Prayer List

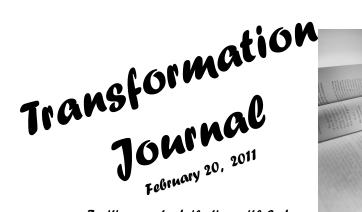
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

Layton Powell Robert Sting Gary Birkett Rick May Otha Wilkins Bernard Nash Anthony Newcomb Scott Carter Servicemen and women Carrie Stostetter Junior McHenry Dan Stienen Betty Thompson **Brennan Simpkins** Frances Seamans Lisa Emerson Anne Hudson Sondra Clare Thomas Taylor Harold Springer Kathy McReynolds Edith Umberger Vincent Keller Kitty Springer Sharon Keller Edith Hite Eileen Simmons Mary Crowder Michelle Honeycutt The family of Eric Rash Jo Ann Vansickle Martha Cole Crowder Trula Large Grace Marshall David King Sheila Cage Hilda Ozlin Betty Potts Tommy Cage Hazel Taylor **Grant Cooper** Dee Welch Ogburn Taylor Anthony Newcomb Brad and Laurie Morris Dorothy Driskill Mike Brown and family Michelle Day Logan Curtis Neal David Cook and family Bertha Arthur Ricky Tanner Rosa Elliot Lucille Bragg Martha White William Bacon Raymond and Edith Gene Finch Tanner Tom Tanner Penny Callis Jerry Davidson Eric Harrell Ray Barbour Elaine Pearce Charles Whitmore

Prayers for the church, nation, and world:

- -For Charis Storms as she settles into life in the Mongolian countryside, that she would have wisdom in establishing the mobile library project
- -For the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) as they work around the world to help people in severe need
- -For the thousands of children who are used as child labor to produce chocolate
- -For our national government as they establish a budget for the coming year
- -For the new United Methodist Church plant in the Fort Lee area and for their pastor, Rev. Gina Anderson-Cloud, as they call people back to the church
- -For the people of France and Germany

Others I would like to pray for:





Inviting you to daily time with God.

Every day the Transformation Journal will offer you a scripture passage and a question or two for reflection. Take a few minutes each day, and see what God has for you! The prayer list is also on the back, so please take time to pray for those we have lifted up on Sunday.

Sunday, February 20th

Sermon Notes:

Read Isaiah 64:6-9. How would your life look different if you viewed your righteous deeds as filthy rags in God's sight? How does understanding that we cannot earn God's favor impact your view of God?

Monday, February 21st
Read Luke 18:9-14. Which individual in this story do you relate to more? Think about when you have relied on your own righteousness and compare these times to times when you have come before God humbly. How can you be more humble before God?
Tuesday, February 22nd Read Hebrews 10:1-16. Envision living in Old Testament times when the forgiveness of sins came through offering sacrifices on a regular basis. How does it feel knowing that Christ gave himself once for all our sins? Is it hard for you to accept Jesus' gift of forgiveness?
Wednesday, February 23rd Read John 10:11-18. How does it feel knowing that Jesus is the good shepherd who will stand by our side in every situation? Jesus chose t give his life for us, his sheep. Why does it matter that this was Jesus' decision?

Thursday, February 24th

Read Romans 3:9-26. Our righteousness comes from Jesus instead of
following the law. Take some time to thank God and praise God for the grace that God offers us through Jesus.
Friday, February 25th
Read Ephesians 2:7-10. Are you tempted to boast about your salvation?
How does knowing that salvation is a gift from God temper your desire
to boast about your faith?
Saturday, February 26th
Read Matthew 18:23-35. Understanding God's grace impacts how we
live in many ways. How does understanding grace impact your relationships with others?
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Sunday Fobruary 27th

As we gather for worship, prepare your heart by focusing on God and offering this prayer: "Living God, as we gather to worship you today, help me to encounter you, to truly worship you, to hear from you and to have my life changed by you. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Readings: Deuteronomy 7:7-10; Psalm 36; John 3:1-21; 1 John 4:7-11