



May Prayer

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- **Cathryn** - My son and I all have to celebrate the first mother's day without my mom.
- **Tracy** - I'm struggling with this whole virus / stay at home order thing. Brandon doesn't understand why his life is upside down and none of his routine is happening anymore and it's changing his personality. He used to be a super happy kiddo 99% of the time and now the smiles and giggles are few and far between and it's breaking my heart. Also it's been just him and I for 2 months straight and this Mommy is exhausted. Not having respite care anymore to give me even a short break is starting to wear on me. So I guess what our family could use us prayer for emotional strength to get the through this whole thing since it's likely still a VERY long time before most of what we want / need will be an option again. And I guess maybe if I can add Mother's Day to that request too. That's always a hard day for me since my mom passed away and then my grandma too. Hard wishing I could celebrate them and yes, I'm a mom but my son doesn't know the difference between Mother's Day and any other day so we don't celebrate my motherhood which is fine, but without my own mom the day feels empty."

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- **Taylor** - that the family stays well as well as the other vulnerable people who are struggling during this time.
- **Jenny** - Jenny had brain surgery on the 24th of March. She subsequently lost all of her hearing in her left ear feeling in her left facial nerve. She will have surgery on the 15th for the facial nerve. She asks for prayers for her spiritual life and her specific health needs.
- **Leslie** - Her mother passed away at the beginning of the pandemic. She has been grieving the loss while adjusting to a "new normal". She asks for prayers to help her cope with all that she is dealing with recently.
- **Rachel** - Daughter Bella will be getting an MRI on the 18th of May. She asks for specific prayers for there to be no evidence of disease.

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- **Kaley** (note this family has three children with the same life threatening and debilitating illness)

"Atticus had a major regression 3 months ago and doesn't really use his words anymore.

Everything happened at once. My husband and I are just trying to keep a float so to speak. It's exhausting and heartbreaking, Thank you for thinking of us and sending little gifts that you do."

"Roman had a bigger seizure a few weeks ago and I woke up to find him unconscious and not breathing. I got him breathing and it took 10 plus minutes to get him to wake up. He will be having another overnight EEG and sleep study soon. We go to UCLA and COvid makes scheduling everything that much harder for doctors right now."

Rosie has been screaming in pain for 3 months and its gotten worse. She was admitted to the hospital and given a G-tube. The G-tube is for fluids only and helps her keep hydrated, but she's still in its of pain. it tends to correspond with any food or liquid in her stomach. They think its neuro related pain from the brain damage caused by her disease. We keep contacting her doctors in hopes that they can give her something that will relieve her pain. It's a process considering every test they ran came back normal. She just screams most of the day. It's so hard.

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- **Nicole** - I have been having some health issues and would love answers but no one can figure it out. Would love and appreciate prayers for answers. 14 years is a long time without any.
- **Mindy** - Continued prayer for Faith to be cancer free! For her counts to recover quickly. For NO lines. For strength and endurance to get through these next few months.
Also: For a bereaved mother who just lost her child to Ewing sarcoma, same cancer as Faith. Her name is Lori and her daughter's name was Madeleine. For Shourok, a mother whose daughter is fighting for her life due to a head on collision.
- **Clarissa** - Our oldest daughter has been admitted to a mental health facility for depression and bipolar and has been taking a toll on the family lately.
- **Kori** - Carson (3rd relapse for Leukemia - has biopsy, IV today at St. Jude

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- **Shelby** - Please pray that when Tiffany has surgery to remove the titanium rod, that some of the restrictions will be lifted so my husband can be there too. Right now the restrictions only allow one parent to be with the patient. We greatly appreciate all of your love, support, and prayers. It really means a lot."
- **Diana** - Diana has been sick this week; non Covid illness.
- **Vanesa** - My children are having a hard time. They don't understand why they can't do what they used to be able to. It's hard for me to see them struggle."
- **Dawn** - Marissa is going to need a gtube placed and we're working on the scheduling. We've had to have a lot of disease progression talks, end of life talks...it's been very difficult on us all. In FA, this is sort of a milestone...turning a corner in a not good way. We are all really struggling with the implications and with the undeniable progression of her disease.

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- **Jen** - pray for Layla, that her platelets and blood counts go up and that her petechia and lip and mouth sores heal.
- **Christa** - I need prayer and support and don't know who else to talk to except a group of parents that may be in the same situation as me. My main thought is "Am I a terrible mom? Or have I just been put in an impossible situation?" JJ not having therapy and not going to school is getting to me. I can't clean the house / laundry- and take care of my son too. He is very active, full of energy, and aggressive. He is 4.5 years old and not potty trained yet. He doesn't care for it. I try my best to take care of him and teach him what he needs to do but it's so hard. He either doesn't understand or he doesn't listen/obey. I was never given a manual. He is non-verbal and at times I don't know what he wants. I will probably never get a break again unless he has heart surgery again or something. I am so exhausted. I imagine there is someone else in this group that feels like this.