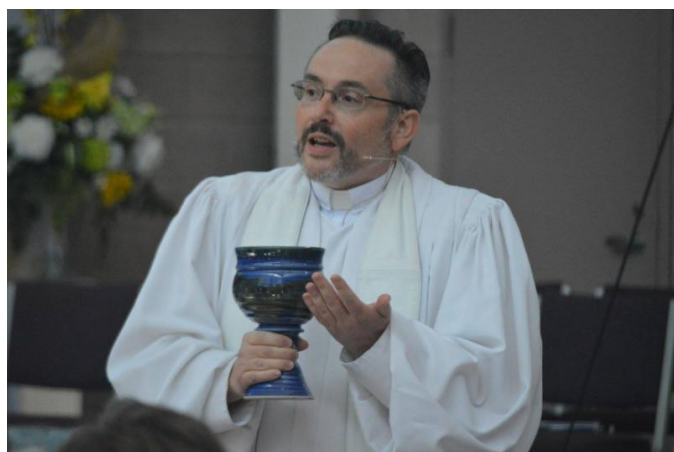


As angels ministered to Jesus during his forty days in the wilderness, so we are called to be angels for our beloved pastor.

A Prayer for Rev. Dwayne
by Todd Clark

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you And help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.



Isaiah 41:10

We breathe in love and breathe out healing.

We draw in strength and release joy.

We pause, and rest with you, and hold you in our collective arms . . . gently and also with strength.

We form a shield to protect you and comfort you, drawing in to you the power of God's grace, closer and ever more securely now.

The moment that you read this is a wonderful moment to celebrate life and to know you are so deeply loved.

The sun rose today, perhaps fully and brightly to fill the day with light and warmth, or perhaps it was hidden behind and far above darkening clouds and the persistent drumbeat and wearying discomfort of cold and rain. But the sun still rose today, shining as ever brightly as any other day . . . high above us, patiently waiting for the clouds to clear and the rain to cease.

And so we are indeed blessed to know that the roots of new life that branch out below the soil were able to be nurtured and hydrated and given another chance to continue growing, stronger and more renewed with life, with each heavy, persistent drop of rain that fell from those gathering clouds.

So we pray that you are renewed with life, and with nurturing and healing that comes in many forms and in many ways. We pray that you are resting and being comforted, and that you are receiving all the care you need.

God is present. God is making God's way known for you. We give thanks for your journey, a new path on a stony road right now.

But you are not alone.

You are surrounded by many whom you have blessed and continue to bless, and who are gifted with helping hands and full hearts, many souls who will meet you on that rocky road, who know that the sun rose today and it will surely fill your path with light, and a way forward.

So this day, at this hour, know you are loved as you rest to get better.

Rest in the strength of those that surround you and all those who keep you in their prayers.

Rest in the love and joy that finds you and will continue to blossom in and around you.

We pray that God continues to heal and strengthen you, dear brother.

We pray that your strength will return and that your path will be filled with the light and heat of a brilliant, blazing sun, a wonderfully radiating, powerful light, the comforting warmth of God's infinite Love on this day and on every day that is waiting for you.