



**PRAY FOR DAMAR HAMLIN...and everybody else who needs prayers...**  
 Kolton Ballance

Last week on Monday night one of the players for the Buffalo Bills football team collapsed on the field. His name is Damar Hamlin and he is only 24 years old. It was a tragic turn of events for the game. Almost immediately after he collapsed the medics were on the field doing CPR. They rushed him off the field in an ambulance and took to him to a nearby hospital where he remains in critical condition. The event was so tragic for the players and coaches, that they called off the game immediately. You may have seen this story on the news recently, but what's being talked about even more than that is the spiritual mentality of the sports world surrounding this event.

All of the players on the field got together to pray after the incident. Some of the most famous athletes in the world tweeted that they were praying for Damar Hamlin. Even a talk show host on ESPN stopped and prayed for Damar Hamlin on live television! All my Facebook friends have been posting and sharing that they are praying for Damar Hamlin. It has been remarkable to see how many people are looking to God for help and answers in times of tragedy (which is another lesson in itself).

I don't want to make light of Hamlin's situation AT ALL. He is in serious condition, and urgently needs prayers. People ought to be praying for him! But what I have a hard time wrapping my head around is why we don't rally behind anybody else to pray like this. Why don't we rally around the people we actually know who need prayers? If the world can pray so fervently for someone they've never met, surely we can pray fervently for the people we see every week!

As I said, I don't want to make light of the situation. Hamlin and his family need prayers. But don't forget about the people on our prayer list who are sick, who are struggling, who are battling diseases, who are worried about diagnoses, who have lost loved ones, who are fighting off satan, who are lost in sin... these people fervently need your prayers too.

I want to challenge you this week (and every week) to not only pray for Damar Hamlin, but also for our prayer list (it's right next to this article). Try it now!

# WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

- **LARRY HARCROW** was in a bad car wreck this and has serious injuries
- **DEBORAH**, friend of Kitty, lost her 2nd husband in 3 years
- **KATIE**, friend of Kitty's daughter, has been having life struggles lately
- **JAMIE KELLEY**, James Hall's daughter, is having health struggles
- **JAMES HALL** needing prayers and is needing encouragement
- **LANETTE LISHMAN**, Lee Smith's sister, has COVID and is waiting for heart valve surgery
- **HEATHER MELSON**, Stephanie Mills' old coworker, lost her baby before birth.
- **BETTY RAMAYS** brother's son is having problems
- **REAGAN WATKINS** is at Children's Hospital with Pneumonia / COVID
- **MARLOWE CHASON**, Cicero's relative, born prematurely 12/14. Pray she gains weight
- **CADEN HACKNEY**, Cicero's relative, 9 month old who had open heart surgery Nov. 30th
- **TYLER MCCRAW**, student at BHS, recovering from surgery
- **YOUNG PEOPLE EVERYWHERE STRUGGLING WITH BIG ISSUES**
- **SHIRLEY CARTE**, friend of the Daileys, diagnosed with breast cancer
- **BETTY SUE BLACKWELL** is having health struggles
- **RANDY PERKINS**, friend of Ken Ramay, diagnosed with cancer.
- **KENZI SWINDLE** and family she has cancer and is 4 yrs old and want to be home.
- **ONGOING EVANGELISM EFFORTS**
- **KOLI'S GRANDMA** is having health struggles
- **RUBY MILLIGAN**, Doug's SIL, has T-Cell Lymphoma. Pray for her and Don.

## ATTENDANCE

Worship A.M. ... 80  
 Worship P.M. .... 52  
 Wed P.M. ....59

## CONTRIBUTION

Last Week.....\$4,461.00  
**2022 BUDGET**  
 Weekly.....\$3,000.00

