory & cognitive function may be affected in the young. The number of people sick, & dying has declined some in the last few weeks, but There is still no end in sight for the pandemic. Anger, frustration, fear, & mistrust surrounding the pandemic continue to be at least as serious & dangerous as the virus itself.
- **Pray for the people of Afghanistan – especially the women & girls** as they face life under extreme Islamic fundamentalism & the continuing terrors of violence. Promised protections for the rights of women & girls have now been removed by the current leaders. Girls are now limited to only a 6th grade education, & women are not allowed to work in most settings.
- **Continue prayers for those affected by Storms, flooding, & fires.** The western U.S, fire season continues to be severe. There are more new fires; the power has been cut in some areas to try to prevent more fires. Oklahoma had a tornado Outbreak Monday.
- **Pray for those who are discouraged.** Despite our longing, the pandemic is still with us. Many people are putting more energy into preserving their personal will, even if it endangers their wellbeing & that of the community, than into stopping the virus. At the same time, many people are condoning the quest for political power to increase personal gain at any cost, even if it means disregarding truth, giving up personal integrity, & ignoring the responsibility of leaders to be the servants of the people & work selflessly for the good of all. In such a time, it can be hard to see beyond the present. Lord, help us keep the flame of hope alive & rekindle it within us where it is waning. Help us redouble our efforts to build each other up & unite with each other for the common good.