

Prayer of the Church – 10.29.23 – Reformation

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

Holy God, you give the law that your people live by it and flourish. Write your law on the hearts of all who bear your name, and teach us to love your commandments, that we live as you intend, mindful that we are justified by your forbearance and forgiveness.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you plant the earth and water it and bring forth a fruitful harvest. Send favorable weather, just wages, and the bounty of your abundance to all who are engaged in the labor of harvest.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you watch over the ways of the righteous and judge your people with fairness. Guide judges, courts, elected officials, and all those tasked with upholding the law, inspiring them with your wisdom and zeal for justice. Strengthen our partners, such as **Lutheran World Relief**, and keep safe those who work to safeguard and promote the good across the world, including our own **Patrick, Claire, Nate, Carter, Jonathon, Alex, Carson, Jackson, Stephen, Bryson, and Brendan** as well as our **missionaries** whom we are blessed to support financially and prayerfully.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you hold your people in love and surround them with your mercy. Draw near to all who are in need, especially our own **Donna, Ralph, Bob, Paul, Donna, Esther, Mary, Ray, Diane, Ken, David, Janet, and Jan** as well as our **friends and family requesting prayers**. *[Pause for about 4 seconds.]* Pour out your abundant mercy on all whom this world has neglected, abandoned, and forgotten, that they may know your joy.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you have broken the chains of death and daily make all things new. We give you thanks for the witness of reformers like Martin Luther and all the saints. We pray that your transformative spirit is at work in us.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For this community of believers, that wherever there is conflict or discord, the love of Christ may keep us united and make us mindful of all that is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, and excellent.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Everlasting God, the saints of every age have sung your praise and shared your word. We give you thanks for their witness and pray that we may join them as citizens of your unending kingdom.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We lift up the names today of our brothers and sisters to whom you have given life: **Wenda, Mike, Margaret, Alexander, Marguerite, Stuart, Ella, Les, Mark, Chris, Jonathan, and Katy.** May their birthday celebrations and shared love of Christ reveal God's promises, plans, and protection during the Pentecost season.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**