



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 07.12.26

Lord of hosts, you reign over all things in heaven and on earth. Hear our prayers as we approach your throne and pour out our hearts to you.

Everlasting God, you are might to save; lead us through our fear as we live in this fallen world. Walk alongside those affected by the earthquakes in Venezuela as they continue to deal with the aftermath. Strengthen the rescue workers, heal the injured, and comfort the grieving. Tear down the walls that divide us and halt the efforts to sow division throughout our nation. Strengthen our faith in your power so that fear no longer directs our steps. Instill in our hearts a spirit of boldness and courage to live as you have called us, that we may resist the patterns of this world through the power of your Holy Spirit living in us.

Fountain of living water, cultivate seeds of your patience in our hearts, that we might grow more in your likeness. We lift our praises to you for Toby Engel's successful eye surgery this week; support him and Lanelle through his recovery and adjustment. Strengthen and sustain Caitlyn Littrell through her next round of chemotherapy tomorrow. Continue the progress and good results from this treatment, and provide the stamina needed to see her through the last two treatments. For the many in our church family and our community who are suffering with no end in sight – suffering through chronic illness, waiting for test results, walking through dark seasons, or grieving loss – give them endurance to continue running the race. Be an ever-present help to them; be near to them and remind them that they are not alone in their suffering and that their perseverance will one day be rewarded.

Christ our Redeemer, you are the way, the truth, and the life. Shine your light of truth on the disobedience hidden in the corners of our hearts, that we may surrender more fully to you. Make your presence known in the hearts of the youth attending camp this summer, both the middle school students who just returned and the high school students attending this week. Form in them a deep desire to know you and shape them into people who seek your will. As you work in the hearts of the students, fill the leaders walking alongside them with energy and joy, that they may serve from an overflow of your grace.

Merciful Savior, fix our eyes on you and remind us that you have already won the victory over sin and death.

Amen.