



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 11.03.24

Almighty God, Abba Father, we are honored by your invitation to bring matters of the heart to the throne of grace. Knowing you eagerly await our knock on your door, inhabit our praise and hear our petitions.

We praise you for Char Schultz' successful shoulder surgery last Wednesday. We ask you shepherd her through what will be a painful recovery.

Elohim, Everlasting God, who saw and named Benjamin Carlson before the creation of the world, we fervently ask that his fifth round of chemo treatments and following assessment will bring good news and great joy. We ask the spirit of all comfort to be close and strengthen the Carlson family.

Be with Jeri Ferguson, Diana Short's mom who tomorrow will undergo relatively routine heart surgery.

We ask Father for Justin Scott that you would sustain and provide as he seeks a new career direction. Bless Justin and family for his twenty years of faithful service to our Bend youth as a Young Life director.

Lord we bring to you the difficulties of parents with adult kids who can make frustrating decisions. We ask for wisdom and understanding as our children begin to pull away and establish their own identity, a season in life common to us all.

And for teachers who face challenges with 'a certain pupil' we pray they find extra grace and much needed support at home and at school to lessen the burden.

God who provides, I thank you that my brother Tim McKaig, after three years in a group home, has been accepted into memory care at near by assisted living. And also for Pam Powell as she downsizes and adjusts to her new assisted living life.

Make clear the path Antioch can take to be the biggest blessing in our community.

Heal the sharp division in our country fueled by suspicion, fear, the lust for power, and eroded trust in institutions. But that we the church would profess and renew our allegiance to your son Jesus Christ and his kingdom.

Protect the hungry in the world where food crises leaves people with impossible choices: skipping meals, marrying off children, selling their bodies, leaving them susceptible to common diseases from lack of nutrition, in East Africa, in Gaza. Wherever souls lack simple food. rescue. Be strong on their behalf. Raise up peacemakers. Defend your church around the world and glorify our Prince of Peace.

Amen