

Prayer List for Sunday, June 26, 2022

Let us offer prayers of healing, comfort and strength for:

Bill D., Bob C., Bob N., Bonnie H., Deb, Karen, Lydia, Mama Clare, Nora, Phil B., Ronnie, Sandy M., Elizabeth, Wayne, Sr. Joy, Earl & Lorraine, Lou-Ann, Penny, Jonathan, Michelle, Brianna and family, Maggie, Ralph, Robin, Audrey, Lillian, Virginia, Beth, Robert C., Genesis, Lena, Robert, Rosaria, Barbara, Ruth, Theresa, Joanne, Dottie Z., Linda, Diane T., Raleigh, Letitia, Liz, Rita, Jack, & Jolie, Ed, Jason, Christine, Canon Glenworth Miles, Mthr. Sonia Waters, Mthr. Vivian Lam; the clergy and people of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Vestavia Hills, AL

We continue our prayers for all across the United States and the globe suffering from Covid-19, those who are hospitalized, and those who are in grief following the death of their loved ones from this disease.

We pray for all who are struggling economically during this time, for those who are unemployed and under-employed, those searching for employment, those who are hungry and food insecure, and those who are homeless or fear eviction or foreclosure. We give thanks for and pray for all those involved in feeding ministries and with the homeless ministry, especially for those volunteers who give of their energy and passion to Nourish Babylon.

We pray for our junior and senior high schools, students, former students, faculty, administration, and for the whole community as we face sexual misconduct and predation allegations that have come to light in our local schools. We continue to pray for all who have been harmed emotionally, psychologically, spiritually, and physically.

Let us celebrate and pray for those celebrating birthdays:

Deb Austin, Nancy Hemendinger, Daisy Holzmacher, Fred Speacht, Pete Williams

Let us celebrate, give thanks, and pray for our graduates:

Rebecca Scharf, Nathaniel Boning, Talia Taormina

Let us pray for those who have died: We pray for the repose of the soul of Gerry Brooks, who was buried from this church on Friday, and for Sofia Garbe in whose memory the bread, wine, sanctuary lamp, and candles were given. We pray also for the over 1,010,000 (one million, ten thousand) who have died of Covid-19 in our country, those who have been killed in mass shootings in Uvalde, TX, Buffalo, NY, Los Angeles, CA, Tulsa, OK, Vestavia Hills, AL, and so many more places, for all who have died as a result of gun violence and racial violence, and all who have died in the war in Ukraine.

Prayer for the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. BCP p 815*

Prayers for Ukraine

Gracious God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and for all whose lives and livelihoods are endangered by war. May they be held in your loving care and protection, and given strength to endure what suffering or hardship may come. Transform the hearts and minds of those inflicting harm, and guide leaders and citizens to choose the way of peace. We ask this through your son Jesus, the true Prince of Peace. *Amen.*

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. *Amen.*