

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers this week for...

Peace for our nation:

That God upholds in righteousness and health our nation and its leaders. Preserve in wisdom and honor our president and vice-president, the president- and vice-president- elect; our governor; and all public servants, including our armed forces, police and first responders. Send peace in our time.

For preservation of life (2021 Life Sunday):

That God open hearts to his truth that all life from conception to natural death belongs to Him, and that the scourges of abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia and others be overcome through faithful proclamation of God's love in Christ. And that all Christians faithfully reach out in love to those who face or have faced these troubling life decisions.

King of Kings members & friends:

Thanksgiving at the birth of a daughter, Rosanna Jane, to Sydney & Keaton Hull (grandparents Kirk and Sheila Monson).

That healing and encouragement are granted to those who mourn or are ill: Tom Bohlken, Jim Barker, Viki Ingram, Jason Swestka, Marv Frerking, Laura Howe, Leilani Luedtke, Faith Buss, Jerry Green, Jan Fruth, Sherry Brendes and those we name in our hearts.

For a blessed new year at King of Kings:

That God opens our hearts and minds to his will and Word, directs the decisions of our pastors and staff, lay leaders and ministry volunteers and guides our steps so we may serve as fruitful witnesses of His truth in our community. Bless the ministry of this congregation.

For African ministry:

That the leaders not be discouraged but encouraged in the Word so that those who remain in the community may hear the truth of the forgiveness of sins and salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

For growth in faith:

That God bless each of us with the desire to imitate Jesus, to learn and grow in wisdom and strength through His Word, abiding in it, eager to hear and follow it.

For relief from the pandemic:

That God would stem the spread of the coronavirus, bring healing to those who are ill and bless us with confidence in His love and mercy through all circumstances. Grant that we live in confident trust in God's eternal care for his people.

Prayers for Others:

Healing, recovery, peace,
strength —
Tom Bohlken
Jim Barker
Sydney Hull and daughter
Rosanna
Viki Ingram
Jason Swestka
Marv Frerking
Laura Howe
Leilani Luedtke
Jerry Green
David Marousek
Faith Buss
Bob & Jan Fruth
Sherry Brendes



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Refocusing on Christ

Introduction: Easy to get and stay out of focus

- ◆ He (the Lord) revealed himself to Samuel through his _____. 1 Sam. 3:21
- ◆ You are not your _____ 20 you were bought at a price. 1 Cor. 6:20
- ◆ "I tell you the truth, _____ shall see heaven open..." John 1:51

Getting Refocused

1st- He (the Lord) _____ himself to Samuel through his word. 1 Sam. 3:20

In Jesus' own words "...everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to _____ and bear fruit - fruit that will last." John 15:15-17

We live _____ not by sight. 1 Corinthians 5:7

...faith is _____ of what we hope for and _____ of what

we do not see. Heb 11:1

2nd -You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. 1 Cor. 6:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Gal 2:20-

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3rd- "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open..." John 1:51

1 Thess 4:16-18 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

Distracted? Stay focused on Jesus

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