

Prayers of Intercession

January 20, 2019

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Holy God, we give you thanks you have called out and raised up leaders for your people in every age. Bless these new leaders, your servants, with your wisdom as they guide your Body here at Messiah Lutheran Church. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the church. Strengthen bishops, pastors, deacons, and all who lead your people in ministry. Pour out your Spirit and make us bold to proclaim your reign of mercy and justice. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

For the earth. For vineyards and orchards, fields and gardens, urban parks and wilderness areas. Fill the earth with your abundance and provide for the needs of all living things. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

For the nations. Guide leaders and decision makers toward the well-being of all in their care. Strengthen those who work to uphold human rights for the sake of the dignity of all people. Shelter communities threatened by violence and show us the way of peace. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

For those in need. For those who face a scarcity of resources and

those who struggle with debt. For all who suffer with chronic pain, all who grieve, and all who are ill. We pray especially for Arlene, Carol Deller, Vicki, Diana, Donna, Gary, Symphony Hall, Jerome, Joan, Reagan, Richard, Stephanie, Steve, Eric VanHeukelum, and the friends and family of the dearly departed Jim Shidaker, Pat Davis, and Sharon Mackerdorfer. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

For this assembly. Transform us and fill us with your life, so that we pour out your love in service to the world. Bless all who work to provide food for others. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died in faith. Inspire us by their witness and unite us in the eternal light of your presence. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.