

Prayer Weaving Prayers January 17, 2007

These prayers of thanks, concern, and hope in support of Pastor Bradley have been submitted by members of the St. John's community in Atlanta and around the world. The prayers are written on strips of cloth that will be combined into a prayer weaving. The prayer weaving will be presented to the hearing committee.

Pastor Schmeling, please know that the prayers of many are with you, and God's love is yours always and forever. Dear God, support your blessed servant and hold him in your gentle hands and heart. NYC

I hope that this hearing might awaken in all ELCA members that through God's love and grace, we are each loved and called to serve him-gay or straight, black or white, tall or short and his call to Pastor Bradley is as real as his call to Bishop Hanson.

We are praying Psalm 82 for you in New York. May God grant you justice! Peace be with you. NYC

May the God of all goodness shine forth grace unto Pastor Schmeling and his congregation. May God's loving kindness be with you at this difficult time. God bless you!!! NYC

You are a man of God, Pastor Schmeling and we pray that all may come to know you as a man of God, as we are all children of a loving, accepting God. Love from NY

We pray for light and love and wisdom in support of Pastor Brad. NYC

Our prayers and love are with you, Pastor Schmeling. NYC

We are filled with hope because of your witness. Please know that our prayers from NYC are with you. Thank you-Thank you-GRACIAS

Dear God, Guide Bishop Warren to fair and just. Remind him we are all God's children and faithful followers. Strengthen and guide Pastor Schmeling and give him your wisdom. Thank you Lord.

We pray for open minds and loving hearts that we truly see each person as a child of God.

Lord God, you have made us in your image to receive and reflect your love. May this reflection of your love continue to give witness through Bradley and Darin. Amen

May you always find truth and strength in God. May you find peace and love in your relationships.

May God's love surround, support, and comfort you through this time; know that you are not alone, that many stand with you...

We are praying for you Pastor Brad. NYC

May God be with each of you. Amen

If everyone got to vote on the people that Jesus chose as his disciples and ministers very few would have been chosen. Jesus loves all his children and gives them all unique gifts. These men are wonderful pastors and their gifts need to be celebrated not condemned. Cathy Radke-ELCA Pastor's wife

Oh Lord God, Let us not forget to be kind!

Pastor Schmeling, we hold you in our hearts.

I pray for God's love, strength, and peace to surround Pastor Bradley and the St. John's congregation. Kathy Arle-Fayetteville, N.C.

In your name, Lord Christ, we lift up prayers for healing during this time. We give thanks that you hear our voices however weak or strong they may be in giving thanks for this congregation here at St. John's in Atlanta. Amen

May the holy spirit strengthen and guide you and wipe away your tears as you "Prepare the Way" for our children and our children's children. JoAnn and Carol

Above all, clothe yourself with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. Colossians 3:14

God bless you in this struggle. May your strength help all of us. God will be with you no matter what the outcome.

May God's love shine at St. John's. NYC

Good friends your ministry and witness is a blessing!!!!

In times of doubt and trial – remember “In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever!”

Lord, please allow Pastor Brad to continue his loving and effective ministry at St. John’s in Atlanta and continue to less his committed relationship with his partner. In Jesus name- Amen.

My dear Reverend Schmeling: May the Bishop see the light and honor your good work. G. Swenson NY, NY

Help us realize all people are not made in OUR image. We are a family of many colors.

Your stand gives us strength and hope and the courage to continue on. Thank you! Love from, Trinity Lutheran NYC

For all children who grow up wishing to use their talents in the church-May the door always be open.

You are in our hearts and prayers. Nancy Whitaker Tamworth, New Hampshire

God, please fill the Bishop and all ELCA members with a strong love that casts out fear. Our hearts are with you Pastor. NYC

Dear Reverend Easler: May God be with you and continue to work through you in your time of trial. Keep in mind and heart Romans 8:28-39.....and perhaps remind the bishop not to stop at the end of Romans chapter 1, but to read chapter 2 also. Our prayers are with you. Justin Latterell NYC

May God shine his light on you and give you strength. I pray that your faithfulness, honesty, and integrity are not punished so you can continue to serve the congregation you serve so well. NYC

“All this is from God who reconciled us through Jesus Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.” 2 Corinthians 5:18

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, give us patience and thankfulness: even in our pain and anxiety. Always move us with compassion and tenderness for our afflicted sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Peace, Vicar O’Rear

May The God of peace sanctify you and keep your spirit, soul, and body sound and blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God who calls you is

faithful. The blessing of almighty God, the Father, the son, and the Holy Spirit be with you now and always.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doing with your most gracious favor and further us with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen Vicar O’Rear

I pray for God’s wisdom, compassion, and love to be present in these proceedings. Kathy Arle Fayetteville, NC

Gott sahe an alles, was er gemacht hatte; und siehe da, es war sehr gut. Gen. 1:31

Come, Lord Jesus, be with your sheep that we may follow where you lead us. Amen

We lift up to you, our God, the ministries of bishops and pastors. Giving thanks to you for special gifts you give to each one. May your blessing be upon Ronald, Bradley, and Darin now at this time to which each is being called. Amen

Prayers for wisdom and strength. NYC

Love and church should not be mutually exclusive-pray for reconciliation. NYC

We wrap our minds around the injustices you are being subjected to, and pray that the decision makers choose the path of love and inclusively. NYC

May all creation praise the Lord!

May LOVE cast out fear!

Lord, please give your strength to those who have been excluded or hurt by prejudice. Please help all to understand and love these who are different. Amen

Enlightenment by the spirit to open hearts and minds to the fullness of God’s grace and acceptance.

JUSTICE LOVE HUMILITY

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit in me. Psalms 51:10

May our souls be lamps of yours, kindled and illuminated by you.

O Father, may nothing this day come between you and me.

PEACE ON EARTH

GRACE, PEACE, AND LOVE

Let us love all of God's children

We are filled with hope, for the presence and power of God are within us.

May the blessings of hospitality be born in us all, for the church and the world. Amen Gail Sieckman-Seattle

May the Holy Spirit guide, may the people involved boldly listen, and may the power of God be shown in this season of Christ's manifestation.

God bless you and give you the strength to understand the path God has set you and those who judge you understand it also.
May God walk with you and guide you and the church.
Amen

"So we do not lose heart.....because we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal." (2 Cor 4:16a; 18) Pr. Kim Rapczak, SWPA

May the Lord bless you and give you the strength you need and the peace that comes knowing that God is always with you and loves you very much.

God bless you in all that you do, give you strength to get through struggles and eyes to see the good times within your life!
God will make you happy and give you something to smile about.
Job 8:21

Let righteousness roll down like water and justice like a mighty steam.

"I truly understand that God shows no partiality but in every nation anyone who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God." Acts 10: 34-35

"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Gal 3:28