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# *Bethel Prayer Concerns*

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Creator God, to whom all living things owe their breath,  
may we be mindful of the gift of life with every breath we take.

And may we use the breath of our lips to praise Christ,  
who is your Word to us.

By your Spirit, open our hearts to receive your Word  
so that its light might shine and there would be no shadows,  
but only the light of truth and life. Amen.



## **REFLECTIONS**

The Word became flesh and swelled among us filled with grace and truth. The astonishing mystery of the Incarnation—of God dwelling in bodily form—shows that God loves and blesses us in frail and limited bodies with power to speak love. Where will you embody God's love made known to us in Christ this day?



## Bethel Presbyterian Church Announcements

### **HOME FOOD COLLECTION**

For the month of January our focus foods are **Canned Pasta (Spaghetti-O's, Chef Boyardee, etc.)**. These and other non-perishable food items can be brought in through-out the month and placed in the yellow collection boxes in the Gathering Area. Thank you for supporting our local food pantry efforts to help needy families in our community.

### **FROM THE FINANCE TEAM**

As we approach the end of the year, please know that we are grateful for the support you have given the church throughout the year. If you are planning to make additional charitable gifts before the year's end, please note that all contributions to the church for 2021 tax purposes must be received by the church in 2021 or be postmarked by 12/31/2021 if mailed to the church. Thank you for your faithful support of Bethel and its missions.

### **THESE DAYS**

#### **a daily devotional, for Jan. Feb. & March**

is available on the table in the Gathering Area. Be sure to pick one up today. *"To nurture the daily practice of prayer and the reading of Scripture, there is solid help in the pages of These Days. The devotions wrestle faithfully with the doubts, joys, and challenges of the Christian life."*

### **THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS**

In the church calendar we have now entered the Season of Christmas. The twelve days of Christmas are the twelve days between Christmas Day - the birth of Jesus, and the Epiphany (Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>) - the day Christians celebrate the arrival of the Magi (Wise Men) and the revelation of Christ as the light of the world.