



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 06.21.26

Spirit of truth, holiness, and wisdom, you are our God. Your church gathers to praise you, for how you've delivered us, how you're working through us, and for mercies we trust you have in store. As we pray, we ask that we hear your words calling us closer to your heart. Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.

Father of compassion and God of all comfort, we bring the earthly fathers in our lives to you today. Continue to instill them with patience, tenderness, wisdom, generosity, and strength. For those among us who have no fathers, whether because of death, betrayal, or untold trauma, intercede with your promise of presence, protection, and love. Help us resist bitterness and resentment, and direct us to walk with humility, grace, and peace.

Jesus, our deliverer, many within our church family are struggling with exhausting and frightening medical diagnoses and treatments. For them and their families, encourage them with reminders of your presence, that you have not left them. For the medical providers who help care for them, give them rest, skill, confidence, and compassion.

For Mia Kackley, Caitlyn Littrell, Toby Engel, and Ian Murdock, who face the unrelenting fog of uncertainty and pain that cancer torments with, encourage them with family and friends. Show yourself in everyday victories. Take away their cancers, heal their bodies, restore their souls.

God, our healer, be with the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, and their neighboring nations in their efforts to stop the spread of Ebola. Supply the health care workers there with ample equipment, training, and expertise. Help community leaders foster trust, compliance, and education among their people. Spur the leaders of your world's wealthy nations to contribute support and restore once-promised aid, so relief organizations can return to the work they know so well.

Holy Spirit, our guide, we thank you for the gift of the marriage of Liam and Gracie Littrell. Grant them abundant, peace, patience, kindness, and trust as they begin their new life together. Be the foundation and third strand of their marriage, tying them together, providing stability and grace.

Jesus, Prince of peace, illuminate the minds of leaders of rival nations and factions. Silence their false promises of peace and break their instruments of war and propaganda.

Amen.