

**PRAYER SERVICE FOR DAVY JONES**  
**November 11, 2003**  
**6:00, Stauffer Chapel**

**Opening Announcement**

I want to thank you all for coming this evening to pray on behalf of David Jones and his family. As you know Davy was in an automobile accident yesterday afternoon in Malibu Canyon when his car collided with a landscaping truck. Davy suffered serious head injuries and was airlifted to UCLA hospital. Yesterday afternoon Davy underwent surgery to relieve the pressure to his brain and to drain fluids.

I was able to be with Davy in the recovery room and prayed for him while doctors attended at his side. He was not conscious, although he had vital signs and a strong heart beat. However, his injuries were grave and the doctors were forthright in saying there was not much chance of his surviving the accident.

Meanwhile, Mark Davis was able to locate his parents and they were eventually able to talk to the doctors concerning Davy's condition. They are presently on their way here from Prague and will arrive in LA around 7:30. Davy has been attended by his fiancé, Jamie Garcia, a graduate of Pepperdine's School of Public Policy, and several of his closest friends.

This afternoon the doctors officially pronounced Davy brain dead. They are waiting for the arrival of his parents to take him off life support.

Therefore, as we pray this evening we need to continue our prayers for Davy. We are grateful that he has embraced Jesus as his Lord and we place him in God's care and keeping. But we need to pray for Davy's parents, Edith and ----- Jones. Pray for their safe arrival, their meetings with the doctors and hospital staff, and the decisions they face concerning their son. Pray for God to sustain him in his love and by his grace. Pray also for Jamie, who is struggling right now to accept the gravity of Davy's situation.

I will begin our time together with a reading of several selections from scripture after which we will enter into a season of prayer together. Anyone who wishes to may participate with a prayer, a statement, a song, or a reading. Whatever you wish to offer before God this night will be accepted and encouraged.

**Scripture Reading**

Eph. 3:20-21 – Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen

**Prayer:**

O, Lord, God, we come seeking your help. We are troubled in heart and soul because of suffering in the world and particularly because one we love lies suspended between life and death this very night. So hear our anguished prayer for Davy Jones and for his family. While we pray we also await the arrival of Davy's parents who will make the final decisions regarding his life. But we do not relinquish him to you easily nor do we want to do so too quickly – and so we place him in your hands, within your care and keeping, and trust your will to be done in his life. We are grateful that he belongs to you and that you will deliver him, come what may. But we lament this tragedy. He is too young, too vital, too filled with love for you for us to give him up so soon. So we cry in our sorrow to you, but we do not weep as those who have no hope. We place our trust in you, O God, and we know that even now Davy is in your bosom, near to your very heart.

We pray for Davy's parents – Edith and Sherwood, as they travel half-way around the world to be at the bedside of their dear son in his hour of grave need. Give them a safe journey and provide what they need – courage, faith, strength, will, to make such weighty decisions regarding their son. Prepare them for their time with Davy and draw near to them.

We pray for transformation Father for us all. May the witness of Davy's life and the tragedy of this moment impress upon us the blessedness of hope and the power you give us to enter into life's storms with peace in our soul. May we claim your promise to be with us always and we seek your presence, even as we walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

**We now pause for a period of silence and spoken prayers from the audience. Lord, hear our prayers.**

We lift before you all of these prayers – offerings of hope and trust, laments of sorrow and anguish, words of love and consolation, pleas for help and mercy, requests for understanding and assurance, cries for healing and peace – and we lay them at the feet of your own dear son. May they rise as a sweet offering to you. Hear our prayers this night, O God. We pray in the name of Jesus, through whom life is possible, amen.

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