

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

September 24, 2017

Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

Let us pray for the church and its ministry. Unite us in one Spirit. Strengthen us in partnership, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God who stretched the spangled heavens, we thank and praise you for wonders of all creation, for the sun that warms our fragile planet, for the bounty of the earth, for the wondrous variety of life. Make of us good stewards of all under our care. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of great mercy and love, you show faithfulness and kindness to the world every day. Guard those who suffer because of dishonest policies, corrupt government, or unfair labor practices. Grant refuge to those fleeing conflict and open the hearts of those who receive them. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God, you provide for all our needs. We pray for those who are homeless, jobless, or hopeless. We pray for those who are forgotten, ignored, or isolated. We pray for all in any need, especially: Bob Ahrendt, Diane Benson, Catherine Brady, Lillian Carter, Ed Clementz, Laurie Copeland, Brian Deller, Heidi Feldman, Denise Kantauskas, Elizabeth Hayes, Beulah Mader, Michele, Diane Northrup, Kristina Rowley, Emma Salinas, Jerry Stears, Steve, Sanya Vitale, Ernie Willman, Thomas Yacono, The Franks Family, John & Sheila Stears and Family, The Family of Vicki Soukup, those suffering the destruction of hurricanes Harvey and Irma and those in the path of Hurricane Maria. We are especially mindful of those in Island nations who suffer the greater losses. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for our congregation and our neighborhood. Accompany us wherever we are on our journey of faith. Give us joy in the present and hope for the future. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of endings and beginnings, we remember before you all the faithful departed (*especially*). Comfort those who mourn. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.
Amen.