

# PRAYER UPDATE

## PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

**Ethan Pope (8 yrs old)** - his outpatient craniospinal radiation started on 7/27 for 3 days. His full body radiation will begin on 8/1 and the stem cell transplant is scheduled for 8/9. Pray for Sienna, his sister who will be his donor and pray for that the family will rest in the Lord's arms.

**Abigail Rodriguez and David Thompson** - at Dominican this past week. Pray for complete recovery.

**Clarke Masters** - had another cardioversion procedure at Stanford on 7/21. He is having some follow up visits this week. Pray for wisdom for the doctors.

**Lucille Wells** - is recovering from heart valve replacement surgery. Pray for a smooth recovery time.

**Mary Sarah Locatelli** - is scheduled for surgery on 8/1 at Stanford. Pray for wisdom for the doctors.

**LouEllen Carlon (friend of Rita Wining)** - is in ICU at Dominican with heart issues and stomach infection. Pray for healing.

## BIRTHS

**Jonathan and Kelli Schlaepfer** - welcome into their hearts and home their new baby son Frederick Jet born on July 23rd. Proud grandparents are Faye and Dennis Malone; and Rene and Laurie Schlaepfer.

**If you would like to minister to a shut-in with a regular visit, or if you'd like us to visit your loved ones in the hospital please contact Carrie Clark 465-3368 | care@tlc.org**

**A complete prayer list is available at the Info Desk.**

# Authentic

Real prayers. Real people.

## GOD, HAVE MERCY

JULY 30 & 31 // ADRIAN MORENO

OUR CENTRAL ISSUE: \_\_\_\_\_

• Separation \_\_\_\_\_

• Longing \_\_\_\_\_



## TWO RESPONSES:

Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. – Luke 18:10 NLT

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The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: 'I thank you, God, that I am not like other people—cheaters, sinners, adulterers. I'm certainly not like that tax collector! I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.  
– Luke 18:11-12 NLT

2. \_\_\_\_\_

But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, "O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner." – Luke 18:13 NLT

ἰλάσκομαι / hilaskomai - be gracious, pardon, atone

I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.  
– Luke 18:14 NLT

**BOTTOM LINE: THIS IS \_\_\_\_\_ PRAYER**

## THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. – Hebrews 4:16

## DAILY MEDITATIONS

Brief daily readings based on this weekend's topic:

**MONDAY** Read Luke 18:9-14. What are some things that stood out to you in the sermon last weekend and why? Who do you relate to more right now, the Pharisee or the tax collector? What is your biggest obstacle when it comes to asking God for mercy? *Father, I know I need your mercy and I thank you for the unlimited mercy I have in you. Remind me to throw myself on your mercy. Thank you that my salvation is not up to me!*

**TUESDAY** Read Isaiah 59:2, 12 and Romans 3:23. What do these verses tell you about sin? What gets in the way of you recognizing the depth of your sin? How do these verses run counter to our culture? *Lord, I admit I'm a sinner. While it's hard for me to understand the depth of my own sin, I pray for the courage to acknowledge my sins. Lord, I pray I won't get stuck in my sins but would continually look to your forgiveness, strength, and your ways.*

**WEDNESDAY** Read Proverbs 21:14, Luke 18:11-12 and James 4:6. In what way do you relate to the Pharisee? How do you struggle with pride? How can pride prevent you from seeing the truth about your sins? *Father, I do not want pride to rule my life and I don't want to be like the Pharisee. Point out to me where pride is interfering in my relationship with you and others. Help me to see others through your eyes and not the eyes of comparison.*

**THURSDAY** Read Psalm 41:4, 57:1 and Luke 18:13. How do you relate to the tax collector? What changes when you follow the example of the psalmist and the tax collector and ask God for mercy? How does God's mercy give you hope? *God, I cannot count the ways I need your mercy. Thank you for the unlimited supply of mercy I have through Jesus. Give me the desire to follow the tax collectors' example every day.*

**FRIDAY** Read Isaiah 1:18, 43:25, Romans 3:24, 4:25 and Ephesians 2:8-9. What do you learn about God's mercy and forgiveness? How could knowing about God's mercy for you impact how you treat others? *God, "thank you" seems so inadequate when it comes to your mercy and forgiveness, but I am eternally grateful! Keep me continually aware of my need for your mercy. Give me opportunities to encourage others with the truth of your mercy and help me to reflect your heart in my relationships.*

**SATURDAY** Read Hebrews 4:14-16. What truth about your relationship with God and his mercy do you see? *Father, thank you for the privilege of approaching your throne. Thank you that, because of Jesus, I find mercy and help in my moment of need. I pray for the services this weekend. Please fill them with your hope and bring our church closer together.*