**Prayers for April 28\_ May 1, 2024**

Following our Shepherd’s teachings, we come to prayer with a humble and thankful heart.

Loving God, may we never forget to show hospitality to strangers. It provides us the opportunity to be a disciple of faith in action.

 **Leader: God of Grace**

**Congregation: Hear our Prayer**

Loving God please bring relief for those suffering in body and spirit. May we find relief from our problems by remembering you give us the strength to cope and that by your grace you will help us through it. Today, we pray for: Amy, Anne, Arnold, Becky, Beverly, Bonnie, Brayden, Carol, Corrine, Darla, Dave, Dave, David, Denise, Dorothy, Gloria, Jack, Jaden, Jackie, James O., Jerome, Jerry, Karen, Kristy, Larry, Mary, Nancy, Nathan, Patty, Rachel, Sandy, Scott, and Will. And we ask you to comfort the family of Mary Lehman as they mourn her death.

**Leader: God of Grace**

**Congregation: Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, too often we allow rules and doctrine block the purpose of the mission you have entrusted in our care. Loving people the way your son JESUS did, bonds us as a disciple of our faith.

**Leader: God of Grace**

**Congregation: Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, sometimes we get so carried away trying to be right that we forget to be kind. It is not our job to be hall monitors of other people’s conduct. Help us to realize it is our job to listen, to care, to help, and to understand.

**Leader: God of Grace**

**Congregation: Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, when our lives hit difficult times help us to remember to look for you amid our difficulties. You are the guide along the path we need to trust to get us through whatever is our destiny.

**Leader: God of Grace**

**Congregation: Hear our Prayer**

**Loving God, no book is a chapter, and no chapter tells the whole story. Likewise, no mistake defines who we are. How humbling to know, that because of your grace we can turn our lives into a story of redemption.**

**Leader: God of Grace**

**Congregation: Hear our Prayer**

**ALL:**

**With everlasting thanks and joy for Your love and forgiveness we ask You to be with us till we meet again. This week help us to take every opportunity to be thankful for the blessings of each day. Help us to pay attention to how best we can be a gift to others. May we approach each day with SOUL – serving others, uplifting lives! We ask all in the name of Your Dear Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN**

**Daily Prayers for week of April 29, 2024**

**Monday**

Help me be a light that shines toward you today. It is often hard for me to stand out from the world and be different. Give me the courage to make your goodness known and to never be ashamed. Please give peace to my friends who are standing up for you and as a result have found themselves friendless or with few who understand them. I thank you for your all that you have done and will do. In the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN

**Tuesday**

Loving Father, your son came into our broken world to redeem us from our sin and make a way for us to be adopted into your family. Thank you, Jesus for paying the price, for I was helpless to pay it myself. Help me to live today as our child. In Jesus’ name. AMEN

**Wednesday**

Dear Father, help me to remember who I am:

I am God’s Child (John 1:12)

 Christ’s friend (John 15:15)

 A member of Christ’s body (I Corinthians 12:27)

 A saint (Ephesians 1:1)

 Redeemed and forgiven of all my sins (Colossians 1:14)

 Complete in Christ, lacking in nothing (Colossians 2:10)

 Free from condemnation (Romans 8: 1-2)

 God’s coworker (2 Corinthians 6:1)

 Seated with Christ in the heavenly realm (Ephesians 2:6)

 God’s workmanship (Ephesians 2:10)

 A citizen of heaven (Philippians 3:20)

 Adopted into God’s family (Ephesians 1:5)

 Born of God, and the evil one cannot touch me (I John 5:18)

**Thursday**

O God, you created all that exists, and you sustain all through your infinite wisdom and boundless power. Yet you invite me to come to you in prayer, boldly and with the expectation that you will hear and answer me. Teach me, Lord, to take full advantage of this privilege, especially in reaching others with your love. Give me a heart for those who have yet to experience the fullness of your grace, and prompt me to pray for them and for their welfare. In Jesus’ name I pray. AMEN

**Friday**

O Lord, author of my life, thank you for creating me in your image and starting my story. Help me write it carefully and truly become like you. Jesus help me complete my story well. In Jesus’ name. AMEN

**Saturday**

Dear Lord, help me see your hand in life’s bewildering twists and knots. Speak to me so I will understand your way when I find myself trapped in a hard place. Shine your light down upon me so I can follow you. In Jesus’ name. AMEN