

## PRAYER PARTNERS - June 20, 2021

*This week please pray for and encourage the persons listed below :*

- **For the love of God to inform and animate our lives in all we do!**
- **FATHERS** and their important ministry to their families!
- **Outreach to our community**; that God would give us creative and safe ways to minister and serve those around us in this season.
- For our **CDC**; also **LINC SA** and **Presa Community Center**.
- **Pastors Philip, Roy, Naresh and Matt** and all church planters.
- **For peace** of the world, the well-being of the Church, and for unity of all
- **Earthly Leaders**: President Joe, Governor Greg, Mayor Ron.
- **Church Leaders**; National President Matt, District President Mike
- **For all serving in the Military**: Jarred, Alissa, Mark, Tom, Thomas
- **All who travel**; that God would protect and guide those who journey.
- **Bruce and Bea Engelke** after death of Bea's daughter 10 days ago.
- **Denise Jackson** recovering from surgery on her wrist.
- **Alexus Palma**, niece of Thomas Robledo, with pregnancy complications.
- **Randy Maupin**, dad of Justin Maupin, with cancer, critically ill
- **Sue Burgdorfer**, still recovering from time in the hospital.
- **Beverley**, mom of Pastor Nuttleman (Crown of Life) with terminal cancer.
- **Irene De La Cruz** in treatment for cancer.
- **For Alicia Guerrero's sister, Cynthia**, diagnosed with cancer.
- **Karen Turner**, as she struggles with many difficulties.
- **Mari Camacho** as she goes through a stressful season.
- **Sandra Fernandez** and all who bear the blessed burden of care giving.
- **Frank Camacho**, continuing to deal with health difficulties.
- **Susie Roberts**, as she deals with back and lumbar pain
- **Diane Beasley** as she struggles with ongoing health challenges
- **Delia Flores**, continuing to have health challenges.
- Melissa Hild's sister, **Vicky Dean**, with ongoing health issues.
- **Yesenia Cardenas**, Abby's mom, as she has ongoing struggles.
- Ongoing: **Everett, Cayley, Karen, Austin, Nancy, Robin Jr., Jo Ann**

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
FATHER'S DAY  
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**WELCOME / ¡BIENVENIDOS!**

A warm welcome to everyone who is worshiping with us this morning. We especially want to welcome our visitors. We are glad you are here and pray that this will be a time of blessing for you as we worship the Lord together.

**ELDERS:** Rick Garza and George Fernandez

**MUSIC:** Jim Wollmann, Ronnie Biediger, Pastor Carlos

**WORSHIP NOTES**

Atop the houses of many seaports were built walkways so mothers and wives might search out the return of the men who went out into the sea in ships. The whale in its death throes could destroy the

whaler's craft; storms could send the greatest of ships to the bottom. Well known are the furies of the sea. It was over the sea that the Spirit brooded and brought forth life, but the sea is never tamed. No wonder the disciples trembled; no wonder they were amazed at Jesus' calm, indifferent sleep. The storm over which Jesus ruled in our reading today is a sign of all our fear and doubt. Troubled Job, in our first reading, speaks for all of us. To Job, to us, and to the Church God speaks words of assurance. The storms of life are stilled! **On this Father's Day** we come well aware that **parents and families also face severe storms** in life. But God's gracious love, revealed in Jesus, is ultimately bigger than our storms and even our failures. And He who also joins us "in the boat" is able to even use the storms for good! He is with us now also.

#### **NOTES ON HOLY COMMUNION**

**In this service we will celebrate a sacred ritual of the Church called the Eucharist. In this rite we recall the last meal of Jesus with his disciples and we recognize him in the breaking of the bread. Though our faith is grounded in history, this liturgy is not merely a nostalgic looking back at the past: it is a celebration and recognition that in this meal our Lord Jesus is truly present with us now in the bread and the wine. We cling to the hope of resurrection that will be ours when the universe is redeemed and restored in Him. All baptized Christians who have a sincere sorrow for their sin and see in this holy mystery the true body and blood of Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion!**

#### **MEDITATION FOR FATHER'S DAY**

*Dear Father in heaven, from whom all fatherhood derives its name (Ephesians 3:15), we thank you for faithful men of God who have modeled your love as they lovingly cared for their families. You promised that you bless families for a thousand generations as an undeserved gift to those who love you (Exodus 20:6). We marvel at the Christian fathers of many generations ago, who were faithful to you, for whose sake we experience your blessings today. We pray for every father that they might love you with all their heart and soul and mind, and in this way, not only bless their children and grandchildren, but their descendants for generations to come.*

*Father, we also pray for those whose fathers did not model your forgiving, patient love, and for those who are estranged from their fathers, and for those whose fathers have died. Where Father's Day brings sorrow, pain or sadness, place your healing hand upon hearts and lives.*

*We pray for fathers as they seek to break the bad habits of the past that threaten not only to separate them from you but to bring harm to their children and generations to come. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon them that they might experience your forgiving love in Christ and be changed by that love.*

*All this we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ for whose sake we, sinful human beings, are privileged to become your dear children and call you "our Father in heaven." Amen.*

#### **ZOOM STUDY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**(Meeting ID#: 2105327341) (No password required)**

**Monday @ 6:30 (Deaconess Claire)**

**Tuesday @ 6:30 with Pastor Dave NOT meeting this week**

**Thursday @6:30 (Pastor Carlos)**

**"GOSPEL LUNCH AT THE COVE"**, 606 W. Cypress, featuring music by "Miss Neesie and the Earfood Gospel Orchestra". TODAY, music starts at 3:30. No cover charge. Food available. Free-will contributions benefit our St. Paul CDC.

#### **St. Paul Lutheran Church Covid Protocol Changes**

Based on the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control as well as the state and local health authorities we are making several changes to our pandemic protocol.

We are not requiring strict social distancing for those who are fully vaccinated. Every pew is open and available for seating. Feel free to grab a spot wherever you like, however please be sensitive to those who may still want a little distance. We do not know the struggles others may be facing, mentally or physically.

We are no longer requiring face covering for those who have been fully vaccinated. Please be gentle with those who may choose differently than you, as personal circumstances differ.

For the time being, we will continue to administer Communion using individual sealed cups with the wine and bread. We will also continue to have the offering plate on the table near the entrance and we will not pass the offering plates during the liturgy. We still encourage online giving, which not only helps us keep the discipline of tithing, but also steadies our cash flow.

We are also opening up room 6 and the courtyard for use again. Come early, stay late, and mingle inside and outside - the coffee pot will be on again. We will no longer be ushering each row after the service, feel free to depart when you are ready.

Many of you will welcome the changes as long overdue. Others will wonder if it is perhaps too much too soon. We can assure you that the leadership of St. Paul has done their very best to think clearly and act honorably throughout this whole pandemic in order to serve our congregation as well as possible.

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