

Prayers of Intercession

November 19, 2017

With the whole people of Christ Jesus, let us call upon God for the sake of the church, the world and all in need of prayer.

God who made all things good, you create us to be caretakers and stewards in your creation. You equip us to provide for the people, places and ministries that you have entrusted to our care.

Draw us together in the light of faith and hope so that we may recognize our calling to this work. We pray in abundance, **Creator, draw us in.**

God who blesses our labor, you light our paths with the histories of women who acted boldly on their faith to change the world—women like our bishop, Elizabeth Eaton. Bring their influence to our attention and their stories to our lips and ears. May we see in them our own potential to live boldly.

We pray in abundance, **Creator, draw us in.**

God who provides, you endow us with all we need to nurture, harvest and share the fruits of creation. In this abundance, direct our eyes and feet to our neighbors who are on the margins, both near and far. Bless the ministries of the Constantine Food Pantry, Community Soup Kitchen, Ramp it Up, and the many other ministries of love and care supported by the Women of the Church. Give us curiosity and courage to live into the fullness of our communities.

We pray in abundance, **Creator, draw us in.**

God who was and is and will be, through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Women of the ELCA, you have called us more deeply into relationship with you and the world. Bless every church, everywhere, that through our work, all may know your grace and accept your call to love one another.

We pray in abundance, **Creator, draw us in.**

God who is the ground of our being, we pray for those who cry out for healing, hope, or help, and for those for whom we have promised to pray. Hear our prayers for Diane Benson, Lisa DeLeo, Brian Deller, Heidi Feldman, Joe Finger, Denise Kantauskas, Elizabeth Hayes, Beulah Mader, Michele and Jim, Carol Miller, Diane Northrup, Adrienne Rowley, Jack Stears, Steve, Merry Jo Tavernier, Sanya Vitale, Thomas Yacono, Brock Michalek, victims of the earthquakes in Iran and Iraq, of the shootings in Northern California, and those caught up in conflicts in Syria, Yemen, and South Sudan. Bring relief to caregivers and surround those who are lonely with your powerful presence.

God who reaches every people, turn our hearts to see those with us now, gathered at this Thankoffering service to give thanks and praise to you. Urge us on to the fullness of life, in the name of Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**