

THE VESSEL

A vessel tarnished, broken, useless,
was thrown on the trash heap one night.
And was found by the Master Potter,
Searching through the 'rejects of life.'

When He found this dirty old vessel,
He looked at it closely, and saw
it contained an inherent beauty,
In spite of its obvious flaw.

He carried it back to His workshop,
His trained eye could already see,
an object of beauty and honour,
that it was intended to be.

He repaired and cleaned the old vessel.
Polished to its natural shine
Became once more a thing of beauty,
Was truly, 'one of a kind.'

My life was that broken old vessel,
Battered, ruined, thrown away.
I lay there, no hope of recovery;
Till the Master found me that day.

He loved me, He cleansed me, redeemed me;
Adopted me as His own.
Gave to my life a brand new meaning,
Brought peace, where once there was none

Gertrude Jefferies

***And yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, and you are the potter.
We all are formed by your hand***

Isaiah 64:8 (NLT)



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

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The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,
Because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the
captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,

To proclaim the year of the Lord's favour
And the day of vengeance of our God,

To comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
To bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness *instead of mourning*,
And a garment of praise *instead of a spirit of despair*.

***They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.***

***I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God.
For he has clothed me with garments of salvation
and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels***

Isaiah 61: 1-3;10

To all the Trinity folk who pray for those on this list week after week we thank you for your faithfulness in prayer.

Please note that from this week onward we are going to list the names and prayer requests **only** without prescribing how you should pray but rather suggest *you allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in your prayers for those in need as listed below.*

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

MARTIN VD MERWE (Karin's dad) suffering from cancer, we give all thanks & praise to our Lord that his recovery to date has far exceeded medical expectations.

CHANTELLE (Warren's wife) her back remains very painful after having numerous injections as well as a lumbar puncture.

BRIAN & EVA HUMPHREYS are experiencing a very tough time at the moment. Eva has returned to a clinic for further tests and evaluation.

GRAHAM suffering from 'primary progressive aphasia', his family is very concerned.

JOHN (Elaine Vermaak's nephew) is not doing well since his heart attack during which he burnt his hands badly.

DENNIS MEINTJES (Sheila Marley's brother) is still recovering from a major intestinal operation. He has still not fully recovered from the major accident he was involved in and his hand is still very painful.

BELLA (prem baby) we praise God that she is doing well after a 6 hour op. Bella has a feeding tube into her tummy & will have further surgery in 8 months' time.

MOIRA WESSELS (John's Mom) is slowly recovering in frail care, we pray for Moira, John, Angela, Ashlynn and Luke.

RHYS THOMAS (30's - London) has had a tracheotomy, he is awake, his high temperature is slowly going down & he seems more comfortable. We pray for Rhys & his wife Paula.

DUDLEY MIDDLETON is feeling much better, he & his family give grateful thanks for the prayers of healing.

CANCER LIST: *Gordon Bennett, David Edwards, 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, Jean Clarence, Rebecca Owens (fungal infection), Daniela Andrade (7), Estelle, Russell Jones, Ursula Ryder, Lesley Steyn, David Edwards (UK), Doh Carneson, Louise Shaw (Texas), Brian K, John Sandison, Cindy Saunders, Marina van de Ruit, Ron Senyar, Estelle Loggerenberg, Brian Tromp.*

CHRONIC LIST: *Denese Pieterse* (back problems), *Dave* (Guillain Barre Syndrome), *Emmanuel Thavhiwa* (difficult times), *Elaine Vermaak* (osteoporosis), , *Moira Smith* (hiatus hernia), *Brian & Eva Humphreys* (Eva's recovery), *Maureen Dewberry* (heart problems), *Alison* (spinal problems), *Illia & Graham (UK)*, *Diana Viljoen's Mom* (stroke), *Mike & Helen Urban* (ill health), *Colleen Hunter* (brain op), *Christiaan Vermeulen* (heart surgery), *Deon* (facial surgery), *Susanne* (stroke), *Duncan Edwards* (rare disease), *Moira* (heart), *Noelle Marshall* (leukemia & eye problems), *Louise Combrink* (nervous breakdown), *Jenny Dembovsky* (needs employment), *Heather Seymour* (emphysema), *Nic Swart* (stroke), *Nic Breytenbach* (MDS Leukaemia), *Pat Mostert* (heart problems), *Elwyn Dyer* (hip op), *Bradley Manson* (Kidney disease, dialysis), *Ella* (wounds on her leg), *Reef's grandparents*, *Eva & Brian Humphreys*, *Val Ochse* (bone density), *Noreen Mckenzie* (eye problem), Coral Fisher (foot problems), *Jules* (auto immune disease), *Lesley* (broken wrists), *Louis Brugman* (heart & hip problems), *Linda Hann* (needs employment).



THE MENDER

My Saviour specializes in mending broken things,
He takes the heart that's shattered, and gives it songs to sing.
He pieces it together with His sweet gracious touch;
He mends the heart that's broken because He loves so much.

He mends the broken spirit, then lifts that spirit up,
and pours the oil of gladness into the upturned cup.
The broken lives He reshapes... those lives so wrecked by sin,
when in their crushed condition they turn in faith to Him.

The broken dreams that crumble to ashes at our feet,
that seemed so fair and lovely, that made life taste more sweet.
Those broken dreams He rebuilds and fashions them anew...
Then gives us faith to trust Him to see new dreams come true.

What of the broken plans then? The broken health that comes?
Is He not ever mindful when life's swift pendulum
Dashes to scattered pieces the plans that we have made?
Above it all, He whispers- "I shall come to your aid."

He restores broken spirits, binds broken hearts, and dreams,
Repairs the shattered pages of lives that He redeems.
He stands ready to help us no matter what life brings
Because He specializes in mending broken things!

~Author Unknown~