

Prayers of Intercession

Sunday the 12th

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

L. Inspire your church that it may be a sign of life throughout the world. From the exploration of faith with children and new believers to missionaries and bishops, shape lives of faithfulness, so that all find abundant life in your ways.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

L. Nourish your creation. Accompany all who plant and water. Bless the work of farmers; provide for subsistence farmers facing drought and climate change. Guide the work of agricultural scientists toward sustainable ways to feed the world, and in thanksgiving for ongoing improvements in the COVID-19 pandemic, while also continued prayers for all affected by the virus...

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

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.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

L. Give growth where there seems to be no hope for life. In nations and regions where reconciliation seems impossible (*especially*), empower peacemakers with your Spirit. Where death holds sway through violence, disease, and hunger, equip relief workers to bring hope.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

L. Nurture all in need, especially for people of Turkey and Syria who grieve death and destruction following a major earthquake, and for all relief and recovery efforts.

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L. Bring healing to all who experience trauma caused by systems of injustice and destructive relationships. Give courage to those struggling to repent and those seeking reconciliation. Sustain all who work for restoration (*local restorative efforts may be named*).

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L. Encourage this congregation. Call us to a common purpose and keep us from quarrelling. Turn our hearts toward you and guide our leaders, so that our choices may be lifegiving for all.

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receive our prayer.

P. Thanks be to you for the lives of all who have died in Christ. Teach us to follow them in your ways and gather us with them into the promise of eternal life with you.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

P. We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.
Amen.