



april 2017

# PRAYER

guide

This is a poem by D.A. Carson on the cross:

- i) "On that wretched day the soldiers mocked him,  
    raucous laughter in a barracks room,  
'Hail the King' they sneered while spitting on him,  
    brutal beatings on this day of doom,

    Though his crown was thorn, he was born a King  
    holy brilliance bathed in bleeding loss,  
    All the soldiers blind to this stunning theme:  
    Jesus reigning from a bloody cross."

- ii) "Awful weakness marks the battered God-man,  
    far too broken now to hoist the beam,  
    Soldiers strip him bare and pound the nails in,  
    watch him hanging on a cruel tree

    God's own temple's down,  
    he has been destroyed,  
    Death's remains are laid in rot and sod,  
    but the temple rises in God's wise ploy,  
    Our great temple is the Son of God."

- iii) "Here's the one who says he cares for others,  
    one who said he came to save the lost,  
    How can we believe he'll save another,  
    when he can't get off that blood stained cross.

    "Let him save himself, let him come down now!'  
    savage jeering at the king's disgrace,  
But by hanging there is precisely how Christ saves others –  
    that's the king of grace."

- iv) "Great in darkness, utterly rejected,  
    crying 'why have you forsaken me?'  
Jesus bears God's wrath alone, dejected  
    weeps the bitterest tears instead of me

    All the mockers cry "he has lost his trust"  
    "he's defeated by hypocrisy!"  
    But with faith's resolve  
    Jesus knows he must do God's will  
    and swallow death for me."



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>> **Good Friday/Easter**

+Pray that those that attend church this time of year would be soft toward the message of the Gospel

+Pray for message of the Resurrection to be made clear and relevant.

+Pray for open conversations to talk about Jesus with those around you

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**ELDER** | Tom Evans (wife: Patty)

**DEACON** | Doug Bear (wife: Amy)

**DEACONESS** | Nancy Boelkes (husband: Rob)



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>> **Trey & Stefanie Bell**

- + Sofia starting with a nanny - That she will love her, keep her safe and all hearts will be at peace.
- + Arabic- That we stay focused, keep progressing and learn to share truths clearly from His word.
- + Masters- Trey to have time management and for his master's program to aide him to be a better teacher for the Kingdom.
- + Travel next month- There will be lots of traveling and Trey will be separate from Sof & Stef for about a week. Ask for this to go smoothly and Sofia to do well with it.

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**Hope Ministries: Bethel Mission and Hope Center**

Bethel provides emergency shelter for homeless men at the Bethel Mission and short-term programming for women and children at the Hope Center for Women and Children. While there, these individuals and families receive 3 meals a day, clothing and Christian love and guidance. And their case managers offer referrals to vital community resources, including a long-term life-recovery program.

>>> **Bethel Mission**

- + Continued passion, strength and health for volunteers who lead our nightly chapel.
- + Encouragement of our shelter guests as they witness how the family of God loves.
- + Prayers that more men choose to change their lives by entering our recovery program and complete it.

>>> **Hope Center for Women and Children**

- + Staffing search for Program Services Coordinator
- + Two moms involved with Department of Human Services are able to have visits with their children. They are still working on regaining custody.

**PATTY & DENNY BOLE** | Pray for **Denny's** continued battle with cancer.

**JOE & JANE EATON** | Pray for **Joe** who had a heart attack and is home with chronic heart disease. Also pray for **Jane** who is going through chemo for chronic ovarian cancer.

**KEVIN & LEAH JOHNSON** | Please pray for their father going through treatment for skin cancer.

**RON & SHARON LEHMAN** | Continue to pray for our granddaughter, **Megan** (27), being treated for ovarian cancer.

**JULI YOST** | **Emma R.**, a young teen (13) with leukemia on life support with sepsis, pulmonary edema, critically ill. There has been some improvement- lungs are better, blood pressure is better, kidneys are better. Her parents are believers.

**JEFF & AMY KRITENBRINK** | Pray for Nathan, a 6th grader who has brain cancer.

**GRIDER FAMILY** | Praise! Our friend's son, **Cooper**, had surgery last week to remove his cancer. The surgery was successful and he is home recovering.

**LANZ FAMILY** | Continue healing for **Grandma Donna**.

**MEREDITH MEZA** | Back surgery was scheduled for March 30. Pray that it will be successful this time.

**MIKKELSON FAMILY** | Pray that our grandma will get better from her surgery on her thumb and foot.

**PAULA RISIUS** | Please pray for healing for **Gary** after his hip surgery.

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**GARY & JENICE BARTON** | Continued prayers for our unsaved family members.

**AINA BROWN** | My parents, **Arnold** and **Elfrida**, both in their 80s with declining health.

**RON & JOAN REINDERS** | Pray for our 3 sons and thier families. Pray that their hearts would soften towards Christ.

**MONTE & SHERRI HESS** | Please pray for salvation for our adult kids: Nick, Cierra, Brooke, Sam & Tiffany. Spiritual growth for Meghan, Alex, Jill, & Maddie.

**JACK & MARY DAVIS** | Please pray for Mary's nephew, **Austin**, and all those in the military.

**FELICIA MIEDEMA** | Pray for **David Miedema**, as he transitions from military to civilian life, for decisions about work and school.

**SCHOLTEN FAMILY** | Pray for **Zach Scholten** in the Marine Reserves here in Des Moines.

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**JORDAN & ANNA ZIMMERMAN** | Career/Job situation for Jordan.

**RACHEL CARLSON** | Trust in the Lord and His ability to provide for my upcoming trip to Guatemala. Also for strength & safety while in the country.

**LANZ FAMILY** | Continued guidance in what is next for our family. Also, continued guidance in school.

**RYAN LENIHAN** | please pray for deaf ministries to have opportunities for fellowship and Bible study regularly.

**TOM & BARB STEARNS** | Please pray for our granddaughter, **Mallory Stearns**, who is on a mission trip to South Asia.

**JEFF SCHOLTEN** | Spring semester ministry activities with Bridges International.





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