

Dear Church Family,

Both my mother and father have been under the weather with flu like symptoms, and my dad was tested and confirmed that he has the virus. They both are at their home and doing ok considering. Due to the hectic nature of my schedule and this quarantine, it's been a few weeks since I have seen them, but I have been in touch with them often. Please keep them in prayer for a good recovery.

We have received some positive news regarding Pr. Bob Sheridan. He is out of the induced coma, off the ventilator, speaking, and even making phone calls. He still has in recovery, so both praise the Lord and be in prayer for him. His wife is also at home with the virus, so please be praying for her, too.

On a separate note, I also have received calls and talked with Bud Ebenroth who sounds great and is recovering. I praise God that I'm able to hear his voice and were able to pray together again.

Below is the updated compilation of prayer requests to help guide you as you pray over the next several days and during this Holy Week. Read over them and incorporate them as you pray. This list can be downloaded on our website under the coronavirus update section. I also am releasing devotional videos called R.E.S.E.T. that are available on Facebook and our website. Also, please check our website, prbchurch.org for updates and resources.

As I was reading Psalm 9 today I was greatly encouraged by God's Word. I encourage you to read it. Here's one of the many verses that are very applicable to our day: **9** The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. **10** And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you. **Psalm 9:9–10 (ESV)**

Feel free to send additional requests through the prayer chain or contact me with specific requests you're praying for during this crisis. God bless you and know that I am praying for you.

Thursday, April 9, 2020

Please pray for . . .

1. That our hearts are turned to Christ as Holy Week continues and that we share the forgiveness that is available at the cross and hope that is available through the resurrection for those who repent and believe in Jesus.
1. Healing for those who are sick with the virus and their families especially as it has spread more, including: Pastor Bob Sheridan of Palos Bible Church, Harold Klode (Pr. Frank's sister-in-law's, 96-year-old grandfather), Karolyn Nelson's cousin, Michelle, Trudie's sister Kathie, and now my father and mother (Dwight and Kathy Volpe), and Gary DeVries' brother. Please pray for the family of a Pass Volunteer who died from complications related to the virus that Gary knows. Praise God that Paula Pasqua's Aunt Pauline is recovering. Praise God that Pastor Bob is speaking and on the upswing.
2. Encouragement for those who are alone and feel isolated and/or depressed and for opportunities for us to bring hope.

3. Healing for those who are sick in our congregation with various illnesses and protection for those who are battling cancer and other conditions and have compromised immune systems.
4. Strength for those who are living in fear and anxiousness.
5. For the slowing of the spread of this virus, and that may would turn to Christ during this crisis.

Friday, April 10, 2020

Please pray for . . .

1. A greater awareness for what Jesus Christ has done for us through His work on the cross, and that many trust in Him this good Friday.
2. Kirill Swiderski as he presents The Messiah and the Passover on Good Friday, and that many watch the live stream and are impacted.
3. Continued wisdom for the church leaders to discern how to lead in a way that they honor God in these days
4. Our President and our nation's coronavirus task force headed by Vice President Mike Pence as they work with the issues related to this pandemic
5. Our Governor and his team to be wise and focused on helping the people of Illinois.

Saturday, April 11, 2020

Please pray for . . .

1. Protection, discernment, and stamina for professionals who are providing medical care
2. Pray for safety and appreciation for those specifically at Silver Cross providing medical care
3. The necessary supplies and equipment to be manufactured and obtained to prevent the spread of the virus and provide care for those who are suffering from it or other illnesses.
4. Those working on diligently on treatments for COVID-19
5. Protection and good health for women who are expecting and their unborn babies. Creative ways for those at PASS and other pregnancy centers to minister to expecting mothers and the fathers of these babies.

Sunday, April 12, 2020

Please pray . . .

1. That believers across the world would rejoice boldly in the resurrection of Jesus and hold out true hope to a desperate world.
2. That many will continue to view and share our Live Worship service, especially on Easter, and that the Holy Spirit will encourage believers and lead many others to Christ.
3. The people of Parker Road Bible Church; that we would be a blessing to our neighbors and an encouragement to each other.
4. For creativity and the skills necessary for the church to use technology to care for their people, preach the Word, and reach unreached people.
5. For our church to recognize the opportunities God is giving us during the madness.

Monday, April 13, 2020

Please pray for . . .

1. Follow up for those who watched live streamed Easter Services around the world, and discipling for those who come to Christ.
2. Strength for continued encouragement for schoolteachers that must manage distance learning.
3. Patience and endurance for parents that are working to help their children learn, while many are working from home themselves.
4. Encouragement for students that are apart from their friends.
5. Encouragement for those who will spend their 8th grade, Senior year of high school or senior year of college in this quarantine.
6. Hope and encouragement for those without a job because of the crisis

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Please pray for . . .

1. Encouragement and wisdom for business owners who are struggling to keep their business afloat.
2. Protection and safety for employees who are continuing to provide service during these days.
3. Protection and safety for Morning Star mission volunteers and hope and care for the homeless during these days.
4. Stabilization and turn around in the worst-hit regions of our world: Italy, Spain, etc.
5. Protection and comfort specifically in Ecuador where those we helped on our mission trip lost loved ones from this virus.
6. Protection and resources for the poorest areas of the world.