



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 09.06.26

Brilliant, extravagant Creator of the changing seasons, the precise tilt of the earth, the rhythms of all creatures, awaken us to your presence. Unfold and free our hearts to find delight in you this morning. King of mystery and wonder, uphold us in the unknown as we wait for you to reveal your glory in all things; hear our still-forming prayers and hold our hearts.

Rejoice with Toby and Lanelle Engel as they receive the good news of no spread and low likelihood of recurrence of Toby's cancer.

Creator of the corners of the universe and every bit and piece of the human body, care for those in need of medical care this week. Reduce pain and restore balance in bodies out of rhythm.

For those of us who don't know what to ask for or how to voice our pain, hear our unformed words and bestow what you know we need. Like clouds floating on the horizon holding the promise of refreshment, draw ever nearer to us, releasing your life giving water.

Impart your safe, soothing and secure presence through the Young family to baby Jaxon's body and heart to restore peace and right functioning in his body. Prepare a forever family where he will grow and thrive.

Nurture the hearts and minds of teachers, students and families returning to the rhythms of a new school year. Build relationships as we learn and grow together. Reveal yourself as the One who from the beginning has held all things together – music, astronomy, art, PE, language, math, geography, history and poetry. Deepen our wonder and curiosity as we explore your very good world.

Anchor us as that very good world shudders and groans under the weight of sin and brokenness. For the people of Nepal and Tibet facing mass burials of those lost in the floods, hold them fast in the roiling pain of loss and numbness of grief. Hold off the rains, provide resources to rebuild homes and businesses, strengthen hearts to serve and love their neighbors.

Painter of the sky and conductor of the starry host, compose a melody of our sorrows that fills the earth and our hearts with the hope of your glory.

Amen.