

PRAYER VIGIL

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**WELCOME!
TO OUR VIRTUAL VIGIL
FOR PEOPLE NEEDING OUR
PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS**

**PLEASE TAKE YOUR TIME...
SCROLL FROM "STATION" TO "STATION"
LINGER AND PRAY FOR EACH PERSON**

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN PRAYER

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JUDE VELTKAMP



MY STORY:

I am 18 years old and am the eldest child of Trevor and Jody Veltkamp. While in my freshman year at Whitworth College this past September, I was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma, a rare and extremely dangerous bone cancer. I am undergoing aggressive, in-patient chemotherapy, and had to have my left leg amputated in December to halt the disease. I still have six months of chemotherapy ahead of me.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYERS FOR:

- The complete remission of the cancer
- Fortitude to endure my treatments
- My faith to be made stronger during this time of trial

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. II Corinthians 4-17,18

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MADISON DERKS



MY STORY:

I am a junior at Illiana Christian High School in Dyer, IN, and am the grand niece of Randy and Jan Bode. My parents are Keith and Tricia Derks and I have 3 sisters, one older and two younger. I currently am attending school in a wheel chair and will begin treatments soon for Osteosarcoma (bone cancer) in my upper leg.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYERS FOR:

- Emotional strength for me and my family
- For my faith and my family's faith not to falter
- For full and complete healing from my cancer

*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you,
Do not fear; I will help you. Isaiah 41:10 ,13*

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KEN RITSEMA



MY STORY:

In September 2016, I was diagnosed with a rare form of pancreatic cancer which had already spread to the liver and lymph nodes. With surgery not being an option, I have been through 3 different types of chemotherapy that did little to arrest the cancer. I am now participating in a five year nuclear medicine trial, and recent tests have shown "moderate to significant improvement."

I give thanks to God for extending my life, and for giving me good quality of life.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYERS FOR:

- To trust in God's goodness...all of the time
- That God's work of healing in my body will continue
- To stay faithful to God's purposes with the time He gives me

Rejoice in the Lord always!...the Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, and with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:4,6-7

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SHERM POLINDER



MY STORY:

I have been afflicted with Multiple Myeloma which is a cancer of my bone marrow. Recent blood tests indicate some improvement in my cancer cell counts. Thankfully, I am not experiencing significant side effects. I am at peace and very grateful for all your prayers for me.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYERS FOR:

- My wife, Phyllis, and for my doctors and nurses who are caring for me
 - My medications and treatments to be effective
- My white blood cell counts, which are currently low, to improve.

As for me and my House we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15

*How precious it is, Lord, that you are thinking about me constantly.
Psalm 137:17 (The Living Bible)*

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JANE VANDEN BOS



MY STORY:

In August 2019 I was diagnosed with Stage 3 ovarian cancer. This type of cancer has an 80% recurrence rate, but we rejoice that I have been cancer-free since February and am on medication to prevent recurrence.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYERS FOR:

- I have been cancer-free since February. Celebrate with us!
- Join us in thanking God for this answer to prayer and for each day he grants us on this earth.
 - Thank God for answered prayer in your own life.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 118:1

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KEITH ZYLSTRA



MY STORY:

I have been diagnosed with Stage 4 colon cancer. The prayers for healing by my family and friends have led to good results from my treatments. God's healing power through your prayers is working in my life, and your continued prayers for me are welcome and needed.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYERS FOR:

- The spread of the cancer to be stopped as it has spread to my liver
 - The neuropathy in my hands and feet to get better
- That my next scan in 3 months will show continued healing

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

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TYLER ROUSE



MY STORY:

I am Tyler Rouse, and I grew up at Third Church. My mom is Heather Anker. On September 22, 2020, I was diagnosed with Hairy Cell Leukemia (HCL). I spent 2 weeks at the University of Washington receiving chemotherapy, which was followed by once-a-week infusions for 7 more weeks in Bellingham. I currently have blood tests done every other week, and have been able to return to my job with the City of Bellingham in the Water Department. Currently, there is no known medical cure for HCL, but with chemo it can be put into remission. I am grateful to have the family of Third praying for me.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYERS FOR:

- My blood tests to show that the leukemia is in remission
- That I will receive a good report from my specialist in Seattle this week
- That the leukemia will be put into remission for 5 years before I need chemo treatments again

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

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RON SCHULTZ



MY STORY:

I am Ron Schultz, Pastor of Bellingham Seventh-day Adventist Church (just off the Smith Road across from the soccer fields). For 27 years, I have suffered from Crohn's disease. While God has not chosen to heal me at this point, I am nevertheless grateful for His mercies and for the work He has given me to do for His Kingdom.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYERS FOR:

- Gratefulness to God for the mercy has shown me as I have learned to live and work with Crohn's disease
- To be given sufficient healing from the disease so that my ministry to the church and for God's Kingdom will not be hindered

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
Phil. 4:13*

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TRISTON TJOELKER



MY STORY:

I am Triston Tjoelker from Lynden, WA, and my parents are Jada and Lincoln Tjoelker. While in my freshman year at Central Washington University, I was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma (bone cancer) in May 2019 when my leg broke on a run. After moving to Seattle and undergoing chemotherapy and radiation for 6 months, I went into remission until Aug. of 2020 when the cancer re-emerged. After having my right leg amputated last month I am now getting ready to undergo a stem cell transplant on January 11.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYERS FOR:

- Complete and total remission of the cancer
- Minimal side effects from the stem cell transplant
- My faith to be renewed

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

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MARLENE KUIPER



MY STORY:

My husband, Les Kuiper and I were at Third Church doing Specialized Transitional Ministry with you from 2015-2016. We are currently at our home near Minneapolis, MN. In late fall, 2020, I was diagnosed with an aggressive form of Stage 3 (quite advanced) ovarian cancer. I began chemotherapy on December 17 with treatments, surgery and more treatments continuing through April or May of this year.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYERS FOR:

- The chemotherapy and surgery to be effective in putting the cancer into remission
- The side effects from the chemotherapy to be minimal so that I might have good days that “feel” normal
- The heavy and difficult days to be less so, and to keep a deep sense of gratitude for Les and for the God who is always present and whose promises never fail

I am convinced that nothing can separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow — not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below — indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39

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LYNN LIKKEL



MY STORY:

I am serving as a Calling Pastor here at Third Church with my husband Allen. We minister to folks in their "Third Chapter," whom we call Elder-Saints. Prior to our transition from full-time ministry, I had a severe case of pericarditis (about 25 years ago) that left scarring on my heart. I now deal with a-fib and a-flutter along with some lack of heart function. I am on the list for an ablation, hopefully in then next month. In addition, I have chronic retention of fluid below my right lung which may be due to my Rheumatoid Arthritis (recently diagnosed) along with the heart issues.

I am awaiting an opening with my Ophthalmologist to determine if I am OK to proceed with anti-inflammatory medication (tricky because of my diabetes).

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYERS FOR:

- Getting started on the right medication to deal with Rheumatoid Arthritis (along with 2 other forms of arthritis) and pray that this will help resolve the pleural effusion issues
- For a soon-to-be scheduled ablation to mitigate the a-fib and a-flutter
- For relief from the pain and fatigue that are a result of these health issues

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. Matthew 11:28-30

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**WHEN MY ARMS CAN'T
REACH PEOPLE WHO ARE
CLOSE TO MY HEART...**

**I ALWAYS
HUG THEM
WITH MY
PRAYERS.**

