

# PRAYER UPDATE

## PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

**Traci Stengl Ghaffarian** - received her bone marrow transplant and is recuperating at a town home in Palo Alto. She is having a hard time eating and is in constant pain. Pray that she will get relief and that her body will start to recover.

**Sam Nigh** - has knee replacement surgery on 3/8 at Sutter. Pray for no complications and a quick recovery.

**1st Lieutenant Ryan Evans** - had 50% of a cyst on his pancreas drained on 2/29 and will have the rest drained on 3/8. Ryan is not feeling well and is very discouraged. Pray for relief and complete healing and for strength and comfort for his parents, Chris and Doug.

**Steve Glaum** - His leg wound has healed, praise God! Pray his kidneys and heart can completely heal.

**Paula Simmons** - is recovering well from her knee surgery and thanks you for your prayers!

## HOME WITH THE LORD

**Linda Ford (Teri Carpenter's mom)** - entered into the presence of the Lord surrounded by family on February 16th. Thank you for your prayers during her long battle with Parkinsons and Alhzeimers. Please pray her family draws closer to the Lord as they journey through this time of loss.

**If you would like to minister to a shut-in with a regular visit, or if you'd like us to visit your loved ones in the hospital please contact Carrie Clark 465-3368 | care@tlc.org**

**A complete prayer list is available at the Info Desk.**

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## KNOW YOUR ENEMY

RENÉ SCHLAEPFER | MARCH 5 & 6 | REV. 12, 13

### KEYS TO UNDERSTANDING THIS PASSAGE:

- Revelation uses symbolic language, often explained by the Bible itself
- Revelation has visions of the past, present, and future

### BIG IDEA OF REV 12,13:

There's a battle going on, and it is a \_\_\_\_\_ battle

### TWO ERRORS PEOPLE MAKE ABOUT SPIRITUAL WARFARE:

- \_\_\_\_\_
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## THREE STRATEGIES OF EVIL:

### STRATEGY # 1: \_\_\_\_\_

The great dragon was thrown down—that ancient serpent who is called the devil and Satan, the **deceiver** of the whole world. Rev. 12:9

And it **deceives** the inhabitants of the earth... Rev. 13:14b

### DEFENSIVE MANEUVER:

ALWAYS ASK: \_\_\_\_\_ (See John 8:32; Ephesians 6:11-17)

### STRATEGY # 2: \_\_\_\_\_

The people worshiped the dragon for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast saying, who is like the beast and **who can fight against him?** Rev. 13:4

### DEFENSIVE MANEUVER:

REALIZE EVIL IS \_\_\_\_\_, BUT GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_

If anyone is to go into captivity, into captivity he will go. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he will be killed. This is a call for **patient endurance** and **faithfulness** of the saints. Rev. 13:10

### STRATEGY # 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the **accuser** of our brothers and sisters, who **accuses** them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.” Rev. 12:10

### DEFENSIVE MANEUVER:

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But they conquered him by the blood of the Lamb. Rev. 12:11

**THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE:** Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages. Rev. 15:3b

## DAILY MEDITATIONS BRIEF DAILY DEVOTIONS RELATED TO TODAY’S TOPIC

**MONDAY** How have you seen the three strategies of evil in your own life? Which one seems to be happening in your life now? How can you defend against it? Ask God for the wisdom to defend against attacks of the evil one.

**TUESDAY** Read Revelation 12. This is a symbolic view of the history of salvation: The woman with 12 stars is Israel (the 12 tribes), and her child is Jesus. The dragon is Satan, and the various heads and crowns represent the human rulers who have been his agents on earth. They try to kill the Messiah, but he ascends to heaven. Satan realizes his time is short, and in fury tries to destroy the Jews, who are scattered among the nations. Then he makes war against her other “offspring”, the Christians. After you read, pray for those under attack for their faith today, especially in the Middle East and Africa. Find out more at [opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/](http://opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/)

**WEDNESDAY** Read John 8:44. While some deny the existence of Satan and others are overly obsessed with the demonic, Jesus takes a third path: He acknowledges evil forces—and even Satan. But he calmly asserts victory over evil, as we can too. Be aware and prepared, but not obsessed. Here, the devil is described as a liar. He has no power to defeat God. Jesus says anyone who lies is modeling behavior of the devil! The best defense? Ask, “Is this true?” Ask God to help you remember that “the truth will set you free”!

**THURSDAY** Read Rev. 12:10. Satan is called “the accuser”. He will accuse you of being unworthy of God’s love, unqualified to do God’s work, and unsure of God’s salvation. Look at Ephesians 6:11-18. What six specific weapons does Paul instruct us to use against the devil’s schemes? Notice that they all have something to do with the truth of the gospel: You are declared righteous in God’s eyes, you are saved through faith and not works. How do these weapons work against the “accusations” of Satan? Pray through the Ephesians 6 passage asking God to fit you with these weapons today!

**FRIDAY** Read Rev. 13:4. Another strategy of Satan is intimidation. But the Book of Revelation was written to say, “Don’t give up!” Rev. 13:10 counsels “patient endurance” and “faithfulness”. One of the best strategies you can have against the evil one is to not quit! He will try to get you to feel overwhelmed and hopeless. Rev. 14:7 suggests one key to endurance: Fear and worship the true God, who made the world, and believe that His judgement will come. Where do you feel like quitting? Ask God for strength to overcome your discouragement!

**SATURDAY** Spend time in prayer thanking God for His gifts to you, including your salvation! Please pray for the weekend services, and for Easter coming up in just two weeks! Ask God to show you some people you could invite!