

## Prayers of Intercession

May 27, 2018

Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

Abba, when we cry to you, your Spirit bears witness with our spirit. Give to your church the confidence of the children of God, so that we boldly share with everyone your world-saving love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

The whole earth is full of your glory: cities teem, fields flourish, mountains soar, and waters abound. Blot out our sin of spoiling your creation. Send us to go for you, mending what is torn and tattered in your world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son. In these days, when nation condemns nation, save us. Give us strength and fill us with your justice and peace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Your people cry out to you, seeking the goodness and hope of your holiness. Let the wind of your Spirit blow into the lives of all who suffer from injustice, want, or anguish of any kind. Let your love heal and comfort those ill in mind, body or spirit. We pray especially for Louis Baima, Bob, Lillian Carter, Richard Chrisman, Christa, Donna, Symphony Hall, Martha Hochstetler, Jordan, Beulah Mader, Jack Stears, Steve, Merry Jo Tavernier, and Ernie Willman. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In our living and in our dying, we belong to you. In loving remembrance, we honor those who live with scars, visible or hidden, PTSD, and those who died defending our nation. Beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks, and teach us your ways. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

With affection we remember the saints now departed and rejoice in their faithful witness, including members of our congregation and especially John Calvin, renewer of the church. Through their example, provoke us to holy lives of loving service in your name. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**