



Spring - 2021
Newsletter

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

President's Message:

Recently, we gathered on Zoom with lovely Friends of POP and reflected upon the past year. We shared how God's grace sustained us through great challenges. With perseverance, over 23,000 spiritual care consults were provided in 2020. Our friends commented, "With the critical changes in the world and healthcare, we are so glad you all did not give up!" Give up? Why didn't that even cross our minds? It had to be the power of God's Spirit. His Love desires the soulful cries of the dear suffering people to be heard and held. With permission, following are just a few of those very sacred exchanges...

"I am in shock. My brilliant, amazing Mother died of covid19. She was our anchor. She taught me everything I know. How can we do this? I'd love for you to pray, I can't pray, we are trying to do things, and I just keep crying, but I know there is a celebration in Heaven."

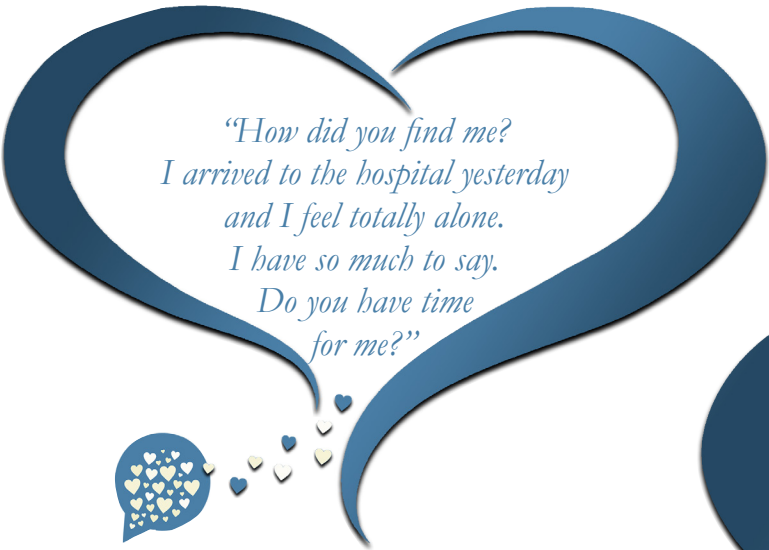
PRAYERS OF THE FAMILY

"My sister, my best friend, her precious gifts surround me, we talked every day. Her heart was always positive, even fighting covid19. When she died suddenly, it felt like part of me died with her. I miss her terribly."

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"When I arrive to the hospital, I am stricken with grief every day. Treating so many dear covid19 patients who enter the Critical Care Unit....I have needed a safe space to share my grief, Thank you."

PRAYERS OF A NURSE



*"How did you find me?
I arrived to the hospital yesterday
and I feel totally alone.
I have so much to say.
Do you have time
for me?"*

PRAYERS OF A PATIENT



*"Even though my parents told me that
I was an abomination; your prayer
is helping me believe I am a
loved child of
God."*

PRAYERS OF A PATIENT



*"...God of all comfort, who comforts us
in all our affliction so that we will be able to
comfort those who are in any affliction with
the comfort with which we ourselves
are comforted by
God."*

PRAYERS OF SCRIPTURE - II COR. 1:3-4

As we join people in their places of anxiety, fear, chaos, darkness and loss,
God's tender love helps them navigate until the beams of hope shine more clearly.
The listening hearts and prayers of POP Lay Chaplains draw God's hurting people,
like a shepherd's shofar calling them to the Healing Heart of God. ~ AnneMarie Wallace

The Staff, Board of Directors and Advisory Committee pray you have a blessed Easter - CHRIST IS RISEN!



Have you ever thought, "That's exactly what I needed today" after reading someone's story?
You are invited to share any portion of your Soulful Story and touch the heart of a friend.

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