

## Prayers of Intercession

October 14, 2018

Longing for God's will to be fulfilled among us, we pray persistently for the church, the world, and all people in need.

Almighty God, holy and righteous, cut our hearts open by your living word. Break down our pride and self-assurance, and transform us by your gentle mercy. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Bless workers who clear fields to prepare for the barren season to come. Bring the harvest of your creation to completion, even as we look forward to the blossoming of new life. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Exercise and establish your true justice in courtrooms, in prisons, and in neighborhoods. Guide those who manage great wealth to do so with generosity and compassion. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of earth and sea and sky, protect and shelter all those recovering from the impact of natural disasters, especially in the American Southeast, Papua New Guinea, East Java and Bali. Guide your Church to extend your mercy to all those who suffer. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Pour out favor this day upon those who are afflicted and feel far removed from you. Send them companions who will show them

you are ever near. Bless and comfort all who struggle and those ill in mind, body, or spirit. We pray especially for Arlene, Ann Arnold, the friends and family of Bethany, Robert Christopher, Donna, Symphony Hall, Jarrod, Jerome, Linda Linn, Garland Lusk, Christina Margaret, Carol Miller, Michael Phillips, Richard, Adrienne Rowley, Mort Solomon, Bob Spitilli, and Steve. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Build up relationships among people of different beliefs and backgrounds. Use the cooperation between this congregation and others in our community to reveal your goodness. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Gather us with all the saints whom you have made righteous in the death and resurrection of Christ. Through him give us all the gifts of your kingdom and life eternal. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**