

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the LORD's people.

Ephesians 6:18

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ministry of Care
The Ministry of Presence

## What is a prayer chain?

One of the cornerstones of St. Andrew's church is prayer, so it follows that our prayer chain is an important ministry that brings us together even when we are apart. Our prayer partners pray for others and their needs, which can be diverse and wide-ranging. They are linked, like a chain, to one another so that the needs for prayer can be passed on to all the members of the chain.



#### Who are we?

We are a group of volunteers who believe in the power of prayer. We have committed ourselves to pray regularly, confidentially and individually for the people and concerns that are requested of us. We believe that Jesus Christ meets us at our point of need.

## Confidentiality

The members of the Prayer Chain keep what they pray for confidential. While the knowledge of some of the situations and people they pray for will be widely known, many are confidential and will not be talked about except in the context of passing the information confidentially on to another person on the chain.

## Who can be prayed for?

Requests are received from anyone who feels in need of prayer or who has a person or an issue that they would like brought to God in prayer.

Normally, but not in every circumstance, those being prayed for specifically should know about any request made on their behalf and be in agreement with it going forward.

How do we seek God in all situations? We pray for God's guidance, support and peace; for healing for those who are ill - physically, mentally or emotionally. We offer praise for blessings in people's lives and for answers to our prayers. A simple prayer asking God to heal, comfort, protect or support someone is adequate. God knows the details of the need.

## Being a link in the Chain...

We ask you to consider becoming a member of this prayer ministry. The prayer requests are circulated in one of two ways: telephone or email. Once received, prayers are offered up in the privacy of your own home and at a time that is convenient to you.

If you would like to pray for the needs of St. Andrew's with a small group, please join with others in the Sanctuary at 9:15 on Thursday mornings – *This group* is *in hiatus during Covid-19.* 



#### In need of Prayer?

If you would like to request prayers, email Lorie at prayer@standrewscalgary.ca. Our Prayer Ministry team would love to lift you up in prayer.

#### Reasons to Pray

Any situations that cause sadness, anxiety, distress or times of joy and thanksgiving:

- For those bereaved
- Accident victims
- Those preparing for, or recovering from, surgery or illness
- Those going through stressful times in their lives
- Any who are fearful
- · The terminally ill
- Those with family worries
- Praise when prayers are answered
- For the birth of a child
- ... and other needs too

## If you are interested in learning more...

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