

Here is what we are holding in prayer this week (from our closing prayer on Tuesday, August 3). We are using initials to maintain a level of confidentiality.

For our students whose stories are well worth telling!

For our students, for the Brown Church!

For CA's brother-in-law.

For LD's children, J and E, as they start this school year (ages 5 and 7).

For BH's fiancée's mother, KB, who is preparing for death.

For MO's best friend.

For P and A who brought JD into their story without fear or judgement and with unconditional love...

For our colleagues that they have the courage to face whiteness and oppression, and lean into conversations about race.

In gratitude for our families, teachers, friends, who help(ed) us form our identities through their stories.

Prayers for all who are sick. For PO.

For our incoming and returning students.

For patience and peace as we regather after much time physically apart from one another.

For R...as she draws closer to the light. And for all who love and call her family and friend.

For all of those who have gone before us. Today especially those killed in El Paso on this day in 2019.

For RB, his friends, and the B family as they mourn his death.

For those who asked for SR's prayers especially those in need of healing.

For our communities.

For the Latines who come to the northern Mexican border looking for refuge.

For all women preparing to become mothers.

For AS's brother and sister-in-law, for the protection and safety during these next several months of pregnancy.

For the healing of those inflicted by racism.

For MS's parents and grandparents.

That our nation be moved to a conversion to justice and compassion.

For caretakers.

For those affected during these challenging times.

For all those in challenging housing situations.

For G, L, L, and J ... for strength as they continue their treatments for cancer.

For voting rights, and that the dignity of all is upheld.

For all those struggling to find work.

For those communities and people in countries who are still not able to get vaccines and continue to be in the midst of the pandemic.

For all those struggling to find connection.

For those with health challenges.

For those serving our sisters and brothers who struggle with mental illness.