

Psalm 39:4-7 New Living Translation (NLT)

⁴“Lord, remind me how brief my time on earth will be.

Remind me that my days are numbered—
how fleeting my life is.

⁵You have made my life no longer than the width of my hand.

My entire lifetime is just a moment to you;
at best, each of us is but a breath.” *Interlude*

⁶We are merely moving shadows,
and all our busy rushing ends in nothing.

We heap up wealth, not knowing who will spend it.

⁷And so, Lord, where do I put my hope?

My only hope is in you.

Ecclesiastes 9:1-10 Common English Bible (CEB)

9 So I considered all of this carefully, examining all of it: The righteous and the wise and their deeds are in God’s hand, along with both love and hate. People don’t know anything that’s ahead of them.² Everything is the same for everyone. The same fate awaits the righteous and the wicked, the good and the bad, the pure and the impure, those who sacrifice and those who don’t sacrifice. The good person is like the wrongdoer; the same holds for those who make solemn pledges and those who are afraid to swear. ³This is the sad thing about all that happens under the sun: the same fate awaits everyone. Moreover, the human heart is full of evil; people’s minds are full of madness while they are alive, and afterward they die.⁴ Whoever is among the living can be certain about this. A living dog is definitely better off than a dead lion,⁵ because the living know that they will die. But the dead know nothing at all. There is no more reward for them; even the memory of them is lost. ⁶Their love and their hate, as well as their zeal, are already long gone. They will never again have a stake in all that happens under the sun.

⁷Go, eat your food joyfully and drink your wine happily because God has already accepted what you do. ⁸Let your garments always be white; don’t run short of oil for your head.⁹ Enjoy life with your dearly loved spouse all the days of your pointless life that God gives you under the sun—all the days of your pointless life!—because that’s your part to play in this life and in your hard work under the sun.¹⁰ Whatever you are capable of doing, do with all your might because there’s no work, thought, knowledge, or wisdom in the grave, which is where you are headed.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST

Friends and Family of Departed Loved Ones

Donald Shaw (2/7)

Adam Dydak’s mother

Physical and Mental Healing, Recovery or Hospice

Families of school shooting victims and all families in this “school shooting generation”

All in need of healing

Larry Breakstone — experimental cancer treatment

Charlene Cosman (Steve’s college friend)—MSA (Multiple System Atrophy)

Willis Dodge

Becca Killebrew (Steve’s sister)

Avery Kirby

Robert Koch (Mark’s brother) – moving to long-term rehab after heart surgery; infection gone

Ellen Jacke – halfway through radiation treatment for breast cancer

Barbara MacDougall

Mason Miro

Nathan Porter (Becca’s father) — memory issues; safety at home

Nathan Porter’s cousin Hugh — cancer, dementia, in nursing home

John Henry Tripler – continuing treatment for ALS

Wisdom & Strength

National leaders: guidance toward peace and justice

Pastoral Search Committee

Planning for International Student Center season

Joys

The Campaign for the Future committee is beginning work

The third floor has been cleaned out!

Steve is healthy and back at work! (Had a wonderful visit with Nathan)