

PRAYER UPDATE

PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

Traci Stengl Ghaffarian (30 yrs old) - was diagnosed with Leukemia. Pray for strength during her chemo treatments, that God will provide a bone marrow donor and that Stanford can provide a 2 bedroom apartment so that her 10 month old son can stay close by. Pray for healing, the family and for strength for her mom Cindi, who is her main caregiver.

Gina Doty - had breast cancer surgery on 10/7 after months of treatments. Pray for healing and a smooth recovery.

Carol Plaskett - had an emergency appendectomy on 9/5 and is now home recovering.

Praising God that Bola Taylor - is able to eat soft foods! After not being able to eat or drink for weeks, her doctor has slowly been able to get her back on water, then thick liquids and now soft foods. So, in a sense she has been upgraded, but in normalizing her diet, it has brought back her high blood pressure and some headaches. Also compromised breathing sometimes requires Bola to take some oxygen. Pray that Bola's headaches go away, her breathing somehow gets better and for a miracle of complete healing!

HOME WITH THE LORD

Dianna Cornell - A celebration of Dianna's life will be held @ 12 noon on October 17th in Monschke Hall.

Bob Hulsey - A celebration of Bob's life will be held @ 1pm on October 24th in Monschke Hall.

We would love to visit your loved ones in the hospital.

Contact Carrie Clark 465.3368 | care@tlc.org

A complete prayer list is available at the Info Desk.



THE SEVEN

HOPE FROM JESUS FOR TROUBLED TIMES

TO HURTING PEOPLE

OCTOBER 10 & 11 RENÉ SCHLAEPFER

"To the angel of the church in **Smyrna** write:

These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again." Rev. 2:8



Image most associated with Smyrna: This crown

SMYRNA CITY PROFILE

- "Died and came to life again" like the phoenix
- Thought to be named after myrrh
- On hill above city, many temples made "crown of Smyrna"
- Main avenue called the "Golden Street"
- Large three-story agora (shopping and civic center)
- First city to build a temple to Roma, deifying Rome
- First city to build temple to worship Tiberius Caesar

3 ENCOURAGEMENTS FROM JESUS TO SUFFERING PEOPLE:

1. _____

“**I know** your **afflictions** and your **poverty**—yet **you are rich! I know** about the **slander** of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.” Rev. 2:9

2. _____

“**Do not be afraid** of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days.” Rev. 2:10a

He does not say “Do not _____”

He does not say “Fear not, for you _____”

3. _____

“Be faithful, even to the point of death, and **I will give you life** as your victor’s crown. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious **will not be hurt at all** by the second death.” Rev. 2:10b,11

HOW DO I MAKE THIS WORK IN MY LIFE?

John Stott points out truths about Jesus in just these verses:

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| ·He is eternal | ...the First and the Last... |
| ·He is victorious | ...who died and came to life again... |
| ·He is all knowing | ...I know... |
| ·He is generous | ...I will give you the crown of life... |

FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THE PERSECUTED CHURCH TODAY
www.opendoorsusa.org

JOIN THE TLC PRAYER GROUP FOR REFUGEES:
Next meeting: Sunday Nov. 1, 10:45 am, modular #2

THE BOTTOM LINE: _____!

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE:

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

DAILY MEDITATIONS

Find them in the book “The Seven”, available at tables in the lobby or on line!