

*#39 What is the reason we have a prayer list at the back of the leaflet? Who are the people on this list? What should I do to add a name to the prayer list?*

The people listed on the urgent prayer list have a need which might be described as urgent; they have recently been diagnosed with a life-threatening illness, or their health and well-being are at risk from a serious injury or illness or from being incarcerated. On the urgent prayer list we also include individuals who are very close to the end of their life. Our urgent prayer list also helps our congregation know when one of our active members is in special need of prayers.

Every Sunday our Prayers of the People include a petition for those who are sick or in some kind of trouble. In the middle of the petition the prayer leader reads the names of those who are listed on the urgent prayer list, and then the congregation is encouraged to participate by remembering the names of others who are not named on the urgent prayer list. But our attention span is limited. So we keep our urgent prayer list relatively short, in order to give you more space and time to add your prayers for those who are in need that you have been carrying in your heart and mind.

If you know someone you would like to have included on our urgent prayer list please contact Fr. Philip or one of the wardens. We keep names of people who have been active members of St. Paul's in recent years on the urgent prayer list for longer periods of time, but usually for less than two months. We include names of those who are not active members, such as friends and family members of our members, but for shorter periods of time. We are doing this to encourage each of our members to be engaged in the fullest way in the Prayers of the People.