



PRAYER REQUESTS TO THE POP PRAYER CHAIN



Find and join our POP Prayer Chain group on Realm (our online community ministry tool)!

Participants of the previous prayer chain group have been automatically added to the POP Prayer Chain Group in Realm. If you no longer want to be part of the POP Prayer Chain, please contact Karen Skarda.

Members of the POP Prayer Chain Group will receive an email for each prayer request, whether or not they have a Realm login.

If you need help or would like a Realm log-in, contact Karen Skarda – kskarda@popluther.org


Anyone in the group can submit a prayer request directly.

If you would like the staff to submit a prayer request, send an email to prayers@popluther.org

Staff will submit prayer requests received to the POP Prayer Chain group via Realm. Prayer requests submitted in the evening or over weekends will be shared the next business day.

In the case of a pastoral emergency, please contact the pastors directly.


HOW TO SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST IN REALM

1. Login into Realm.
2. In the left menu, go to **Groups** —> **POP Prayer Chain**. This brings you to the Newspaper for this group.
 - ⇒ If you do not see this group listed, sign up for the group through **Groups** —> **Find Groups** —> **Community (type)** —> **POP Prayer Chain** —> **Join Group**.
3. Click on this icon  to start a post.
4. Create a title that starts with the words “Prayer Request”.
5. Type in the prayer request and select **Post** to submit the request to the POP Prayer Chain.
 - ⇒ **IMPORTANT:** Creating a post (prayer request) in Realm sends an email or notification immediately to everyone in the POP Prayer Chain group. Prayer requests in Realm are visible to all of the Prayer Chain participants, so please ensure that you have the permission of others to submit a prayer request for someone else and be aware of personal information that is shared.
 - ⇒ If you need to edit or delete a post, you can select the post and edit/delete by clicking on the three vertical dots on the right side of the post.

INTERACTING WITH PRAYER REQUESTS IN REALM


New with Realm: Individuals can now interact with prayer requests by providing a comment or showing “support” for a prayer request.

If you would like to SHOW “SUPPORT” for a prayer request (similar to Facebook “like”):

1. To see the most recent prayer requests, go to **Communications** —> **News** which includes all of the most recent communication for the groups you are a part of (it should already be your default view when you login to Realm). To view only prayer requests, go to **Groups** —> **POP Prayer Chain**.
2. On a specific prayer request, click on the  icon to show “support”. Clicking on this icon does not send any notifications to people on the prayer chain. It simply just shows visible “support” to the person who posted it (or to anyone else reading the post).

If you would like to COMMENT on a prayer request (similar to Facebook “comments”):

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2. On the specific prayer request that you would like to comment on, click on the Comment icon. 
3. Type your comment and press “Reply” to submit the comment.

⇒ **IMPORTANT:** Please be aware that commenting on a prayer request is visible to everyone in the Realm POP Prayer Chain Group. This is not a private comment.

Or THROUGH EMAIL:

1. You can also comment on a prayer request that is received via email by replying to the email you received. Your reply (or comment) is automatically listed in the comments section in Realm for that prayer request. **Any reply to a prayer request email will also be visible to everyone in the Prayer Chain. That is not a private comment or message.**

PERSONALIZING EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS IN REALM

Individuals decide how they want to be notified of prayer requests. Important to do for any group you are in!

1. In Realm, go to upper right hand corner, **click on your name** —> **Notification Settings**.
2. In **Newsfeed Settings**, scroll down to the **POP Prayer Chain**. **Choose the following based on your desire:**
 - ⇒ **All Content and Replies:** This means you will receive an email for every new prayer request and for each comment that is made. Not recommended as this will create email overload.
 - ⇒ **New Content Only:** This means you will receive an email for every new prayer request but NOT for comments.
 - ⇒ **Nothing:** This means you will NOT receive any email for prayer requests. This is recommended if you use mobile notifications on your phone.