

## **Prayers of Intercession**

March 25, 2018

Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church. Bless all who call upon your name. Unite your church in bearing witness to the gospel. Pour your love into our hearts, and inspire us to pour out our lives in service to your world. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world. For palm trees and figs. For trees with leafy branches. For olive groves and gardens. For mountains and hillsides, valleys and canyons. For regions affected by detrimental climate change, global warming, rising sea levels, or depleted water sources, and all living things that reside there. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations. For peace and love among all. To see with eyes unclouded by hate or prejudice. For victims of war and violence, minorities, and world leaders. Let those who hold positions of authority and power lead with wisdom and compassion. For all who suffer oppression, and for those who protect and defend the innocent. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need. For those who grieve and those who have suffered betrayal. For those who live in poverty. For those who have no voice or power. For the forsaken and forgotten. For those who are in crisis, and for those who are ill in mind, body, or spirit. We pray especially for Diane Benson, Kate Boettcher, Lillian Carter, Richard Chrisman, Christa, Lisa DeLeo, Brian Deller, Donna, Barbara Dostou, Jerry Doyle, Heidi Feldman, Elizabeth Hayes, Symphony Hall, Denise Kantauskas, Shane Kline, John LeVan, Dale Lucas, Garland Lusk, Beulah Mader, Carol Miller, Diane Northrup, Peggy Preston, Mary Rademaker, Helen Smith, Hailee Stears, Jack Stears, Steve, Wanda VanderMoere, and Sanya Vitale.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. For those preparing for baptism or confirmation. For musicians, altar guilds, ushers, and all who lead us in worship. For those who serve our community through food pantries, homeless shelters, clothing banks, soup kitchens, and free stores. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving, we remember all who (*like Mary, the mother of Jesus,*) have been obedient to your will and all who have died in faith, especially your saints and beloved members of our congregation. Bring us with them into your glory, to dwell with you in life eternal. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**