

PRAY IN MAY FOR WIDOWS

The Gift of Prayer and Community to Her

Each day throughout the month of May there is a prayer prompt listed on our WPC calendar. You simply follow the link, click on the day and pray for the need mentioned. You can also add the daily calendar to your personal Google calendar!

<https://www.pca-paxtonil.org/mycalendar>

Pray in May for Widows is presented by
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Please pray in May for our widows of
PCA Pastors and missionaries.

- ❖ Pray for their loneliness and for new friends. Some of our widows feel forgotten by the churches where they served decades ago. Pray the PCA will not forget them in their time of need.
- ❖ Pray for their health and well-being. Our widows struggle with limited financial resources and some with serious health issues.
- ❖ Pray for our PCA churches to be generous and provide for the needs of our widows through the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund. And pray about your part in meeting their needs.

Pure religion:

to visit and to care for widows...

Widows hold a very special place in the heart of Jesus. He used a widow as an example to the rich when she gave from her poverty as they were giving from their wealth. He is a protector of the sojourner, the fatherless and the widow. He pleads the widow's cause. In fact, widows are so important to Jesus, taking care of his widowed mother was the last thing He did on the cross before He died.

And because He cared for that while He was here on earth, He intended that we, as His community of believers, should continue to do so. How do we do this?

One way is through prayer and another is through caring for them at the local church level.

“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction...” James 1:27



Please remember in prayer the widows in all of our PNI churches: All Souls Church; Christ Church; Forreston Grove Church; Grace Fellowship; Grace Presbyterian Church; Hanna City Presbyterian Church; Redeemer Church; and Trinity Church



A note from a sister church:

"I marvel at God's providence in placing this prayer and care focus on your hearts before any of the recent changes took place. While many people are/will be suffering from isolation and loneliness, these women already struggle with this. Now they aren't even able to receive visits and hugs. Each of our widows was delighted to hear that the women in your church will be praying for them, and they were excited about the possibility of receiving a note in the mail!"



WIC Presents...A special emphasis for the widows within our Presbytery. Some of our sister churches were kind enough to share names and addresses of their widows with us - so that we can pray specifically for them - as well as send them notes of encouragement. Below are names from those PNI churches.



Sorry, these names and addresses are for private use only!