

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST - October 28, 2018

Heavenly Father, I exalt You for You are holy. As I come to Your throne I declare that I will be devoted to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart. (Col 4:2)

I am grateful for my church family and ask You to bless the lives of Jaime & Martha Chavez, Dick Clark, Emanuel & Nancy Corro, Kay Courter, Katie Cravinho, and David & Stephanie Davidson.

Please bless those celebrating birthdays this week: Adryanna Jackson (10/28), Bob Carlson (10/29). Please those celebrating anniversaries this week: Micah & Melina Silva (11/2) and Dan & Merry DeSomma (11/3).

I lift up Clarice Mathison as she's having a skin cancer test preformed on 10/30.

I pray for Bob Sousa as he recovers from a blot clot and Dave Malmberg as he recovers from his recent eye surgery. Bring healing to each of them.

Please heal Angela Wolford's friend, Cody Mabe, as he's been in the hospital for pancreatitis and sepsis.

I lift up the husband of Brenda Echols' coworker, Michael Dunn, who is recovering from a stroke and ask that strength will quickly return in his left side.

Please bless and protect the pregnancies of Stefanie Lafaver-due in Dec, Melinda Anderson-due in Dec (George & Judy Johnson's granddaughter), Synphony Reedy-due in Dec, and Hannah-due in Jan (Annie Atkinson's daughter).

I pray for those with cancer: Felix Marin (friend of Adam & Tiffany Pike), Marianne Magaña (Pastor Jose's daughter), Gene Cole (Linda Hagstrom's brother-in-law), Gladys Schroer (Jeff Schroer's mom), Bob Sousa, Robert Mizerak (Josh Mizerak's dad), Theresa Felipe (Barbara Beardsley's cousin), and Esteban Andre.

I lift up this week's Calvary kids in Jr. High & High School: Avery & Bonnie Hayes, Andrew Lucke, Riley McCord, Julie & Kellie McGinnis, Mark Mejia, Ella Petersen, Ethan Robinson, Ashley & Jessica Trujillo, Roger Vargas, Jose Villa, Erin Walker, and Brady Wylie.

I pray for Amy Lafaver to have a good semester in college and that You would provide her with all she needs to get through.

Thank You for Calvary's partnership with ministries and missionaries in our area, the US and around the world. Please bless and meet the needs of Jim & Jill Schultz as they work with Eagles Wings Disc Golf & Push the Rock.

I pray for the health and encouragement of shut-ins Chuck & Ines Walker and Betty Wells. I lift up those in our congregation who are caregivers and ask You would bless them beyond measure.

Please protect Nigel Gonzoga (Zella's grandson) as he serves in the Army.

May Your kingdom come and Your will be done, Lord. Amen.

GLAD YOU ASKED!

What Does The Bible Teach About Predestination?

Romans 8:28-30; Ephesians 1:1-6

Predestination...

Is taught in the Bible.

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. Ephesians 1:3-6

Is not the same as the pagan concept of Fate.

= The development of events outside a person's control, regarded as predetermined by a supernatural power. Cambridge Dictionary

Is not the same as the modern concept of Determinism.

Determinism, in philosophy, theory that all events, including moral choices, are completely determined by previously existing causes. Determinism is usually understood to preclude free will because it entails that humans cannot act otherwise than they do. Encyclopedia Britannica

Is distinct from the biblical concept of Providence.

The word "providence" comes from the Latin providentia (Gk. pronoia) and means essentially foresight or making provision beforehand. When applied to God it refers to His divine, sovereign, and benevolent control of all things. It is the underlying premise of everything that is taught in the Scriptures. Adapted Baker Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology

The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all. Proverbs 103:19

You alone are the Lord. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you. Nehemiah 9:6

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. Matthew 10:29

Predestination...

Is God's pre-determinations of how He will save and whom He will save.

²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. Acts 2:22-23

Is preceded by the biblical concept of Foreknowledge.

Does this refer to God's knowledge about future events?

Does this refer to God's relationship with "future" people.

"You only have I chosen [Hebrew *known*] of all the families of the earth...
Amos 3:2

For I have chosen [Hebrew *known*] him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, so that the Lord will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him."
Genesis 18:19

¹ You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. ² You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. Ps 139:1-2

A mature relationship with God involves respecting His boundaries:

God has the freedom to say "no" to what He knows is not in our eternal best interest.

God has the freedom to say "yes" to whom He chooses to lovingly enter into a saving relationship with.

Questions for Life Groups: Take a moment and review the sermon's main points!

Hebrew word for "to know" is *yada*.

There is both benevolence and righteousness in God's providence

God's foreknowledge is more than before our birth -> beginning of creation

Next Week: What does Hebrews 6:4-6 teach about losing your salvation?

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