

☞ Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*A brief silence.*

God of all fruitfulness, you abide in your church and your church abides in you. Cleanse us by your word and give yourself to the whole church on earth so that it bears fruit and witnesses to your love. Open our eyes to opportunities to share your word and your love with others.

Hear us, O God. ☞ Your mercy is great.

You have created the heavens and the earth. As we wonder at the beauty of creation, may we seek ways to assure that generations to come see that same beauty.

Hear us, O God. ☞ Your mercy is great.

You rule the nations with justice and love. Give the leaders of the earth assurance of your abiding presence, that they lead not by fear but with love and fairness.

Hear us, O God. ☞ Your mercy is great.

You have loved us so that we can love others. We pray for all in need of your love: those who are poor, lowly, outcast, weak, or fearful. Provide for the needs of all that we hold near in our hearts and those on our prayer list, especially **(Pastor Young will read list)**

Hear us, O God. ☞ Your mercy is great.

☞ In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☞ Amen.