

Pastor Call Team

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The Answered Prayers Edition



Dear Community of Christ at All Saints,

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'

Matthew 9:35-38

Thank you all for joining the Call Team in prayer these past seven months. Our earnest prayers have been answered. Thank You, Jesus! And all God's people said, Amen!

Yours in Christ,

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March 1, 2019

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. Psalms 9:1-2

We praise You Lord, for allowing us the favor of receiving the answer to our Call to Pastor Dolby and how blessed we are to have his answer be, yes! Praise to You our God and Savior! Amen.

March 2, 2019

O my Strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love. Psalm 59:17

Lord, we sing praise and thanksgiving for answering our prayers with Pastor Dolby's acceptance of our Call! Lord, prepare us for the future, a future to show Your steadfast love to all who enter the doors at All Saints. In Your name we pray, now and forevermore. Amen.

March 3, 2019

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100:4-5

Indeed, our congregation at All Saints, gives praise to God for sending us Pastor Dolby to be our Pastor. Our prayers have been answered and we give all thanks and praise to You, our Lord and God. Amen.

March 4, 2019

O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you.
1 Chronicles 29:18

Lord, keep our hearts on You. We pray also for the members of King of Kings, the congregation which Pastor Dolby is leaving. As they face their vacancy, many feelings and questions will arise. Help them remember the strong faith that comes from focusing our eyes on You. Thy Word says You will never leave nor forsake us all. Amen.

March 5 , 2019

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.... And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. Acts 2:42, 47

Heavenly Father, You call us together in Word and Sacrament. As we prepare to enter this season of Lent, turn our hearts and minds to focus on Christ's love. Help us to focus our eyes on the cross. Let us remember Your grace and mercy. Amen.

March 6, 2019 Ash Wednesday

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Heavenly Father, we come before You in thanksgiving for the great sacrifice of Your Son, on the cross, for our sins. Father forgive us of all our sins, cleanse our hearts. Help us to show Your love to those around us. Amen.

March 7, 2019

And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Matthew 6:16-18

Heavenly Father prepare us this Lenten season with contrite hearts so that we can again rejoice at the resurrection of Your Son on Easter Sunday. Amen.

March 8, 2019

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Psalm 100:1-3

Dear Lord, Guide and direct us at All Saints in the way You would have us go. We are so thankful to You for allowing Pastor Dolby to answer our call. Keep us faithful to You. Amen.

March 9, 2019

Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them. Isaiah 42:9

Dear Lord, change is often difficult. Please help us to resist the preconceived ideas of how Pastor Dolby will lead. Remind me that Your calling of Pastor Dolby to lead and serve among us will bring new things. Prepare my heart and mind for those new things that may spring forth. Amen.

March 10, 2019

For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” Matthew 18:20

Heavenly Father, as we prepare to welcome Pastor Dolby to All Saints, remind us of Your power and presence as we come together in worship. May our hearts and minds reflect a welcoming spirit and joy to all we meet. Amen.

March 11, 2019

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”
Joshua 1:8-9

Lord, be with Pastor Dolby and his family as they prepare to relocate to be with us. Moving is stressful, Lord and filled with unknowns, calm any fears, give them courage. Send a buyer for their home and guide them in finding housing here among us. Prepare us to welcome them with open arms and hearts of love and service. In Your Name We Pray. Amen

March 12, 2019

And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1:9-11

Lord, we pray for All Saints people that all, may continue to study Your word diligently, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in us will carry on to completion. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

March 13 , 2019

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come, behold the works of the Lord. Psalm 46:7-8a

Dear Lord of heavenly hosts help us to continue with the work of our hands as we wait for our new pastor. As needs arise, anoint and prepare us to volunteer help, assistance, encouragement, and prayer. Amen.

March 14, 2019

There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4:4-6

Dear Father, we know that You have created each of us uniquely and have blessed each of us with different gifts. Thank you for all who have served during this interim time. For the hours spent in meetings, prayer and seeking Your will for All Saints congregation. Bring us together with Pastor Dolby to continue to fulfill Your mission and vision for our congregation. In Your name we pray, Amen.

March 15, 2019

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” Romans 10:11-13

Lord, our mission is to show Your love to all, especially to those who do not know You. As we renew our mission with Pastor Dolby, empower me to be a faithful witness. Amen.

March 16, 2019

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:7

Lord, open our hearts and minds to ideas on how to receive Pastor Dolby and his family in ways that convey a deep love. Help us to continue to show to all who enter the doors of All Saints the power of Your love for all.

Amen.

March 17, 2019

Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint but blessed is he who keeps the law.

Proverbs 29:18

Heavenly Father, as Pastor Dolby prepares to begin his ministry among us, give him a clear vision for how to minister to the people of All Saints and the community we serve. Amen.

March 18, 2019

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age".

Mathew 28:18-20

Dear Jesus, help me to evangelize and enlarge Your church with new believers. Help me to put aside activities that do not honor You. Open my mouth to say words that will minister to those who do not know You. Amen.

March 19, 2019

This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. 1 Corinthians 4:1

Holy Spirit guide us at All Saints to hold our pastor in high regard as God's servant, a gift of divine grace. May we offer him and his family the best of our love, prayers and support. Amen.

March 20, 2019

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

Lord bring us together at All Saints to use our gifts for service. Prepare our hearts and minds to work alongside Pastor Dolby as together we seek to serve You. Amen.

March 21, 2019

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:11

Grant us a powerful sense of Your presence as we move into the future, a future of joy. Bless us in sharing Your love with the people we meet on the streets and welcome through the doors at All Saints. Amen.

March 22, 2019

Whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 4:11

Dear God, so many people have lost their way or simply do not know Your ways. Give us all the desire to seek Your face. Send Your Holy Spirit to show us how we can help meet spiritual needs. Send Your servant, Pastor Dolby, to preach God's word. In Jesus name, Amen.

March 23, 2019

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

Lord, open our hearts and minds to the service for which we have been created for. Show me where I am to lead, and where I am to follow. May all I do glorify You, Lord. Amen.

March 24, 2019

But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

God, we look to the future with joy. Send Your Holy Spirit to guide our thoughts and prepare us for new leadership with Pastor Dolby. Amen.

March 25, 2019

Ask rain from the Lord in the season of the spring rain, from the Lord who makes the storm clouds, and he will give them showers of rain, to everyone the vegetation in the field. Zechariah 10:1

Father, as spring approaches, restore our souls and set before us new beginnings. As we wait for our new pastor, keep us strong. Open our ears to listen for Your voice and do Your will. Prepare our hearts for our new pastor. Help me to be open to new ways of serving You. Amen.

March 26, 2019

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 1 John 4:16

Dear Lord, thank you for Your everlasting love that is shown to each and everyone one of us. Fill our hearts and minds with that love as we go about today. Amen.

March 27, 2019

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Lord, thank you for Pastor Reinke's faithful service as interim pastor. For helping us through the transitional period this past year. Bless him as he continues to work in Your kingdom. Amen.

March 28, 2019

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. Philippians 1:1-5

Heavenly Father help Pastor Dolby and all of us at All Saints consider each other as joyful partners in the Gospel, each of us making contribution to God's work according to our calling, ability, and measure of faith. Amen.

March 29, 2019

I, therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:1-3

As pastor Dolby begins his ministry among us, Lord grant that the relationship between us as pastor and congregation is mutually beneficial and productive. May we recognize and accept that neither is perfect. Lord lead us to work together in love and trust towards building Your kingdom. Amen.

March 30, 2019

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. Psalm 30:4

Lord, we come with hearts full of song and praise for all of Your marvelous works. Thank you for the gift of a new pastor to serve among us. Bless Pastor Dolby and his family as they look to begin their ministry among us. Together may we sing praise to You. Amen.

March 31, 2019

And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest. Exodus 33:14

Lord, as we begin anew under the leadership of Pastor Dolby, guide and go with us all. Remind us all Lord of Your presence in our daily lives. May we rest in Your peace today and all the days to come. Amen.

The Call Committee thanks you for all of your prayers as we have worked these past months. While we look ahead to the arrival of Pastor Dolby, please continue to pray for God's care and blessings on him and his family, as they prepare to leave New Jersey and reestablish themselves here in Washington. Pray also for the continued love and support of our church. May we be mindful of the new leadership and opportunities we will have as we go forward with Christ's mission at All Saints. May the Lord bless us all.