

MOUNTAIN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FALL PRAYER VIGIL 2020
October 23-24

*Thanks for participating in the Prayer Vigil this time. We hope that you find this to be enjoyable. **Make sure use the provided TLC List to pray for concerns on that list as well.** Our text for this time together is below. Please read it and use it to focus your prayer time as we remember the blessings God has given us.*

Psalm 18

¹ I love you, O LORD, my strength.

² The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer,

my God, my rock in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

³ I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,

so I shall be saved from my enemies.

⁴ The cords of death encompassed me;
the torrents of perdition assailed me;

⁵ the cords of Sheol entangled me;
the snares of death confronted me.

⁶ In my distress I called upon the LORD;
to my God I cried for help.

From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry to him reached his ears.

⁷ Then the earth reeled and rocked;
the foundations also of the mountains trembled

and quaked, because he was angry.

⁸ Smoke went up from his nostrils,
and devouring fire from his mouth;
glowing coals flamed forth from him.

⁹ He bowed the heavens, and came down;
thick darkness was under his feet.

¹⁰ He rode on a cherub, and flew;
he came swiftly upon the wings of the wind.

¹¹ He made darkness his covering around him,
his canopy thick clouds dark with water.

¹² Out of the brightness before him
there broke through his clouds
hailstones and coals of fire.

¹³ The LORD also thundered in the heavens,
and the Most High uttered his voice.^[a]

¹⁴ And he sent out his arrows, and scattered them;
he flashed forth lightnings, and routed them.

¹⁵ Then the channels of the sea were seen,
and the foundations of the world were laid bare

at your rebuke, O LORD,
at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.

¹⁶ He reached down from on high, he took me;
he drew me out of mighty waters.

¹⁷ He delivered me from my strong enemy,
and from those who hated me;
for they were too mighty for me.

¹⁸ They confronted me in the day of my calamity;
but the LORD was my support.

¹⁹ He brought me out into a broad place;
he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

²⁰ The LORD rewarded me according to my
 righteousness;
 according to the cleanness of my hands he
 recompensed me.
²¹ For I have kept the ways of the LORD,
 and have not wickedly departed from my
 God.
²² For all his ordinances were before me,
 and his statutes I did not put away from me.
²³ I was blameless before him,
 and I kept myself from guilt.
²⁴ Therefore the LORD has recompensed me
 according to my righteousness,
 according to the cleanness of my hands in
 his sight.
²⁵ With the loyal you show yourself loyal;
 with the blameless you show yourself
 blameless;
²⁶ with the pure you show yourself pure;
 and with the crooked you show yourself
 perverse.
²⁷ For you deliver a humble people,
 but the haughty eyes you bring down.
²⁸ It is you who light my lamp;
 the LORD, my God, lights up my darkness.
²⁹ By you I can crush a troop,
 and by my God I can leap over a wall.
³⁰ This God—his way is perfect;
 the promise of the LORD proves true;
 he is a shield for all who take refuge in him.
³¹ For who is God except the LORD?
 And who is a rock besides our God?—
³² the God who girded me with strength,

and made my way safe.
³³ He made my feet like the feet of a deer,
 and set me secure on the heights.
³⁴ He trains my hands for war,
 so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.
³⁵ You have given me the shield of your
 salvation,
 and your right hand has supported me;
 your help^[a] has made me great.
³⁶ You gave me a wide place for my steps under
 me,
 and my feet did not slip.
³⁷ I pursued my enemies and overtook them;
 and did not turn back until they were
 consumed.
³⁸ I struck them down, so that they were not
 able to rise;
 they fell under my feet.
³⁹ For you girded me with strength for the
 battle;
 you made my assailants sink under me.
⁴⁰ You made my enemies turn their backs to
 me,
 and those who hated me I destroyed.
⁴¹ They cried for help, but there was no one to
 save them;
 they cried to the LORD, but he did not answer
 them.
⁴² I beat them fine, like dust before the wind;
 I cast them out like the mire of the streets.
⁴³ You delivered me from strife with the
 peoples;^[a]
 you made me head of the nations;

people whom I had not known served me.
⁴⁴ As soon as they heard of me they obeyed
me;
foreigners came cringing to me.
⁴⁵ Foreigners lost heart,
and came trembling out of their strongholds.
⁴⁶ The LORD lives! Blessed be my rock,
and exalted be the God of my salvation,
⁴⁷ the God who gave me vengeance
and subdued peoples under me;

⁴⁸ who delivered me from my enemies;
indeed, you exalted me above my
adversaries;
you delivered me from the violent.
⁴⁹ For this I will extol you, O LORD, among the
nations,
and sing praises to your name.
⁵⁰ Great triumphs he gives to his king,
and shows steadfast love to his anointed,
to David and his descendants forever.

What follows is a hymn written by the Swiss Reformer, **Ulrich Zwingli** (1 January 1484 – 11 October 1531) during a period in his life when he was afflicted with the plague. It is grounded in the language of Psalm 18, above. The whole is divided into three sections, one referring to the onset of the disease, the next to the lowest point, and the last to the joy of recovery, with determination to walk in faith and with holiness from that point on.

Sickness

Help me, O Lord,
My strength and rock;
Lo, at the door
I hear death's knock.
Uplift thine arm,
Once pierced for me,
That conquered death.
And set me free.
Yet, if thy voice,
In life's midday.
Recalls my soul,
Then I obey.
In faith and hope
Earth I resign.
Secure of heaven.
For I am thine.

Decline

My pains increase;
Haste to console;
For fear and woe
Seize flesh and soul.
Death is at hand.
My senses fail.
My tongue is dumb;
Now, Christ, prevail.
Lo! Satan strains
To snatch his prey;
I feel his grasp;
Must I give way?
He harms me not,
I fear no loss,
For here I lie
Beneath thy cross.

Recovery

My God! My Lord!
Healed by thy hand.
Upon the earth
Once more I stand.
Let sin no more
Rule over me;
My mouth shall sing
Alone to thee.
Though now delayed,
My hour will come.
Involved, perchance.
In deeper gloom.
But, let it come;
With joy I'll rise,
And bear my yoke
Straight to the skies

SPECIFIC PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Local Mission and Disaster Assistance:

Pray for the continued global response to the COVID 19 pandemic and for research and development of a vaccine to progress quickly.

Pray for recovery and safety for those in the areas of fire and smoke damage.

Pray for protection and good weather to end the fires around our community and nation.

Pray for the continued work and funding of HNS and other community projects during this season of challenge and hope.

Pray for our many volunteers and members that give tirelessly to the work and mission placed in the community of Mountain View.

Please pray for our Session Elders, ask for guidance in their work as they seek to glorify him, and to make wise decisions;

Pray for our Board of Deacons as they minister the compassion of Christ to people in a variety of needs.

Pray for those who need the gift of faith to open their eyes and hearts. Pray for the love of Christ to continue to invade hearts and lives.

Pray for our local schools to be places of safety and learning, and pray for teachers and staff as they work in the pandemic situation.

Pray for upcoming outreach events that God may continue reveal Jesus Christ to the community.

International Mission and Care

Pray for the current political landscape, for those in all levels of challenge and for God's will to be clearly accepted in the time of election results.

Pray for God to bless our efforts and ministries. In particular, pray for our friends in Guatemala, India, and Mexico.

Pray for our Compassion Children and His Little Feet that are part of our MVPC extended family.

Pray for the work of International Justice Ministries (ijm.org) and other ministries in the following areas:

Africa & Europe

- **Praise God for the trainings that IJM was able to carry out in Western Uganda to help police and other justice service providers practice skills that will make them more trauma informed and survivor sensitive.** Pray for them as they put these skills into practice, and that it would be a safe and comforting process for survivors to report crimes of sexual violence to police.

Latin America

- **Pray for our Bolivia team as they continue to support programs ensuring child survivors of sexual violence have access to legal and psychosocial services through our trained volunteers.** Our team is proactively working with volunteers, lawyers, social workers, psychologists and more to form multidisciplinary teams to support survivors of violence on the long road to justice, free of charge, as the country slowly transitions into a less restrictive quarantine. Pray for God's wisdom and strength to be upon these volunteers as they continue to seek justice for the most vulnerable.

South Asia

- **Please pray that the state government in one of our project areas would fully adopt two key training curricula IJM created for the justice system.** One training resource helps police improve their investigation skills on cases of sex trafficking; the other resource seeks to improve minimum standards of care for aftercare shelters. Having both of these tried-and-tested tools adopted and used by the state would make a huge impact in the fight against sex trafficking and how survivors are served. Pray we would get good news soon!

Southeast Asia

- **Pray for survivors of trafficking in Thailand as the cases against their suspected traffickers continue.** Pray for their safety and wellbeing, both for the survivors and their families as they are cared for by a shelter partner.

IJM HQ & Global Partners

IJM headquarters is located in the United States. IJM has international advancement offices in Australia, Canada, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

- **Pray for the Global People Support (HR) teams who are running orientation week for 50 new staff members from teams all over the globe.** There are many logistical components needed to ensure that the week-long program runs smoothly, especially since this normally in-person event is being held digitally. Pray that the new staff would feel welcomed, connect with one another, and see IJM's mission with greater clarity as they invest themselves into a season of service.

Malawi Ministry Work

Pray for our brothers and sisters in Malawi – The church continues to work to make necessary completions for the opening of the health clinic.
Pray for the work to be done well and for the clinic to get state approval to open.
Pray for Dr. Zgambo and the work he is doing with the clinic startup
Pray for outgoing state official Levi Nyondo and his work to get electricity to the clinic before his tenure ends.
Lift up those who will walk the road of hunger in ways we cannot imagine.
Pray for the children's schools and the work they do for educations, hunger and for the Gospel.

Persecuted Churches and Christians

Pray for Missionaries and Christians in lands ravaged by radical Islamist militants.
Pray for the global influx of refugees and citizens in this continuing time of unrest.
Pray for the persecuted Church and other congregations around the world (namely the Middle East, Asia, China, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Egypt and Africa).
Pray for our Military Families and those in harm's way for their strength, protection and resolve.

Children, Youth and Young Adults Ministry:

Please pray for the students and their parents during this COVID pandemic.
Pray that the youth of MVPC would focus on their future in Christ and become Christ's hands and feet in our community and world.

Family, Friends and Staff:

Pray for Ministries of Mountain View, for worship future plans to become clear. Pray for wisdom and discernment for God's plans and help MVPC to remain faithful to the Gospel in this time.

Pray for the Praise Team and Westminster Choir and Bell Choirs who make up the music ministry in new paradigms.

Please pray for the staff of Mountain View, pray for their ministries, their energies, their families and their teamwork. For Gary and Joan LeTourneau in their new retirement.

(Future PNC Committee)

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