

OUR SAVIOR PRAYER CIRCLE

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[Jesus came] *to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.* Galatians 4:5 The couple held the young girl's hands as the judge signed the documents. After years of waiting, the adoption was legal. Her delight in belonging was evident in her laughter. Only those who have been part of an adoption process can fully understand the joy it brings. The joy of answered prayer, of being chosen, of family. Yet, this is exactly the joy Paul meant when he wrote, [Jesus came] *to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons* (Galatians 4:5). A child wishing to be adopted is powerless on his own. The parents-to-be choose to create a family, fill out the paperwork, and pay the fees. They work to make it complete and legal. Our heavenly Father did the same for us. He desired to make us His children. Jesus chose to redeem us by fulfilling the Law in our place and paying the price through His death and resurrection. We are no longer orphans but truly members of the family of God. That is definitely reason for celebration!

- Prayer for the **sanctity of life**: Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son, who are one with the Father, True God, source of life and immortality, Light of Light, Who came into the world to enlighten it: You came that we might have life more abundantly, so we dare to ask You to enlighten the minds and hearts of those blinded to the truth that life begins at conception and that the unborn in the womb are already adorned with Your image and likeness. Enable us to guard, cherish and protect the lives of all those who are unable to care for themselves. Be Merciful to those who, through ignorance or willfulness, affront Your divine goodness and providence through the evil act of abortion. May they, and all of us, come to the life of Your Truth and glorify You, the Giver of Life.
- Prayers for **Extended Family & Friends**, our loved ones near and far: we begin with **Allan Mueller and his family – Lois Spietz's brother**, who died from pneumonia. Also, **Anita Gurgel's brother Gerry Campbell** – died last Sunday morning down in Jacksonville, FL. Paul & Anita have been there to help out since the couple do not have any children. Let these families linger near your in the security & comfort that comes in knowing Jesus' resurrection is the door into our own resurrection and restoration. We include **Ruth Serinsky** – mother to Steve & Claudia, long term **friends of Pete Suelflow**, suffering with cancer. We ask the Lord's compassion and grace. **Jan Kraft** – mother to **Ed Kraft**, recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer pending treatments. And we conclude with a dear friend of the Backhaus family– **Cindy Wentzlaff** who has been seeking treatment at the Mayo clinic. They've discovered that cancer in her hip has now metastasized into her lungs. Comfort them with your love; and fill their hearts with love & faith.
- We seek your grace for a **friend of Pete Suelflow's daughter** who has checked herself into rehab for treatment. Pray that this time she can control her addictions.
- We give thanks for the birth of a healthy baby boy, **Lincoln Lawrence Gerner to Clint & Brittany Gerner**, who is brought into the family of God through baptism today. Bless his life with your presence and purpose as he learns to know that in your love you have chosen him to be your own.
- We continue to pray for **Joey Ford, Jennifer's 11 year old son**. He has been taken to Children's hospital to discover the source of ongoing seizures, and to balance medications. Grant him assurance of your mercy and your strength.

Asia Lutheran Seminary – Dear Lord, you have promised that your seed, the Word, will not return empty. We see evidence of that with the graduation of six men from Asia Lutheran Seminary in Hong Kong who are from locations other than Hong Kong. These graduates have either started or greatly aided nine congregations already. Now, give success to these new pastors as they reach out in difficult situations. May the whole world hear and heed your Word. Amen.

Additional Prayers:

Tom & Sarah Grisar – close friends of the Gahan family, with three daughters. She has stage 4 colon cancer, which has spread to other internal organs. We ask for a good treatment program with positive results and strength for the road ahead.

Aunt Phyllis, great aunt to Dan Sauer (his grandmother's sister) who has slipped off into a coma. We ask for her to be delivered from her failing body into eternity.