

MINDFUL MONDAY JANUARY 15TH

Today is a day where we have many things to bring forth for prayer.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Colossians 3:15

Our current weather situation has given many of us pause as we stay indoors. There are those that still had to be somewhere and braved the elements. We pray for all of us that have had to adjust or make changes to plans this week. We pray for those that are still dealing with the conditions and the cold weather that will be upon us. We pray for kindness and neighbors helping neighbors. We give thanks always, so even during a literal blizzard, Lord, we thank you for the beauty of the snow, the peace we could enjoy, and the good of people that came forth.

We continue to lift up the community of Perry. Sunday morning the Perry High School principal, Dan Marburger, passed away from injuries sustained in the school shooting. He helped many reach safety. He will be remembered as a hero, but we pray for the family that lost a husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, and cousin. The other victim, Ahmir Jolliff was laid to rest this past week and we pray for his family as well. We pray for the community as they continue to deal with this tragedy. Out of heartache there has been so much support, even locally as our elementary school held a coffee and hot cocoa fundraiser. We pray more love and support is given to Perry. Our hearts mourn the loss of life and pray for strength and peace for this town.

Today is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. As we remember him today let us pray for mercy and justice in our world. Let us pray for peace. Let us be voices of hope. We remember his speeches, his dreams, his passion. We ask that you all take a moment to reflect on Dr. King's message, only love can overcome hatred, bitterness and fear. May his struggle for social transformation continue in this generation.

Now as we continue our prayers today, we lift up those that we mentioned during worship today; Emma, Joe, Hannah, Reva, Hailie, Steff, and all those in our hearts. We pray for the members on our prayer list, Lorraine, Judy, Craig, Joanne, Floyd & Dona, and Virginia. Lord, we ask for strength, peace, good health, and your will for all those who we lift up to you.

We pray for those listed this week from our Regional Prayer Calendar. May the pastors, churches, and ministries of our Region and General Church feel your love and prayers this week.

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