

*LENT is a time to take time to let the power  
of our faith story take hold of us,  
a time to let the events get up  
and walk around in us,*

*A time to intensify our living unto Christ,  
a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts,  
a time to place our feet in the streets of  
Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and  
listen to his Word  
a time to touch his robe  
and feel the healing surge through us,  
a time to ponder and a time to wonder....*

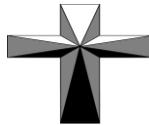
*Lent is a time to allow  
a fresh new taste of God!*

Perhaps we're afraid to have time to think,  
for thoughts come unbidden.  
Perhaps we're afraid to face our future  
knowing our past.

*Give us courage, O God,  
to hear your Word  
and to read our living into it.*

Give us the trust to know we're forgiven  
and *give us the faith  
to take up our lives and walk.*

Ann Weems



### ***CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS***

In the midst of the darkness and gloom of the cross, there came a voice from one of those thieves crying out "*Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom!*"

We are anxious to get the last word of our dying friends. Here was one last act of Jesus. He snatched the thief from the jaws of death by saying, *this day shalt thou be with me in paradise*" Such was His forgiveness of sin, an act of grace, just as His forgiveness of His murderers was an act of mercy.

Dwight L Mood

# Trinity Methodist Church

LINDEN, JOHANNESBURG



*Prayer is the key of the morning and the bolt of the night.*

*22 March 2015*

***MY GOD, MY GOD,  
WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?***

*Why are you so far from saving me,  
So far from the words of my groaning?  
O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,  
By night, and am not silent.*

*But I am a worm and not a man,  
Scorned by men and despised by the people.  
All who see me mock me;  
They hurl insults, shaking their heads:  
"He trusts in the Lord;  
Let the Lord rescue him.  
Let him deliver him,  
Since he delights in him.*

*Yet you brought me out of the womb;  
You made me trust in you  
Even at my mother's breast.  
From birth I was cast upon you;  
From my mother's womb you have been my God.*

***Do not be far from me,  
For trouble is near and there is no one to help.***

Psalm 22 - selected

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**HOLIDAY CLUB (30<sup>th</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> April)** pray wisdom for the organisation & preparation of this important week, provision of all that is needed, strength and preparedness of all leaders especially Kate & Lauren.

**NICK BREYTENBACH (wife Estelle)** has been suffering with bad nose bleeds which have resulted in a couple of visits to hospital to try and stop the bleeding.

**MERILYN GARDINER (65 - Liz Theron's sister-in-law)** has been in ICU for 2 weeks on oxygen. Although her stats are stable she is extremely weak.

**BERYL AVIS** having foot surgery tomorrow (Mon) to remove pieces of floating bone that are causing weeping of her foot. Her husband, **HILTON**, had x-rays and tests this week to determine the cause of back degeneration.

**NTOMBI (mother Christina)** has given birth to a baby boy after a worrying 43 weeks of pregnancy. Ntombi has to undergo further surgery.

**CORRIE JURGENS** suffering with small strokes, doctors concerned that she may have a major stroke. Corrie is staying with her daughter Linda at the moment.

**DAVE RICE (wife Pat)** had pains in his chest, heart problems were suspected. We give thanks that the cardiologist has given him the all clear.

**JOE PHIRI (husband of Peter Pitout's manageress)** is really not well, doctors suspect heart failure

**ERIN BRYSON (22 - Nic & Nora Swart's granddaughter)** developed a serious infection after surgery, admitted to theatre for further surgery.

**BERNARD (Peter Theunissen's brother)** passed away. He suffered with schizophrenia, diabetes & was having strokes. We pray for Peter & family.

**AMBER** is in early weeks of pregnancy & is under strict supervision of her doctors as she has bleeding problems. We pray guidance for doctors & healing for Amber.

**BARBARA ATKINSON** We pray Barbara will find suitable accommodation soon.

**AUDREY NEWBERRY** is in hospital with a suspected DVT, having tests and treatment.

✠ **JOY ANDERSON** thanks & praise God that tests have shown Joy is cancer free.

✠ **COLIN BERTRAM (Grace Grant's brother)** prostate cancer op on Mon (23<sup>rd</sup>).

✠ **AL CARSTENS** was in hospital last Tuesday having tests for prostate cancer.

✠ **BARBARA CARVER** suffering with sciatica, medication causing kidney problems.

## **WE PRAY COMFORT & PEACE FOR:**

✠ **DALENE - her mom, Elsie van Aswegen**, passed away Friday week.

✠ **JOSEPHINE MKHONDWANA – her fiancé** passed away last weekend

✠ **MRS MOHOTO - her mother** passed away last week.

## **WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:**

**PAT LEVINS** (friend of Sheila Marley) is still in hospital and very ill.

**KEITH BUNCE** (wife Liz) is still in hospital after scans showed that the cancer has spread, he is unable to walk due to cord depression of T5 lumbar joint.

**JULIAN SQUIRES (21)** has had skin grafts after being burnt badly by chemicals at work. Julian is still in hospital.

**DAWN DRANE** the swelling and bruising of her face is going down but her broken nose is causing discomfort. Dawn thanks everyone for their prayers.

**HILARY** (husband Maurice) - cardiologist informed Hilary that her heart is in good shape & the tachycardia is caused by undetermined electrical pulses. Medication has been prescribed. Hilary & Maurice thank everyone for their love & prayers.

**PAT BLACK** still in hospital, praise God that results are clear. The drips and drains are due to come out on Wednesday. Pat still has a long road ahead to recovery.

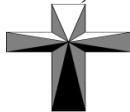
**DOUG** (Meryl's daughter, Megan's, brother-in-law) in hospital, his wound is still leaking. Doctors battling to find the cause of the leak.

**PETER OCHSE** (wife Val) still has problems with his ear after surgery 12 days ago.

**JENNA**, (16 - Wendy & Rob Smith's granddaughter) suffering with Entesitis. New treatment seems to be successful - nausea has abated & Jenna is feeling a lot better.

**CHRONIC LIST:** *Christine Dugmore* (broken shoulder), *Dirk Beier* (broken foot), *Gloria McPherson* (emphasema), *Denese Pieterse* (severe pain), *Thembile* (back problems), *Anna Wadsworth* (90 - frail), *Sonette Mac Gregor* (thymus gland removed), *Woolf Schulze* (dementia), *Sean* (schizophrenia), *Dallas Cass* (had shoulder surgery), *Reef* (USA - on-going problems), *Omar* (kidney problems), *Kate Waterston* (cortisol levels), *Peter Clarke* (back problems), *Steven Basson* (Atrial fibrillation), *Lanie* (Marie Palmer's godchild - domestic problems), *Val Tyler* (heart fibrillation), *Elly Winkelman* (frail), *Louis Brugman* (heart problems), *Duncan Edwards* (stroke).

**CANCER LIST:** *Gordon Bennett*, *David Edwards* (UK), *Anton Marais* (Sydney), *Lee Barnes*, *Nola Dodds*, *Tracy Hoy* (UK), *Hilda Louter*, *Val Warren*, *Dudley Middleton*, *Marguerite*, *Peter*, *Myrren* (18), *Diane Turner*, *Maureen Lupton*, *Martin vd Merwe* (Karin Blackburn's dad), *Joy vd Klis*, *Daniela Andrade* (7), *Russell Jones*, *Ursula Ryder*, *Lesley Steyn*, *Don Carneson*, *Louise Shaw* (Texas), *Brian K*, *John Sandison*, *Cindy Saunders*, *Marina van de Ruit*, *Brian Tromp*, *Chloe Thomas*, *Elizabeth Innes*, *Greg Cleeve-Edwards*, *Joanna* (Maurice's niece), *Joy* (Sam's sister), *Gilbert Hughes*, *John Clarke*, *Dudley Hudson*, *Keith Bunce* (UK - wife Liz), *Bill Coulle*, *Rev Hans Visser*, *Colleen*, *Gordene*, *Lizelle Slabber*, *Stuart Dixon*, *Maureen Booth*, *Marie Vosloo*, *Nick Breytenbach* (leukaemia), *Renée Barnes*, *Elaine Orpen*.



*The Cross is seen as the saving act of Christ, but even more than this, it is seen as the final place between God and humanity.*

Calvin Miller

*He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet He never said a word. He was led as a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, He did not open His mouth.*

Isaiah 53:7

*Jesus Christ is God's everything for man's total need.*

Richard Halverson