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We are fasting and praying for you.

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Hello friend,

We all need help sometimes. No matter how hard we try to be self sufficient. Sometimes things happen out of our control and we are at the mercy of the situation.

I had an experience like that today. The front wheel of my truck broke off. Luckily I was in the driveway of a business and not in the middle of a busy road. Since the axel broke and the wheel was sideways, I couldn't even push it out of the way. All I could do is put my hazard lights on and use some crates as safety cones to help cars go around it.

But because I have a AAA membership, I had access to the tow truck service it provides. I felt comforted. But it wasn't a simple outcome. Due to some unlikely turn of events, the whole experience became quite a unique adventure. In the end, because of some very helpful people, I was able to make it home safely and my problem resolved.

You know, you have access to special services because of your membership in the Church of Jesus Christ.

The first service is the Gift of the Holy Ghost. Since you promised to take the name of Jesus Christ upon you and represent Him and his teachings, He promises to give you access to his Holy Spirit, to feel and learn and know things that you couldn't get any other way.

Another service is access to Holy Priesthood power. That is the power of God given to man on the earth. It allows us to act in His name and call on His power to accomplish what may seem miraculous in our eyes, but not to Him. He wants us to use it.

Another wonderful benefit of membership in His church is the love and friendship of fellow ward members. Everybody needs friends. We are social beings. We are meant to be around, love, and serve other people. A ward can be a tremendous support if you share yourself with them and create meaningful bonds.

Another available service is temporary financial support for basic needs, such as food, shelter, and clothing. As friends and people who care about each other, we are willing to sacrifice a few meals and share our abundance for the purpose of helping those in need - those who are in a circumstance that they didn't plan on. Tomorrow we have that opportunity. To fast and pray and give fast offerings to support those in our ward.

We have several members of our ward who are in need of your prayers for a variety of reasons. So, I would like to designate this Sunday's fast as a special ward fast for members of our ward. Fast and pray that they will have comfort, spiritual strength, and increased faith in our Savior to carry them through difficult times. Many have very difficult times with things that you and I may never know about. But as you pray in faith for our Father in Heaven to lift them up, you will be lifted yourself, and they will be lifted by knowing that fellow saints are praying for them.

"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." (2 Corinthians 1: 3-4)

If you are struggling, and no one knows what your difficulty is, or how hard it is, know that we, your fellow Saints in Christ, are fasting and praying for you. We are using our faith to call down the powers of Heaven in your behalf. God has given us this power and privilege, and He will hear our prayers.

Thank you for being a part of this effort for members of the Penny Creek Ward. We all need help at some time in our life. Some in our ward need your help now.

We are mortal beings in a fallen world, so unfortunate things will happen, but as followers of Jesus Christ, we have a special connection with heaven and the divine. Let's use it and be comforted!

With strong faith and fellowship,

Bishop Williams

P.S.

- Remember, Saturdays in September is our ward's turn to clean the building. Everyone is welcome to come at 8:00am and help clean. Many hands make light work. (Plus, because this is the Lord's house, you get special blessings for taking care of it :)
- Stake Conference is Sept. 25-26. Elder John C. Pingree Jr, General Authority Seventy, will be presiding. He will be accompanied by Elder David C. Clark, Area Seventy. All sessions will be held at the Stake Center and broadcast live.

Saturday 9/25, 4:00pm Leadership meeting

Saturday 9/25, 7:00pm, Adult session

Sunday 9/26, 10:00am, General Session.

- Stake Choir practice - September 5th, & September 19th at 4:00pm at the Stake Center Chapel.
- Sunday, Sept. 12, 5:00 pm: Seminary Orientation for Youth and parents - at the Stake Center.
- Wednesday, Sept. 15, 6:00 -7:30 pm: Stake Youth Activity at the Thornton A Sullivan Park - Camp Patterson, [11405 Silver Lake Rd. Everett](https://www.google.com/maps/place/11405+Silver+Lake+Rd,+Everett,+WA+98203/@47.6111111,-122.3166667,17z) on the West side of Silver Lake.
- Friday, Sept. 17, 7:00 pm: Multi-stake Youth Devotional with Elder Valeri V. Cordón of the Seventy at the Mountlake Terrace Building, at [22015 48th Ave W, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043](https://www.google.com/maps/place/22015+48th+Ave+W,+Mountlake+Terrace,+WA+98043/@47.6111111,-122.3166667,17z). All youth are invited.

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