

## Prayers of Intercession

July 1, 2018

Growing in faith and discipleship, we give thanks for God's merciful compassion as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Holy God, send out your church to cross boundaries for the sake of your holy compassion. Use our words and our actions to bring peace and wholeness to all people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bountiful God, all creation is a gift from you. Protect the earth from disaster and misuse. Free us from selfishness and help us to honor the bounty of nature, sharing our earthly home gently with all animals and creatures, one another, and with future generations. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Liberating God, soften the hearts of rulers and governments. Strengthen the voices of those who cry out for freedom and opportunity for the overlooked, oppressed, and abused. Teach your people to speak peace to all people and nations. Let your love be a guiding light in times of darkness, hopelessness, and despair. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, give us faith and make us whole. Ease the anxiety of undiagnosed or chronic illness. Soothe the heartache of miscarriage or infertility. Look with compassion on all who cry to you for healing. We pray especially for Arlene, Bob, Diane Benson, Sharlyn Craig, Heidi Feldham, Symphony Hall, Jerome,

Carol Miller, Eunice Outman, Jack Stears, Dot Stone, and Merry Jo Tavernier. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, protect and bless all civil servants, local government officials, and members of the armed services who work for our safety and security. Help us to be thoughtful citizens, good neighbors in our community, and to treat others with the kindness, respect, and equality that we wish for ourselves. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Immortal God, your mercies never end and your faithfulness is everlasting. Inspire us by the faith of the saints, especially Catherine Winkworth, John Mason Neale, and the dearly departed of our congregation, to wait patiently for your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we lift to you these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your everlasting love and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**