

Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

Restore what is broken in your church, loving God. Be with Bishop Eaton and Bishop Zeiser as they provide leadership for our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and our Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod respectively. Heal divisions among Christian communities, give courage to leaders facing hardship, and open our ears to the prophets' cries among us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Restore what is broken in creation, gracious God. Refresh farmlands and vineyards, protect oceans, seas, lakes and streams needed by all living things, and move us better to care for this earthly home. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Restore what is broken in our world, mighty God. Quell the rush to violence between peoples and nations. Break down dividing walls and promote growth for the sake of the common good. Watch over those who seek to keep our communities safe and ensure that justice is done, especially police, sheriff's deputies, firemen, judges, prosecutors and defense attorneys. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Restore our expectations, O God, that you are with us, not only in times of need, but also in times of celebration and so we pray for Steven Yeager, Cole Angstadt, Daryl Savage, Carol Shardin and Dwight Kutz on the occasion of their birthdays and Larry & Sharon Mengle, Joe & Leanna Stoudt, Douglas & Chun Heister, Jason & Justine Reading and Eric & Carin Williams on the occasion of their wedding anniversaries. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Restore those who are in pain, O God. This morning, especially, we remember those who died or were injured in the carnage that took place in Las Vegas this past Sunday. Deal graciously with them and bring comfort to their friends and families. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Restore hope, O God of possibilities. Bring healing to those who feel lost or broken in mind, body, or spirit. We pray especially for Bless caregivers, pastors, nurses, physicians, medical technicians, EMTs and others who care for those in need of healing. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Restore our faith in you, saving God. We pray for Bible study and small group leaders, musicians, and all whose work nurtures our faith. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember the saints whose devotion proclaimed your saving help, especially those we remember before you now, silently or aloud In company with them, root us firmly in your everlasting love and welcome us at the last into your kingdom. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

Amen.