

PRAYER LETTER FOR GRACE OF CHRIST CHURCH | Week of September 8, 2025

She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: “You are the God who sees me,” for she said, “I have now seen the one who sees me.” Genesis 16.13

This summer I shared with you a post from Dave Adamson with Australian You Version – from his Instagram page. I’d like to share another of his writings this week.

What God sees when He looks at you.

What God sees is completely different from what you see in the mirror. And understanding this gap could transform how you see yourself.

*Hagar, an enslaved Egyptian woman running from abuse, discovered this when God met her in the wilderness. She gave Him a name never used before: **El Ro’i “The God who sees me.”***

When God sees you, He doesn’t just observe from a distance. God recognizes you, values you, and declares a worth that nothing in your life can take away. When God looks at you, He doesn’t see your failures and mistakes, your productivity metrics, your social media image, your personality test results.

He sees His workmanship (Ephesians 2.10).

Someone wonderfully made (Psalm 139.14).

Someone with imperishable beauty that this world cannot measure (1 Peter 3.4).

That’s what gave Hagar hope: Not that God simply noticed her pain, but that He saw value in her when society saw none. El Ro’i sees. He sees not just your circumstances, but your worth within them. Where you see failure, He sees someone worth redeeming. Where you see brokenness, He sees someone worth restoring. When God looks at you, He sees someone worth dying for.

That perspective never changes.

Take care my friends,
Ericka

PRAISES

Ephesians 2.10 - For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

- It is good to be here! Praise God!
- Thank You, Lord, for providing Pastor Gregory to lead out church body in the way You have chosen. We worship You, God, and praise You for so many blessings.
- Thank the Lord for His amazing healing power!
- Praise the Lord for P’s appointment with a specialist. Please pray for her healing.
- We love having Interns as ushers and at Welcome Center!
- Praises for a smooth transition.
- It is very good and needed for me to be in God’s house today.

- Praises for Pastor Gregory and his family – may we welcome them well.
- We are attending for the first time in a while – my husband's health is improving. God is so good!
- Praises for Sunday's message. Warm welcome to Gregory into our church family.
- Delighted to be able to watch church while we are out of town.
- During a stressful situation, our church took care of our needs so beautifully. Our deacon J was amazing.
- God reveals His provision in time of need. It is very humbling.

PRAYERS

1 Peter 3.3-4 - Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear—⁴ but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.

- Please pray for God's comfort and peace over the families of Sandra Federspiel, Donna Erhart, and Jake Weber who passed away this last week. *Lord, be with us in our grief.*
- Blessings to students, schools, and families.
- We are slowly looking for a new house, please pray with us that God will show us where to go.
- Prayers for direction, stamina, and peace for an 89-year-old friend who cares for her daughter with Alzheimer's. Lord shine light in their lives so they know Your way.
- Healing for J's right hand in an arthritis flair. Seeking God's provision with possible surgery and treatment.
- Please continue to pray for my granddaughter M who will be getting tests at Children's next week.
- We ask for God's blessing of good health for young people – mental and physical.
- Please pray for my sister J – 90 years old – who faces exploratory surgery for a large mass on her liver. (out of state) She is so special to me and I'm not ready to lose her!
- Lord, we ask healing for A who has severe stomach pains.
- Pray for H who is having a hard time feeling accepted at his new church. Please pray he will feel accepted and loved and know Jesus.
- Pray for all the firefighters putting themselves on the line. They sacrifice so much – family time, health, fears, and comfort. Just a glimpse of this sacrifice opens my eyes more to the intensity and significance of Christ's sacrifice for us all.
- Continued prayers for God's healing touch on M and V.
- Please pray for our family's health.
- Prayer for our local and national leaders to choose mercy and compassion. *And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.* Micah 6.8
- Pray for D who had emergency surgery this past week to remove an abdominal tumor. Pray for a treatment plan to be put into place in a timely manner. Pray for his family members as they support him during this time. He is 51.
- Pray health to those hurting and sick. Pray peace for those in need. Pray strength for the weak. Pray to make You, Lord, known to those who are lost.

- Pray for P's healing.
- Prayer for L who is waiting for diagnosis and treatment.
- Healing and peace for our friend who is waiting for a biopsy and possible treatment.
- Father God, we ask for an increase of kindness given to and by everyone.
- As more and more opportunities come up, I ask that you keep my eyes set on You and Your will in my life.
- Prayers for our friend's biopsy, she is scared.
- Prayer for T's friends and family – C's health, J, B's trust in the Lord, J and for T.
- Healing prayer for my sister who is sick with Covid and for my brother-in-law to stay healthy as he cares for her.
- Praying for our precious source of water for the many growers in our valley. Thankful for abundant fruit and vegetables available to us.
- We need to be stronger in all ways to make the best of our lives and service to the Lord,
- Prayers for all victims of the fires, including the precious wildlife God has graced us with.

Psalm 139.14 - I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

THANK YOU FOR PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH AND CAMP STAFF:

STAFF: (Pastors) Curt McFarland and Gregory Wagenfuhr; (Family & Children's Ministry) Sarah Huck; (Student Ministries) Kara Brown and Jahzeel Garcia-Figueroa; (Preschool Director) Becca Mailand; (Preschool Teachers) Amber Miller and Amiya Aparicio; (Childcare) Gracie Miller, Maddie Miller, Jennifer Brice, and Grace Johnson; (Media/IT) Deb Meyers; (Business Manager) Tammy Nunley; (Building/Grounds/Custodial) Dan Barela, John Yolo, and Marcus Barela; (Administrative Assistant) Ericka Clark; (Worship Leaders) Jason Wickson, Nathan Gross, and Anne Schilperoort; (Intern Director) Larissa Belknap; (Interns) Linda Camarillo, Alexandria Moran, Belen Damian-Vasquez, Eli Westfall, Diego Jimanez, Jolene Hilton, and Jasmine Barriga.

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