



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 07.19.26

God of all creation; Jesus, the one who saves our souls; Spirit, great reconciler of the broken hearted; use our gathering this morning to change our hearts, forming us, directing our minds and our desires. Increase our wholeness and motivation with your presence and through your truths and by your Spirit.

As each day reveals the reality of a world in constant conflict, shape your children to live justly, love well, and come together to resist misuse of power, oppression of the marginalized, and the dehumanizing of those made in your image.

Break in to limit the destruction of wars being waged throughout the world. Check the influence of leaders whose decisions are increasing pain and evil.

Reveal your presence in special ways to those unable to attend church in person. Help Antioch to increase true community for everyone who calls it their home.

Thank you for helping Mia Kackley through the recent 28 days of continuous infusions. Use these treatments to bring healing even as they have temporarily compromised her immune system. Protect her and enable her to fight off infections and other potential illnesses. Please also grant insurance approval of expenses as the records error is cleared up.

We celebrate also with Caitlyn Littrell, having completed her next-to-last treatment. Provide her with the rest, stamina and healing needed as she prepares for her final round early next month.

For the middle and high schoolers who recently returned from Camp Tadmor, grant them lasting and meaningful relationships and commitments leading to transformation. For Zach and Kelsey, help them recover from this busy and potentially draining time. Give them renewal with the ministry, their family, and their relationships with you and each other.

Strengthen and uphold families in the church affected by the turmoil of ongoing medical and mental health conditions, relational issues, and addictions. Give them wisdom and direction and the energy to carry on. Comfort those in their care who are suffering, those enduring the difficulties of aging, and all mourning the loss of loved ones. Hold them in your peace and presence. Bring healing, restoration, and even cause their hearts to sing as only You can.

Good Father, teach us to not be people who view others by cultural values. Jesus, show us how to see the things of the heart. Spirit, cause our gaze to be fixed on what truly matters, not swayed by outward appearances of the world.

Amen.