

DOCUMENTING OUR MINISTRIES

MINISTRY: PRAYER CHAIN MEMBER

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MINISTRY DESCRIPTION:

Members of the Prayer Chain commit to praying daily on behalf of persons who are ill, injured, bereaved, in difficult circumstances, for the souls of the departed, and for other situations in which prayer is needed, based on the prayer list distributed monthly and updated periodically via e-mail. This is a very personal and independent ministry, usually done alone at whatever time is convenient for them (although couples sometimes pray together).

Position Requirements:

- A sense of vocation to the ministry of intercessory prayer
- A Rule of Life committed to faithful and regular prayer
- A minimum of six months of regular attendance at worship at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church
- The ability to keep prayer requests confidential
- An interview and orientation with the Rector and Prayer Chain coordinator
- In addition, since updates are transmitted via e-mail, it is best to have internet access and an e-mail account

Responsibilities:

1. Commitment to regular intercessory prayer on behalf of those for whom prayers have been requested
2. Hold all prayer requests in confidence
3. Keep the prayer request active for a minimum of 30 days, unless otherwise noted;
4. There are no meetings
5. Depending on one's praying style, reading through the list could go as quickly as 10 min. or be incorporated in to one's daily prayer devotion