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fight down the fears and panic associated with the unknowns around his congenital disorders. We lift them before you asking a special consideration for the latest struggles with the blood transfusion and upheaval in not knowing what to expect. Surround them, O God, with your presence. Draw them closer to you than they have ever been. Use those who surround them in supportive roles to hold them up and sustain them during such difficult times.

We do not know the future Father for any of us. It is shrouded in so many ways with mystery and trepidation. We know that you hold it and us in your hands. We understand that there is nothing beyond your power to transform into something far greater than we can imagine.

As we move forward into this future, we ask that you shape us to be prepared to embrace and thrive in the challenges that are to come. We are a part of your great story of light to the world. Make us instruments of mercy and grace. Fill all of the voids within us with goodness and righteousness. Defeat us in evil and non-compliance and open before us opportunities to impact our world. Work through us, your children. May we live in such a way that it is possible.

I ask through Jesus.

*Grace and Peace,  
Carl*

*Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.*

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Father, hear my prayer I offer. For your mercy and grace that have sustained each of us this week, I am grateful. I pray you will continue to move the guilt from our sins as far from us as the east is from the west. Keep within us an awareness of our own transgressions that it might keep us humble, aware of our chronic need for your forgiveness. We acknowledge this day that we are nothing apart from you but marvel that you have introduced and incorporated us into your story of light to all the world.

We have concerns that we bring to you this day Father, concerns that move beyond our immediate selves. We ask that you continue to be with the Neidig family. We've been asking for your mercies on Landon, their new baby. We know his physical condition is fragile, with heart troubles and now stomach ailments. We pray his heart surgery remains successful and that those issues can abate. We ask that you give him comfort and ease with the stomach issues, along with the problems that are causing the need for the blood transfusion. We trust your compassion and concern and leave him to your care.

For his parents and brother Easton we ask a special measure of comfort and consolation as they

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