

How the prayer chain works: As a member of the prayer chain, you will be called to pray for someone, and it may be for someone whom you won't even know. You may also be asked to call two (2) other persons on the prayer chain to let them know of the prayer request.

You are only asked to pray for the person at least one time. Some elect to pray for the person for a period of time (e.g., a week, 2 weeks, a month). Although a single prayer asking God for mercy and healing in Jesus' name is all that is necessary. The Holy Spirit will do the rest (see Romans 8:20).

There may be times when you will be unable to reach the person(s) on the list [below your name]. In that instance, simply leave a message on their answering machine. An e-mail message may be the contact method of choice in some instances, if you are unable to reach the person by phone.

There may be periods when there will be no requests for prayer. Some Christians use their daily devotional time to pray for those who are on our prayer list in the Sunday bulletin. Others extend their prayers for individuals by sending cards, telephoning or making visits.

Prayer chain members and those for whom we pray, do not have to be members of St. Mary's. Please contact the pastor with your prayer requests, questions, or if you are interested in the prayer chain.

Some Scripture texts pertaining to Prayer:

Gen. 18: 22 - 23 - Abraham pleads with God to spare Sodom.

Ex. 32: 11 - 14 - God changes mind through Moses intercession.

Jonah 3: 6 - 10 - God changes mind through king's intercession.

Matt. 6: 5 - 14 - Jesus instructions regarding prayer.

Matt. 7: 7 - Faith in prayer life.

John 17 - Jesus' prayer for His disciples.

1 Tim. 1: 18 - Paul's instruction for praying.

1 Thess. 5: 17 - 25 - Pray without ceasing.

2 Thess. 3: 1 - Paul requests prayer.

Phil. 4: 6 - Pray to get over anxieties.

OUR MISSION "As the Body of Christ, St. Mary's Evangelical Lutheran Church is called by the Father through the Holy Spirit to worship God and witness to others."

Prayer Chain

Thanks for your interest in being involved in our prayer chain! The chain is activated by a request being made known to Pastor Lee (410-346-7146, 717-359-8882, smelc@mail.com) or Susan Bowersox-Blizzard, our secretary (if Pastor Lee is not available). You are asked to call the person(s) directly below your name (unless you are at the end of the chain). We have tried to set-up the chain in consideration of calling areas, so as to reduce long distance calling expenses. Thus, it is possible you won't always know personally the person you are to call. In such cases, just introduce yourself and explain why you are calling. At times, you may not be able to reach those you are to call. In such a case, you may skip over the name and call those directly below. The point is to make your best attempt. God is as interested in our sincere intentions as the prayers themselves. Contact me if you have any questions.



~ Pastor Lee

PRAYER CHAIN GUIDELINES

“Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you will be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” (James 5: 13 - 16)

The prayer chain is an extension into our daily devotional life of our corporate Sunday prayer life for the afflicted. Prayer is a part of a Christian's vocation. Such prayer offered in daily life are offered on behalf of those who have requested our prayer or by others who are concerned about those with special needs. Those who are involved in the prayer chain believe that God hears and answers prayer. Sometimes these healings are known by us, sometimes not. In our prayers God wants to hear our concerns about the brokenness but also the thanksgivings peoples' lives.

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