



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 8.9.26

Heavenly Father, You are the King who reigns in victory, and we are on our knees bringing you the offerings of our voices, our bodies, hearts, and minds. Have mercy on us and hear our prayers.

Thank you for the sweet little ones who were dedicated to you today. Guide these children to grow in grace, truth, and gentleness. Anchor them deeply in your love and surround them with the body of Christ. Encourage wisdom, patience, and joy to abide in their parents as they nurture these precious lives. Raise up our congregation to be a faithful family, reflecting your goodness to them in every season.

Merciful Jesus, the light that burns in the darkness; We lift before you those whose lives have been overturned by wildfire. Draw near to those who have lost homes, familiar landscapes, treasured memories, and loved ones. Be a shelter for the displaced, courage for those who battle the flames, and comfort for all who awaken to uncertainty. As creation groans beneath smoke and ash, have mercy on the land we have wounded. Renew forests, rivers, skies, and hearts. Teach us to tend your world with humility and reverence, remembering that the earth is yours and everything in it.

With grateful hearts we rejoice alongside Caitlyn Littrell as she celebrates her final round of chemotherapy. Thank you for sustaining her through every difficult day. Fall afresh on her spirit, Lord, and continue your healing work within her body. Restore her strength, and let this milestone become a testimony of your faithfulness.

Father, our hearts are ablaze with joy for the groundbreaking of our new building. Continue to build Antioch stone by stone and heart by heart to become a home in Midtown where strangers become neighbors, burdens are shared, the lonely are welcomed, and the good news of Jesus is proclaimed for generations to come. Protect the workers on the project and draw them close to you.

God our healer, Quiet the anxious hearts of those among us facing looming surgeries, difficult diagnoses, and uncertain medication changes. Guide the hands of surgeons, the wisdom of physicians, and the discernment of caregivers. Grant patience in waiting, courage in the unknown, and peace that is deeper than understanding. Remind each of your children that they are never beyond your presence or your care.

Gather all these prayers into your merciful hands. Shape us into a people who trust your kingdom more than our fears, who love as we have been loved, and who walk in the hope of Christ's resurrection until all things are made new.