



## Prayer List – September 20, 2020

This list is distributed to the members & friends of St. John of Damascus Orthodox Church for inclusion in their personal intercessory prayers as well as for use during services.

To include someone on the prayer list send Birdie Worth an e-mail ([birdieandkon@cox.net](mailto:birdieandkon@cox.net)) or give her a call or note with the first and last name of the person to be included on the list (full Christian names, not nick names), a few words indicating why we are praying for them, and any important date(s) involved (i.e. date of surgery, anniversary of repose, celebration, etc.).

People will remain on the prayer list for the week leading up to their celebration, the period of time leading up to the dates included, or 1 month unless their name is resubmitted.

### Health

#### **Immediate Concerns (Health Issues, Surgery, etc.) - Included in litanies, etc.**

Joseph Karleen                      protection from fires in Santa Cruz area - son of Barbara & Hank - sub 08/24  
Sophia                                      healing - niece of John Thayer - sub 09/19

The victims of hurricane Laura - 08/29

The victims of the fires throughout California - 08/18

The persecuted Christians in Egypt, India, China, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Gaza, Syria and throughout the world

The sick, the suffering, those caring for them and those wrestling with fear and anger.

#### **Celebrations (Name Days, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries, etc.) - Included in litanies, etc.**

##### *Name Days*

Peter Anderson & Tekle Griebing                      9/24

##### *Birthdays*

Nina Stone & Makayla Kedroff Ward                      9/26

##### *Wedding Anniversaries*

Nika & Craig Carlson and Peter & Megan Franchak                      9/20

### **Catechumens**

Jordan

Kelli Green

### **Departed**

#### **Newly Departed**

Mary Gikas                                      +9/11- God mother of Mike Kapsimalis  
Ann Brown Spaulding                      +9/11 Steve Brown's aunt  
James Paul Peter Byrn                      brother-in-law of Darla Wang  
Shawn Wyman                                      +8/22 - son in law to Fr Seraphim Gisetti  
Nancy Gladis                                      +8/18 - 40 days 9/26 sub by Steve Zmina

#### **Anniversary of Repose**

Mary Ellen Mishler                      +9/20  
Alex Sirpis                                      +9/21  
John Kedroff                                      +9/25  
Helen Vag                                      +9/26

***Personal Prayers & Proskomedia***

Gene (Nectarios) Francello

heart irregularities - sub 9/12

## PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL

### **Re: COVID-19**

#### **From the Holy Synod of the OCA**

O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth, and of all creation visible and invisible, in thine ineffable goodness, look down upon us, thy people gathered in thy Holy Name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction. Thou knowest our weakness. Thou hearest our cry in repentance and contrition of heart. O Lord who lovest mankind, deliver us from the impending threat of this pandemic. Send thine angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus. Guide the hands of physicians and preserve those who are healthy. Enable us to continue to serve our suffering brothers and sisters in peace that together we may glorify thy most honorable and majestic name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Amen!

#### **Prayer OF a Sick Person**

Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, You became man and died on the cross for our salvation. You healed people of sickness and affliction through Your love and compassion. Visit me, Lord and grant me strength to bear this sickness with which I am afflicted, with patience, submission to Your will and trust in Your loving care. I pray that You will bless the means used for my recovery and those who administer them. Grant that my sickness may be to my spiritual benefit and that I may live the rest of my life more faithfully according to Your will. For You are the source of life and healing and to You I give praise and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

#### **Prayers FOR a Sick Person**

Heavenly Father, physician of our souls and bodies, Who have sent Your only-begotten Son and our Lord Jesus Christ to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit and heal also Your servant (name) from all physical and spiritual ailments through the grace of Your Christ. Grant him (her) patience in this sickness, strength of body and spirit, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your word to pray for each other that we may be healed. I pray, heal Your servant (name) and grant to him (her) the gift of complete health. For You are the source of healing and to You I give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

O Lord our God, Who by a word alone did heal all diseases, Who did cure the kinswoman of Peter, You Who chastise with pity and heal according to Your goodness; Who are able to put aside every sickness and infirmity, do You Yourself, the same Lord, grant aid to Your servant (name) and cure him (her) of every sickness of which he (she) is grieved; and send down upon him (her) Your great mercy, and if it be Your will, give to him (her) health and a complete recovery; for You are the Physician of our souls and bodies, and to You do we send up Glory: to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Both now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

Amen.

#### **NEW! - Prayer for Protection from Raging Fires**

O Gracious God Who created the earth and all that is in it, Thou didst give us so many blessings. Indeed, Thou didst fill the world with so much beauty, bounty and no end of wonders!

We ask Thee now to save Thy people from nature's furious fires.

Save those in California whose homes and families are in the path of the wildfires that are consuming the land.

Give courage to those who fight fires, who clean up and help others to rebuild after disasters strike.

Give strength to all survivors and peace to those whose lives are in danger.

Send down abundant rain showers to quench the flames in California. As Thou didst send to Noah of old, send also the rainbow of hope.

Nature may rage but Thou, O Lord, we know art a Loving God Who ever holds in Thy hand all Thou hast created.

Unto Thee do we give thanks for all things!

Grant us humility to repent of our negligence in tending Thy Creation & give us henceforth the will to serve Thee more faithfully.

Protect homes, churches and monasteries and all Thy people. In all the days of our lives let us remember to honor and worship Thee as the Living God: Father, Son, and All-Holy Spirit. Amen.

Through the prayers of the holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ Son of God, have mercy on us and save us.

*Written by Very Reverend Archimandrite Nektarios Serfes*

### ***Prayers in Time of Need***

Almighty God, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, come to my help and deliver me from this difficulty that besets me. I believe Lord, that all trials of life are under Your care and that all things work for the good of those who love You. Take away from me fear, anxiety and distress. Help me to face and endure my difficulty with faith, courage and wisdom. Grant that this trial may bring me closer to You for You are my rock and refuge, my comfort and hope, my delight and joy. I trust in Your love and compassion. Blessed is Your name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

O God, our help in time of need, Who are just and merciful, and Who inclines to the supplications of His people. Look down upon me and have mercy on me and deliver me from the trouble that now besets me. Deal with us not according to our iniquities, but according to Your manifold mercies, for we are the works of Your hands, and You know our weaknesses. I pray to you to grant me Your divine helping grace, and endow me with patience and strength to endure my hardships with complete submission to Your Will. Only You know our misery and sufferings, and to You, our only hope and refuge, I flee for relief and comfort, trusting in Your infinite love and compassion, that in due time, when You know best, You will deliver me from this trouble, and turn my distress into comfort. We then shall rejoice in Your mercy, and exalt and praise Your Holy Name, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, both now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen