

A SPRING BLESSING

Blessed are you, Spring,

Bright season of life awakening.

You gladden our hearts with opening buds and returning leaves

As you put on your robes of splendour.

Blessed are you, Spring,

In you is a life no death can destroy.

As you exchange places with winter

You harbour no unforgiving spirit for broken tree limbs and frozen buds.

Blessed are you, Spring,

You open the closed buds of our despair

As you journey with us

to the flowering places.

Blessed are you, Spring,

You invite us to sing songs to the frozen regions within

and to bless the lesson of winter

As we become your partner in a new dance.

Blessed are you, Spring

Like Jesus, standing before the tomb of Lazarus,

You call to us: '*remove winter's stone, come out,*

There is life here you have not yet tasted'

Blessed are you, Spring,

Free gift of the earth.

Without cost we gaze upon your glory.

You are a gospel of good news for the rich and poor alike.

Blessed are you, Spring,

Your renewing rain showers and cathartic storms

Nurture the potential that sleeps in Earth's heart

And in our own earthen hearts.

Blessed are you, Spring,

Season of resurrection, sacrament of promise.

Like Jesus you rise up out of darkness,

Leaving around you a wake of new life.

Blessed are you, Spring,

Miracle child of the four seasons

With your wand of many colours

You work magic in the corners of our darkness.

Blessed are you, Spring,

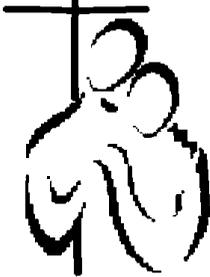
Season of hope and renewal.

Wordless poem about all within us that can never die.

Each year you amaze us with the miracle of returning life. From: The circle of life

Trinity Methodist Church

LINDEN, JOHANNESBURG



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

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Ask the LORD for rain in the spring,
for he makes the storm clouds.
And he will send showers of rain
so every field becomes a lush pasture.

Zechariah 10:1 (NLT)

*Flowers appear on the earth;
the season of singing has come,
the cooing of doves
is heard in our land*

Song of Songs 2:12 (NIV)

*The desert and the parched land will be glad;
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.
Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom;
it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.*

*The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;
**they will see the glory of the LORD,
the splendor of our God.***

Isaiah 35:1-2 (NIV)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

VERNA VELS sadly passed away on Thursday night. We pray that her family may be conscious of the Lord's touch on them.

VAL PALLISTER will be having surgery on Tues (26th). We pray op is successful and hold Val, Jeff & family up to our Lord praying for His perfect peace for all.

KEITH HARRIS we continue to pray peace & restoration for Keith, Linda & family after an armed robbery 10 days ago.

BELLA (prem baby 1.5kgs) was born with oesophagus not attached to stomach. She survived emergency op on Mon. Pray healing for Bella, peace for Robby & Kathy.

JULES in hospital suffering from an auto immune disease as well as other problems, we pray God's hand of healing on her and strength as she moves house as well.

IRENE MCKELVEY in hospital with pneumonia, we pray for her complete healing.

RUSSELL (Irene McKelvey's grandson) had surgery to remove mass from adrenal gland on Thurs (21st) we pray for his recovery, peace for his wife Adelle & family.

LESLEY (a concert pianist) broke both wrists as a result of a fall but they have not healed properly, we pray a release of pain & for God's comfort & strength for her.

LAWRENCE DAVIES admitted to hospital for investigations for his chest problems. Pray wisdom for docs, healing for Lawrence & peace and comfort for Joy.

BETTY MIDDLETON is in hospital with heart problems, we pray wisdom for cardiologist as he considers putting in a pace maker. Peace & healing for Betty.

LINDA HANN (Sheila Marley's friend) a mature lady, excellent with animals & is available for house sitting. Please phone her on 062 644 1410 if you can help.

BRONWYN (Leigh's daughter) has been in and out of hospital and spent 4 days in ICU after contracting a hospital super bug with bronchial bleeding. Pray healing and peace.

GRACE & ELLA WATERSTON both ill with upper respiratory tract infections, Grace on antibiotics for a month. We pray full recovery for them both.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

JEANNIE WATERSTON op went well although Jeannie is very sore; we pray healing of mastectomy site, peace for Jeannie and Family.

CORAL FISHER her foot is still painful & she is on crutches. We pray for healing.

VAL GIBBS & TANYA JACOBS we pray for their full recovery.

EUNICE (Carol Dyantyi's foster daughter) we continue to pray as she still hasn't been found. **CAROL** flew to New York on Friday to start a 4 month university course with children & young adult workers from all over Africa. Pray God's hand on her.

MOIRA WESSELS is still in hospital; she underwent a colonoscopy on Thurs & is waiting for test results. Our prayers and love are with Moira, John & family.

THOMAS (30'S-London) has to have a heart transplant, but needs to have tests & procedures before transplant which is planned for a years' time. Please pray for him.

LOUIS BRUGMAN apart from his hip & heart problems, Louis suffered a mild stroke on Tuesday. We pray God's touch of healing on Louis & peace for him & Jackie.

DUDLEY MIDDLETON we continue to pray for a release of the pain & for God's strength and comfort for Dudley and his wife Angela who is really battling.

YOUTH PASTOR thanks for all the prayers, a youth pastor has been appointed. Once the paper work in completed the congregation will be given their name.

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* (bone marrow transplant), *Daniela Andrade (7), Estelle, Russell Jones, Ursula Ryder, Lesley Steyn, Verna, 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), *Craig Hart* (sleep apnea), *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), *Nora Swart* (colon 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 Leukemia), *Eihne Gray* (heart problems), *Pat Mostert* (heart problems), *Elwyn Dyer* (hip op), *Bradley Manson* (Kidney disease, dialysis), *Maureen Rees* (bad fall), *Ella* (wounds on her leg), *Reef's grandparents, Eve & Brian Humphries, Val Ochse* (bone density), *Noreen Mckenzie* (eye problem).



*I arise today with spring in my eyes:
Clear circling air
Shining inspiration, wings of hope
Unfolding buds, happy roots
Blossoms of joy & necessary storms.
This is my inheritance in this vibrant new season.*