



First Southern Baptist Church of Avondale

Prayer Requests, August 15, 2018

These prayer requests are distributed at our Wednesday evening events, on the following Sunday morning, and over the internet. We believe strongly in prayer!

Prayer Thoughts

Prison Simulation

My name is Jack. I've done 20 years for murder, illegal firearm possession, and drug charges. I have no family to rely on. I live in a halfway house and have only the \$100 I saved in prison.



I bought 10 bus passes (\$10), got a birth certificate (\$15) and an ID (\$15.) I was required each week to meet with my PO (\$30), go to a counselor (\$15), buy personal items (\$25), pass a UA test (\$5), and go to NA. (Each stop took a bus pass.) I applied for a job, but I needed better clothes and shoes. A shelter helped and I got a job, but I needed my UA test first. I failed. My PO lectured me and sent me to the judge. He lectured me and added \$50 to my fines. I tried to sell plasma for \$25—but my recent “piercing” disqualified me. I was hungry, so I went to AA and got a donut, but they wouldn't sign my form because I left early. I didn't qualify for another job since I hadn't bought my personal items and was sick/weak from lack of food. A free clinic gave me a prescription, which I needed before work, but I was broke. I sold plasma, bought bus passes, got my prescription, and went to AA. They wouldn't sign off because I was angry/disruptive. A church told me I needed Jesus but wouldn't give me a bus pass. Ultimately, by week 4, since I didn't see my PO weekly, never made it to my counselor, and never got credit for NA, the judge sent me back to jail. The whole scenario was so challenging that I was glad to just sit out the rest of the simulation.

The simulation was taught by the U.S. Attorney's office, the Department of Corrections, and a Christian ministry designed to help people make a successful return to society after serving time. It was much more challenging than I thought.

Next step: Prayer is needed before we do anything.

Connection Card Prayer Requests

Sunday, August 12

- Carol Myers – Carmela, Adina, Jolene, Jan, Margaret & Shelby, Edie W., myself – health. Our church, Pastor Jack and family. Our country, my family, Wendy & family who had to evacuate their home because of the Holy fire in CA.
- Unnamed – Sheri J. needs God's guidance, wisdom, and direction.
- Courtney Frank – My success in college. I am very nervous as to how I will do.
- Jeri Burns – Matthew – deployed to Afghanistan.
- Unnamed – Peggy, Isabell, Jayson, Matthew, Dennis, our country.
- J. Benally – My sister Susan, uplift, salvation, including her son T.J. & daughter Francine. Amber my niece and her three little ones; Elle, Rosa, & Hosea Jr. “family issue kids need their father.”
- Evelyn Long – Salvation for family friends, pray guidance & patience. Don, Rachel, Lynn & Rebecca. Pray for country. Homeless.
- Q Morris – Preston's dad to be nice and his grandma to be well.
- Henry Fergus – (1) For my students as they do assessments this week. (2) Krystal as she prepares to move to GCU. (3) To be the teachers God wants me to be both at school and church. (4) Our government. (5) Our church ministries and needed workers. (6) My mom's health. (7) Paul Aragon health.
- Barbara Ealy – Paul - health issues and his wife who is caring for him plus another family member Jim, Jon, Jon's sister, my brother, sister and myself - health issues.
- Karen Frank – Courtney going to to Baylor on Monday.
- Kay Bosley – Continued healthy pregnancy for mom and baby. Unspoken for my husband.

Eddie Woronicz – The Lord’s guidance with the doctors treating me and for me to let go and let God take over. I need peace in dealing with my health issues.

Tracy Wiggins – My son-in-law, being deployed soon to Afghanistan.

Tonya – Randy’s salvation.

Don Morgan – Rachel - health.

Unnamed – Our marriage and we both need new jobs.

Judy – WK & Butch, Karen & Paul, Dianne & Marlin, Shelby & Margaret, Barbara Gage, Felisha and others with health problems. Those traveling. Russ – spiritual guidance. Our church, our country.

Olivia Wilson – My ex-husband and family. May we draw closer together during this stressful time. Pray that I can be strong for the family.

Hannah Caidin Phillips – Health and safety for husband working in Mexico. Prayers for childhood friend struggling with the past and my sister finding the right path.

Jen Reed – My family. I would like my brother to get back on his feet, get a job, and move forward in life. Please pray for my family to be healthy and happy.

Paula – Salvation for my children Cameron & Chelsea.

Unnamed – Hamilton Tyler still in Rehab – Allegiant in Mesa. To have a foot operation in six weeks.

Howard Doyle – (1) Mona Duer Dalene’s mother health. (2) George Crider - health. (3) Dick Noreika - health. (4) Steve Hough – health.

Unnamed – Paul Fernandez and his family. God be with them through their decisions.

Tim Frank – Karen and Courtney are driving to Waco, TX this week. Courtney is moving into her dorm room at Baylor. Classes start on Monday, 8/20.

Preston Swindle – Q’s grandma, mom and dad, momma and Mrs. Julie & Butch, grandma and grandpa.

Tom & Kathy Majors – Tom’s knee (Dr. appt Tues) not healing. Crystal – Chiari malformation. Penny – job.

Unnamed – Praise for an excellent worship ministry here at FSBCA!

Vanessa Fish – My son, family, work, school, unspoken, court, our world leaders & our nation. Praise: I’m working & blessed.

Keli Blankenship – Tyler & Alan – salvation, Mama & Daddy – health issues, Lynn King – health problems, Georgia Hutchinson – strength, Heather – guidance & wisdom, our homeless, our president to make wise decisions, our country to unite under God.

Nora Harbert – family praise my grandson got a job.

Church Members in the Military

Call us with the names of others!

Chris Ray, Melanie Deleree, Dustin Camden, Pete Lucero, Timothy Eddy, Joe Hernandez, Brent Morrison, Antonio Torres, Kyle and Ryan Brees, Lieren Stanley, Jayson and Matthew Burns, Haley Middleton, Caleb Timberman, Matthew Lee, Roydel Pinder Jr., Cheryl McComb, Cole Ziegler, Tanner J. Hartnett

Church Events to Pray For

From the Church Calendar.

Worship, Bible Study, NLPC, Mission of Mercy, NewSong, IHELP Ministry, Life Groups
Fall Basketball Season, Fall Festival

Missionaries We Pray For

Local, American and International

Bryan Uebel - *Crossroads Christian Fellowship, New River*

Matt Jacobsen – *The Edge, Buckeye*

Deliverance Baptist Church – *Dominica*

Other Prayer Requests

From phone, internet, class lists, etc.

Barbara, Bryan, Michael & Angie, Taylor family and James – Salvation.

Don M. – Health.

Robert N. – Health.

Eddie W. – Health.

Those traveling.

Bud and Bea – Health.

Ray K - Health.

Eddie R. – Health.

Paul Aragon – Health.

Bob & Karen Lockett – Health and upift.

Dick J. – Health.

Andrew – Health.