

P United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

L We pray for your church. Embolden denominations and faith-based organizations in creative and collaborative ministries and increase our work for the sake of the gospel.

P Lord, in your mercy, **G** receive our prayer.

L We pray for those grieving in the aftermath of the University of Virginia shooting and for an end to gun violence. We pray for an end to the continued war in Ukraine and all places of war and conflict.

P Lord, in your mercy, **G** receive our prayer.

L We pray for those who grow, distribute, sell, and prepare our food, and the land from which it grows. We pray for the earth. We pray for those struggling and working to rebuild in the wake of flooding and natural disasters. Protect waterways from pollution and animal habitats from destruction. Guide us in careful stewardship of waters, plant life, and animals.

P Lord, in your mercy, **G** receive our prayer.

L We pray for the nations of the world. Instill in every leader's heart a desire for justice and peace. Support the work of international collaborations that seek the goals of health and joy for all people.

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L Gracious God, we give you thanks for bishops, pastors, and deacons – South Carolina Bishop, Virginia Aebischer and our ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. Inspire leaders of the church to proclaim your mighty deeds, that your saving faith may be known to all.

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L We pray for all who are undermined or oppressed. Amplify the voices of the unheard and break open stubborn systems of injustice. Bring about your righteousness and fill us all with your redeeming light.

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L We pray for worship leaders and musicians preparing for Advent and Christmas. We pray for this assembly. Guide our pastors, deacons, and council members in discernment, and nurture new leaders with fresh ideas. Give this congregation a spirit of discipleship and service.

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L We pray for those traveling this Thanksgiving holiday, those who will be spending the holiday alone and with one less place setting this year, and those for whom holiday gatherings bring grief and anxiety.

P Lord, in your mercy, **G** receive our prayer.

P We give thanks for all who have died in the faith. Console us who mourn and comfort us with the beautiful promise of life in your kingdom.

P Lord, in your mercy, **G** receive our prayer.

P Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.