

BLACK ROCK CHURCH

Prayer List

November 20, 2024 | "Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying." Rom. 12:12

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- Josephine Nwajagu is grieving the sudden passing of her brother, Victor, in Nigeria. Ask God to comfort her as she is missing her brother and longs to be home for his services. (1)
- Pray for Walt and Lesley Lusteg as they deal with many health challenges. Lesley has had 5 falls since August and is undergoing IVIG (intravenous immunoglobulin) treatments. Walt is also struggling with the aftereffects of a fall and failed surgeries. (1)
- Pat Benson is with the Lord. She was most recently a resident at Jewish Senior Services in Bridgeport. No services are scheduled at this time. (2)
- Lee Williams underwent a cardiac catheterization last week. Pray for clear results as he awaits clearance for an aortic valve replacement. Also pray for Claire as she supports her husband during this difficult season. (2)
- Bryce Bernards requests prayer for rapid healing from an unexpected surgery. Ask the Lord for full restoration of his swallowing ability and voice. (2)
- 8-year-old Ryan Winger is recovering after spending time in the hospital with pneumonia. Ask the Lord to fill Ryan with health and strength. Pray for Keith and Amy, his parents, as they take care of him. (2)
- Pray for Albert Choi as he recovers from open heart surgery. Ask the Lord for accelerated healing and an outstanding result. Pray that he will greatly sense God's presence during this season. (3)
- Bob and Lois Neeley would like to thank their Black Rock Church family for praying as Bob recovers from a silent TIA and Lois has been receiving treatment for an eye condition. (3)
- William "Bill" Renz fell at home in July. Although he received physical rehabilitation, Bill never regained enough strength to walk again. Pray for his healing and restored mobility. (3)
- Dee Johnson is with the Lord. Pray for Dee's family members as they grieve their loved one's passing and prepare to celebrate her life this Saturday. (4)

BLACK ROCK CONNECTIONS

- Pray for Laura Rackiewicz and her 2 adult sons as they grieve Jim's passing. Laura is the daughter of Lee and Claire Williams. Jim, their son-in-law, was struggling with cancer. Ask the God of all comfort to cover this family with his love and peace as they mourn. (2)
- Pray for Mike Sell as he struggles with chronic pain and health issues. Ask the Lord to bring peace to his body and wisdom to his doctors. (2)

CANCER CARE NEEDS

Pray for these BRC members who are receiving cancer treatments: Debra Belt, Julie Blumenstock, Judy Munson, Bob Neeley, Dave Rabideau and Pam Schmidt.

CARE AND RETIREMENT FACILITIES

Roy McCandless – Spring Village, 6911 Main Street, Stratford 06614

HOMEBOUND OR OCCASIONAL ATTENDANCE

Kimberly Cossett – 115 Short Beach Road, Unit 101, Stratford 06615

PASSINGS

11.10.25 – Pat Benson – services will be scheduled in spring 2025.

10.24.24 – Dee Johnson – a life celebration is scheduled for this Saturday, November 23, at 11:00 am in Woodruff Hall with reception immediately following.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the person submitting a prayer request to confirm the recipient's permission for information to be placed in this document and to provide the church office with updates. Black Rock staff reserves the right to edit or delete submissions. Requests will be published for 2-4 weeks.



BLACK ROCK CHURCH MINISTRY NEEDS

Pray that Black Rock Church will be an authentic lighthouse to the communities it serves. Pray that it will be an effective witness to all those who need to know Jesus loves them and has an amazing plan for their lives. Expressly pray during this time of executive leadership transition.

ADULTS: Pray that this fall will be a season of spiritual growth and purpose for our church family as people invest their time in consistent worship attendance, our topic groups and other resources. Ask God's Spirit within Jesus-followers to grow their desire to wholeheartedly follow the Lord together.

CARE: Pray that Black Rock Cares will be an effective tool to help people during the challenging seasons of life. Pray for our Care Shepherds as they serve those in the church family who are ill, isolated or otherwise in need. Pray for our deacons and deaconesses as they serve to meet the practical needs of the Black Rock Church family. Finally, pray that many people will be helped by our annual Thanksgiving Blessing Bag initiative.

KIDS: Pray that children will come to Jesus, grow in faith and boldly share with their friends. Pray that parents and guardians will develop their relationship with the Lord. Pray that they will seek God's guidance and wisdom to become spiritual leaders who create godly homes. Pray for the provision of additional volunteers. Pray that our team will have renewed creativity, energy, health and strength as they lead Kids Ministry.

SHINE: Ask God to help parents and guardians grow deeper relationships with Him. Pray that they will experience times of refreshing. Pray that they will seek the Lord's direction for their families and about how best to navigate life with special needs children. Pray for the provision of leaders and volunteers to guide and nurture Shine families. Pray for the commitment, energy and wisdom needed to manage a growing ministry.

STUDENTS: Pray for our students and volunteers as they are involved with fall and school activities. Pray that students will continually grow as Jesus-followers. Pray for our ministry staff as it continues to be in a transition phase this fall. Pray for the students who attended our October fall retreat. Especially pray that spiritual breakthroughs will deepen in the months ahead.

WORSHIP AND TECH: Pray that we will care for one another in ways that fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2). Pray that the Production Team will seek and trust the Lord as it collaborates to plan Sunday services which engage people with the Gospel through songs, sermons and creative visual arts. Pray for great preparation and stamina throughout the holiday season. We're grateful for the contemporary choir that launched in September and the new team members who have joined our community. May God be glorified in all we do!

GLOBAL AND LOCAL MISSIONS

Mission India – Pray that the large number of Jesus-followers in Goa and Nagaland, India, will help spread the good news of the Gospel throughout the unreached areas of the nation. Ask the Lord to encourage MI's Vice President of Ministry as he leads teams and works with partners in India.

Eric and Kristi Naizer – Praise Update: Their landlord won't be asking them to move. Pray for Kristi as she begins her final counseling courses. Pray for the details of her internship and practicum requirements which are uncertain in Spain. Pray for Kristi and her cultural center teammates as they seek the Lord for direction. Opportunities exist to open the center to human trafficking survivors and teach skills that will help them secure employment to succeed in society. Pray that Caleb and Jack will grow in their relationship with the Lord. Pray for meetings with the boys' school administrators. Ask that truth will prevail. Pray for favor with the decision makers. Pray for protection over everyone involved in this situation and the school. As the PALM director, Eric has a busy fall travel schedule. Pray for safety and that the training will bear great fruit, so God's Kingdom will be expanded. Also pray as they choose which Spanish church to attend. Pray for protection over their family and marriage from the enemy who seeks to steal, kill and destroy.

Yuko O. – Praise Update: Yuko and 9 other women from the Arabic church had an encouraging time of prayer. Pray that they will continue to spur one another on in love and spiritual maturity. Ask God to bless the bazaar they are hosting in their church courtyard. Pray that many people will come with whom the Gospel can be shared in actions and words. Also pray for guidance and wisdom as Yuko plans student meetings. Pray that Yuko's words will be seasoned with salt as she seeks to bring honor to God in all things.



Mario and Dejana
Continue to pray for Dejana's complete healing. 2 months ago, she broke her leg in 3 places. At a recent checkup, they learned the leg has not healed, and Dejana must rest for another 2 months.

Pray as they seek the Lord's direction regarding future ministry plans. Following the recent elections, pray that local and state authorities will have guidance and wisdom. Pray for those in need after recent floods and landslides.

