

PRAYER LETTER FOR GRACE OF CHRIST CHURCH | Week of January 4, 2021

***“Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.”
Jeremiah 33.3***

I was gifted a beautiful book for Christmas, *“The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse”* written by Charlie Mackesy. He is a gifted storyteller and artist. Each page is filled with graphics, some brilliantly painted, that each tell their own story. You can't help but be captured by either his artwork or the words he shares with his readers. What caught my attention was this, *“Isn't it odd. We can only see our outsides, but nearly everything happens on the inside.”*

Two of my absolute favorite things are seeing people healed spiritually/emotionally and people *knowing* who they are in Father God's eyes. This line from Mackesy's book is an important reminder to me that each one of us has so much going on – on the inside...that doesn't always show on the outside...not just how we are *feeling* about circumstances but how we *feel* about ourselves.

My challenge for you this week as you pray over this letter, is to seek God's perspective on *how he wants to heal* those asking for healing, and what *he thinks* of the people you are praying for. It might be fun to ask him and then pray those words, those blessings, over the people you are praying for – even though we don't know their names, God does.

With great expectation,

Ericka Clark

The Rev. Dr. Ray Riese (honorably retired) died and passed into God's eternal kingdom on December 4, 2020. He had been living at Cristwood Park in Shoreline since 2000 and had spent many years on staff at our church. The family has invited our church family to virtually attend his memorial service on January 23 at 3:00pm via Zoom. The link is below, if you would like to participate.

Topic: Ray Riese - Virtual Memorial Service

Time: Jan 23, 2021 03:00 PM Pacific Time

Join Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81628084581?pwd=N3VmVHMrZndDWG91cFJSDR6ZWNDUT09>

Meeting ID: 816 2808 4581

Passcode: Psalm23

PRAISES

“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” John 14.26

- Praise Him for the Peace and Joy He has given me and my family during these holidays, and throughout 2020.
- Lord, we are thankful for the scientists, labs, delivery persons and medical staff who have helped get the vaccine out to so many people. Jesus, heal our land.
- Praising God for being able to walk and hike outside this winter while the gyms are closed. Your creation is marvelous, Lord!

- I am thankful for being able to worship in my living room – thank you staff (praise be to God!) for making that happen each week.
- Praise for a wonderful message on Sunday, and great leadership / shepherding of this part of God's family.
- I am blessed with a friend who sacrifices her time to help me.
- Lord, we lift your name on high! You are the King of kings and the Lord of lords. To you be all the glory, now and forever more. Amen

PRAYERS

“For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.” Romans 6.6-7

- Prayers of comfort and peace for the families who have recently lost a loved one.
- Prayers for calmness waiting for results of medical tests.
- Healing prayer and encouragement for Charlotte.
- Thank you, Lord for being with my two family members that have been dealing with Covid19 the last few weeks and thank you for answering our prayers.
- Father in Heaven, forgive me for thinking ill of others, speaking poorly of others, and not choosing to be kind when given the opportunity. Create in me a clean heart and restore your spirit within me.
- Please pray for my son and his school loans. Pray for a road to follow.
- Travel protection, wisdom, and God's love & peace for Sarah as she moves to Italy.
- Healing for my mom who suffers ocular migraines a few times a week. Wisdom for her doctor.
- Jesus, heal A from his extreme eczema.
- Blessings over our daughter and son-in-law as they begin a new journey in a new town.
- Please pray complete healing for a friend who has Covid19 – her husband recently passed. We are thankful they know the Lord.
- I miss everything I used to have at church – the many ways I was able to serve and be connected. I have hope for the future.
- Please pray for brother S who has severe health issues and needs healing, comfort, and the Lord's mercy. His faith is secure.
- Comfort for the family of my neighbor who passed away. He was such a kind man, father, and husband.
- Please pray for encouragement to our hearts, Tim, Mary & Steve's, as we are separated by distance & lockdown rules.
- Lord, as it is in heaven, may it be on earth.
- Prayers for those that are in assisted living, hospital, and nursing homes, that they get the care they need and comfort.
- Father God, bring healing, peace, and comfort to K as she undergoes treatment for cancer.
- Praying healing for B who has kidney disease and a heart ailment.

THANK YOU FOR PRAYING FOR OUR ELDERS AND DEACONS:

Elders: Jeff Arkills, Rosanne Bacon, Doug Bernd, Bruce Drollinger, Michele Elledge, Marcus Huck, Janet Krieger, Carla Kupp, Loel Labberton, Rich Milhorn, Linda Sorenson, Jeff Steere, Robin Stuber, and Shan Trick.

Deacons: Mike Bealer, Ken & Jeanne Breeding, Joe & Connie Buckley, Doug & Janet Doty, Anneliese Eastridge, Loxi Engebretson, Edith Figueroa-Gonzalez, Debra Girard, Al & Nancy Harding, Rick Larsen, Matt & Sarah Miles, Rinda Mills, Cindy Peugh, Monte Schilperoort, Cathy Simons, Peggy Steere, Alicia Stephens, Steve & Kathy Stermolle, Carol Stuhley, Barbara Towell, Don & Jennifer Ulmer, Gloria Valencia, Jake Weber and Doris Wheeler.

1 Corinthians 15.57 "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."