

# National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 1, 2025

You are invited to join us at any of the following events:

## Prayer Huddle

8:30 a.m.-9 a.m.

Behavioral Medicine Center | Outdoor gazebo, northwest side of building  
East Campus | Outdoor amphitheater  
Medical Center and Children's Hospital | Good Samaritan sculpture  
Medical Center – Murrieta | Come Unto Me sculpture  
Surgical Hospital | Chapel

## Self-guided Prayer Walk

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Loma Linda University Church lobby

## Prayer Service

12 p.m.

Dennis and Carol Troesh Medical Campus Chapel



Featured Speaker:  
**Terry Swenson**  
Director,  
University Spiritual Care

## “Hearing God” Prayer Conference

May 1-3, 2025

Loma Linda University Church

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# **“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide in the shadow of the Almighty.”**

—Psalms 91:1 NKJV

“He isn’t sounding well,” said the concerned voice of my parent over the phone. My uncle, who was always healthy and usually in the middle of a remodeling project, tested positive for COVID and needed hospitalization.

During lockdown, with hospitals still learning about the new virus, those of us who worked in healthcare received a multitude of questions regarding COVID — the how, when, and what next. The staff here at Loma Linda Medical Center were so compassionate with the situation, physicians patiently sharing the plan of care in detail, and nurses wholistically helping my uncle, even buying a crossword puzzle to distract him from the isolation.

I remember speaking with one of the physicians on the phone, listening to them explain a poor prognosis. I wrestled with how to relay the information to my family. How was I to explain that the care team found a hole in his lung they couldn’t close?

Grappling with the news, my family decided to pray. We prayed that God would perform a miracle, asking for His will to be done, and we read the family favorite verse: Psalms 91:1 “He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide in the shadow of the Almighty” (NKJV). We claimed this promise through tears, knowing that what my uncle and the staff needed was the peace and strength that could only come from the presence of a loving God.

Imagine our joy at the stunned voice of the physician some days later stating that the hole had suddenly healed and my uncle was beginning to recover! Two weeks later, he was discharged and wondering what new project to start. What a miraculous gift! This situation brought out beautiful lessons: to lean on each other, to trust in the support of the healthcare team, and most importantly, to place our worries in the hands of God.

— Priscilla Santos, DNP, Director of Employee Spiritual Care