

## Prayers of Intercession

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats, especially for endangered species. Preserve threatened ice caps, glaciers, parks, and beaches. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms. Guide lawyers and those who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Tend to those who are ill. Stir us to act in the best interest of our neighbors. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Enliven our praise. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Grant freedom to all who are overwhelmed by chronic illness, depression, or constant worry especially *the people of Ukraine, Dylan, Jeff Blough, Ralph Garber, Bob Craig, Curtis, Baby Daniel, Jillian, Katelyn, Glen Carlson, Janis Jones, Jim and Cheryl, Pastor Dale and Ruth Krueger, Karen, Candy, Nicole and Deb, Bud Munson, Marge Biama, Friends and Family of Amy Lynch, Ronnie, and Family of Bill Friesner.*

Enfold the saints who have died in the arms of your loving care. Grant that the holy angels accompany us and bring us to eternal life with them in the light of your presence. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**