



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 03.08.26

Lord Jesus, the one who calls us friends; good Father, pruning us to grow; Spirit helping us to abide in Your love, keep us from straying into fear or despair over the state of this world.

As we remain in you, the true vine, show us the false things we go to for sustenance, life, hope. Nurture good fruit in your children of justice, love, and unified resistance to the misuse of power, oppression of the marginalized, and the dehumanizing of those made in your image. Cause our fruit to be clearly recognizable over the fruit of evil. Break in to limit the destruction of wars being waged throughout the world. Check the influence of leaders lacking compassion who act based on twisted motives.

We remember your persecuted children throughout the world. Surround them with your love and protection. Help them to find rest in your hope, strength in your promises, and true power to endure their circumstances.

This morning, reveal your presence in special ways to all who are unable to attend church in person. Help Antioch to increase true community for all who call it their home. Be with the Carlsons as they process the results of Benjamin's recent test showing tumor markers increasing. Encourage and guide them as they consider next steps. Restore his body and return him to a path of recovery. Give wisdom and direction to Mia Kackley's medical team to understand and manage the alarming neurological responses to medications she's recently had. Please continue to cause the symptoms to subside. Uphold Callie and Justin during this difficult time with the necessity of another Portland hospital stay.

Have mercy on these kids and their families and all those in the church enduring ongoing physical and mental health conditions, relational issues, and those struggling with addictions. Hold them in your peace and presence. Heal, strengthen and comfort as only You can.

Thank You that Caitlyn Littrell's cancer surgery was successful. Bless her continued recovery.

Receive these requests as they fuel our longing for the day when you wipe away all tears and fill the earth with your glory and goodness. Father of hope that washes fear away; Jesus, the one who lays down his life for his friends; Spirit of comfort and guidance, teach us to love each other as You have loved us, and to remain in your love so that we bear much fruit.

Amen.