



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 03.01.26

Holy One, Author of Salvation, we are desperate for your presence. We wait here in the hush between heartbeats, carrying the fragile weight of this week with hopeful expectation and hands lifted in praise. Turn your face toward us; do not let our waiting be in vain. Have mercy on us and hear our prayers.

Many in our congregation face the scourge of loneliness, chronic pain, financial instability, fragile mental health and high stakes medical decisions. Be the guiding lamp in their long corridors of waiting bringing comfort where there is pain, clarity where discernment is needed and stubborn hope where despair has settled. Knit us together in compassion so that when one rejoices, we all taste the sweetness, and when one weeps, they will not weep alone.

Go before Caitlyn Littrell and her medical team tomorrow morning. We pray for a successful surgery that leads to clear and hopeful paths of treatment. Holy Spirit, may your presence fill the operating room like a steady flame, guiding with quiet certainty turning precision into mercy and skill into grace.

As we step forward in the faith of the Planted campaign, plant us deeper still. You have been our provision and our wisdom thus far— continue to steady our steps. Give our staff clear discernment, courageous obedience, and unity of heart as they follow where You lead.

And for our neighbors in the Safe Parking program, be their shelter in the night. When engines quiet and darkness falls, cover them with Your peace. Make each space a place of safety, and each morning a reminder that they are seen and not forgotten. Provide not only places to stay during our construction, but a pathway into stability, dignity, and home.

Glorious Savior, our world is trembling with conflict. We pray for peace that is more than silence— Peace that is rooted in justice, Peace that builds bridges over divisive lines. Peace that mends what hatred has torn. Soften the hearts of our leaders and bend their wills toward mercy. Guard the most vulnerable among us, and make us, your church into subversive witnesses in your work of reconciling all things.

Jesus, Our Great Redeemer, simply to speak your name is praise. Hold us in Your mercy. Send us in Your grace, with burning hearts do to Heaven's work. For You are the way, the truth and the life and in You, even the smallest light cannot be overcome.  
Amen.