

## **1 Samuel 8:4-20, Common English Bible (CEB)**

<sup>4</sup> So all the Israelite elders got together and went to Samuel at Ramah. <sup>5</sup> They said to him, “Listen. You are old now, and your sons don’t follow in your footsteps. So appoint us a king to judge us like all the other nations have.”<sup>6</sup> It seemed very bad to Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to judge us,” so he prayed to the Lord.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord answered Samuel, “Comply with the people’s request—everything they ask of you—because they haven’t rejected you. No, they’ve rejected me as king over them.<sup>8</sup> They are doing to you only what they’ve been doing to me from the day I brought them out of Egypt to this very minute, abandoning me and worshipping other gods. <sup>9</sup> So comply with their request, but give them a clear warning, telling them how the king will rule over them.”

<sup>10</sup> Then Samuel explained everything the Lord had said to the people who were asking for a king. <sup>11</sup> “This is how the king will rule over you,” Samuel said:

“He will take your sons and will use them for his chariots and his cavalry and as runners for his chariot.<sup>12</sup> He will use them as his commanders of troops of one thousand and troops of fifty, or to do his plowing and his harvesting, or to make his weapons or parts for his chariots. <sup>13</sup> He will take your daughters to be perfumers, cooks, or bakers. <sup>14</sup> He will take your best fields, vineyards, and olive groves and give them to his servants. <sup>15</sup> He will give one-tenth of your grain and your vineyards to his officials and servants.<sup>16</sup> He will take your male and female servants, along with the best of your cattle and donkeys, and make them do his work. <sup>17</sup> He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and then you yourselves will become his slaves!<sup>18</sup> When that day comes, you will cry out because of the king you chose for yourselves, but on that day the Lord won’t answer you.”

<sup>19</sup> But the people refused to listen to Samuel and said, “No! There must be a king over us <sup>20</sup> so we can be like all the other nations. Our king will judge us and lead us and fight our battles.”

## **PRAYER REQUEST LIST**

### **Friends and Family of Departed Loved Ones**

Barbara Baldwin’s husband Richard Harranen

### **Healing**

Carolyn Benjamin’s Aunt Anne—recovery from surgery

Carolyn Benjamin’s cousin Kate – surgery for breast cancer

Edie Blane—injured shoulder, arm in a cast

Larry Breakstone – now in hospice on island; wife, Karen Levey

Willis Dodge

Ellen Jacke—definitely set for heart valve replacement

Avery Kirby

Barbara MacDougall

Judy Mitchell’s daughter Sarah – thyroid problem

Robbie Murphy – cancer

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

Nathan Porter’s cousin Hugh – moved to a hospice house

Lisa Rose, Larry Rose’s daughter – recovery from surgery

Jack Savoie – recovering from surgery

Erroll Transue – has returned home

Diane Tripler’s cousin Jane – had hip replacement

John Henry Tripler – continuing treatment for ALS

### **Wisdom & Strength**

National, state and local leaders: guidance toward peace and justice

Graduates of colleges and high school

### **Joys**

Mason Miro ran in the Boston Half-Marathon for Momentum MDA with his Mom, Alicia

Todd Tremble’s daughter Trish – first child due July 15

Third floor, gutter, shingling, windows, and front lawn work going strong!

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

- Housing desperately needed for library employees
- Provide food for international students on Tuesdays, coffeehouse Fri.
- Volunteer to meet (chaperone) international students at the center
- Volunteer to serve in Sunday School this summer (see Cindy Pappas)
- Ushers and coffee hour hosts needed weekly (see Martha Ball)