## Prayers for January 24 - 30, 2021

West Sider :: John & Waldina Abrams (Lilybeth and Johnny)

West Side Ministry :: ESL/Citizenship Program

Mali Children :: Awa and Hawa

Local Church: Northwest United Protestant Church - Richland Additional Concerns: Lil Leggett, Margaret Storms, Grace Jackson, Gerry Wyatt, Dan & Sue Batchelder, Hideki Long, Debbie Mellinger, Janice Wellington, Karen Curtis, Sheridan DeLeon, Wendy Thomson, Rod Haines, Melanie Saint James, Dean Thompson, George Jacobson, Donna Jackson, Tamara Brown, Trent Hamilton, John & Martha Zimmerman, Bud Dodson, Glenda Schmidt, Steve Erhart, Derek Deniston, Mary Manson, Will & Bev Huisingh, Danny Dawson

**In Military Service ::** South Carolina-Adam Hardy; Illinois-Noah Ellis; Nevada-Jared Hoey; California-Charina Erhart, Devin Glade; Washington-Mike Parkman; Washington/Oregon-Jacob Ellis

**The rosebud today welcomes** Eliora Gail born Dec. 25, 2020 to Marco & Carrie Bermudez (Ecuador). Her happy grandparents are Paul & Gail Dotson.

**This week we are praying for** Andrew and Amy Funka with Alongside Ministries International in the Czech Republic. They have the following praises and prayers:

#### <u>Praises</u>

- Opportunities to share God's love and truth with others!
- Progress with The Wholehearted School!
- The technology that enables us to stay in touch!

#### <u>Prayers</u>

- Fresh vision for CB-Smichov and the Barrandov Mission.
- Wisdom as CISP reviews its strategy and business plan.
- A quick end to this pandemic and for opportunities to grow closer to our neighbors and for all of us to grow closer to God in 2021.

### For private prayers, contact the Prayer Chain:

- Online at westsidechurchrichland.org and click on Prayer,
- Email at ws1prayerchain@gmail.com, or
- Call Roz Rodgers at 509.946.4299.





Jan. 24, 2021 • 9:00 am

# THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE: **Suffering**

2 Samuel 18:19-33 (NIV)

19 Now Ahimaaz son of Zadok said, "Let me run and take the news to the king that the LORD has vindicated him by delivering him from the hand of his enemies." 20 "You are not the one to take the news today," Joab told him. "You may take the news another time, but you must not do so today, because the king's son is dead." <sup>21</sup> Then Joab said to a Cushite, "Go, tell the king what you have seen." The Cushite bowed down before Joab and ran off. 22 Ahimaaz son of Zadok again said to Joab, "Come what may, please let me run behind the Cushite." But Joab replied, "My son, why do you want to go? You don't have any news that will bring you a reward." 23 He said, "Come what may, I want to run." So Joab said, "Run!" Then Ahimaaz ran by way of the plain and outran the Cushite. 24 While David was sitting between the inner and outer gates, the watchman went up to the roof of the gateway by the wall. As he looked out, he saw a man running alone. 25 The watchman called out to the king and reported it. The king said, "If he is alone, he must have good news." And the runner came closer and closer. <sup>26</sup> Then the watchman saw another runner, and he called down to the gatekeeper, "Look, another man running alone!" The king said, "He must be bringing good news, too." <sup>27</sup> The watchman said, "It seems to me that the first one runs like Ahimaaz son of Zadok." "He's a good man," the king said. "He comes with good news." 28 Then Ahimaaz called out to the king, "All is well!" He bowed down before the king with his face to the ground and said, "Praise be to the LORD your God! He has delivered up those who lifted their hands against my lord the king." <sup>29</sup> The king asked, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" Ahimaaz answered, "I saw great confusion just as Joab was about to send the king's servant and me, your servant, but I don't know what it was." 30 The king said, "Stand aside and wait here." So he stepped aside and stood there. 31 Then the Cushite arrived and said, "My lord the king, hear the good news! The LORD has vindicated you today by delivering you from the hand of all who rose up against you." 32 The king asked the Cushite, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" The Cushite replied, "May the enemies of my lord the king and all who rise up to harm you be like that young man." 33 The king was shaken. He went up to the room over the gateway and wept. As he went, he said: "O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! If only I had died instead of you-0 Absalom, my son, my son!"