



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 09.27.26

Jesus, our peaceful king; Abba, our good father; Spirit of truth and transformation, use this gathering to begin removing hindrances to our faith.

As each day reveals the reality of a world in constant conflict, form 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. Limit the destruction of wars being waged throughout the world. Check the influence of leaders whose decisions are increasing pain and evil. Cause your church to echo Jesus' words saying "no more" to the ways of force and power and by no longer supporting the way of the sword that you so clearly opposed.

Speak to us through this new teaching series to help reveal and remove obstacles that keep us from believing in You, your plans and purposes, and your true essence of love. Pour out your healing mercy on those who have too often been injured by the church and its damaging loyalties, twisting of truths, and misplaced judgements leading to shame. 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.

Holy Spirit, our comforter, be with the Kackley's as they process entering a 2nd year of cancer treatments for Mia, and now the recent loss of Justin's young nephew to the disease. Strengthen and encourage them towards peace found only in You as they endure this difficult time.

For Kathy Colclough, as she and her family face a second heart valve replacement and its potential complications, be the hope that washes their fears away. Guide them and their medical team towards the best path of improving her condition.

Thank You for our kids who were baptized last weekend. Cause their commitment to last and Your presence and love for them to be truly known throughout their lives. We celebrate also the wedding of Shawn Hay and Lauren Reuf. Bless their journey together and cause their love to deepen and grow through good times and difficult ones. Make their relationships with You flourish in new and meaningful ways because of this union.

Good Father, help us to know you as the perfect parent we all need. Jesus, show us how to walk in your way of non-violence. Spirit, come do your healing work in our minds and hearts. Amen