

**A VALENTINE'S DAY
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We generally think of February 14th as St. Valentine's Day. We don't know who Valentine was, but there are many legends about him. One of the stories names him as a bishop when the Roman emperor of the time made it a law that no Roman soldier should be allowed to marry. The emperor thought that his soldiers would not fight well in his many wars if they were afraid to risk dying in battle because of great love for their wives and families.

The story tells us that Bishop Valentine said that the emperor's law was not right; it was unjust. Soldiers began to approach the bishop, and so he arranged marriages secretly. Word got back to the emperor, but Valentine was courageous in speaking before him: *'I have promised to serve God who loves us, and I obey his laws.'* According to this legend, Bishop Valentine was put into prison where he dies on February 14th – a patron saint of all who are in love.

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, we read in the bible that the best way to describe you is to use the word 'Love.'

Your love for mankind is so great that you sent Jesus, your Son, to live as one of us.

We pray that we may appreciate and value one another.

God of Love, lead us to grow in love.

Amen.

<http://www.prayingeachday.org/reflectfebruary.html>

This month, please also pray for...

The family and friends of Elaine Weston (Keith's Mother)
as they mourn her passing from this world and celebrate her
eternal life in Christ

Mildred Minervini

Olga Mitchell

Martin Litschauer

Edie Garms

*If you have a prayer concern you'd like to
add to the list, please contact the church office*

