

UPC Blessing Vigil – scriptures to pray through

We invite you to pray through the following scripture as you are led, starting with a focus on praising and blessing our God.

Bless the Lord

Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
Tell of his salvation from day to day.
(Psalm 96:2)

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, and forget none of His benefits;
He forgives all of our iniquities, He heals all of our diseases;
He redeems our lives from destruction;
He crowns us with loving kindness and tender mercies;
He satisfies our mouths with good things,
so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far has He removed all of our transgressions from us.
The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting
upon those that fear Him,
and the righteousness unto children's children;
to such as keep His covenant,
and to those that remember His commandments to do them.
(Psalm 103:1-5, 12, 17-18)

I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord; Let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt his name together.
(Psalm 34:1-3)

Be of one mind ... and have compassion

Finally, all *of you* be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, *be* tenderhearted, *be* courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary **blessing**, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. (I Peter 3:8-12)

May the Lord make **your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you**. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones. (I Thess 3:12-13)

Bless and Pray for ...

We invite you to first pray for and bless George and Ann. Then turn your eyes toward what God will do next here among us at UPC, and spend time praying for and blessing those who are coming (specifically an interim pastor), and those who are staying at UPC (there is a list at the end of this document). Feel free to use any of the scriptures below to help prompt prayer.

And this is my prayer, **that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ - to the glory and praise of God.**
(Philippians 1:9-11)

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints,
I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit Of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know that hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.”
(Eph 1:15-19)

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and
asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way; bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. (Col 1:9-12)

Final Proclamation of trust

I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
And delivered me from all my fears.
Look to him, and be radiant;
So your faces shall never be ashamed.
(Psalm 34:4-5)

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