

Congregational Prayer 2.14.21 – Transfiguration Leaders – Georgia Thorstenson & Pastor James

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. *A brief silence.*

For the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, for communities of faith far and near, and for all who show the face of Christ throughout the world, let us pray. Sustain our indoor, outdoor, virtual, and hybrid ministries, deepening our relationships. Provide all of us patience, understanding, and empathy for each other's opinions, cares, frailties, concerns, and needs. Renewing God, expand the reach of this congregation, so that we can be a light to many, especially during these times.
Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For creation: sun, moon and stars; life forming in the dark earth and ocean deep; mountains, clouds and storms, and creatures seen and unseen, and for the Holy Spirit's guidance in our stewardship of God's creation.
Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For those responsible for safety and protection: for emergency responders and security guards, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and leaders of governments, that they witness to mercy and justice throughout the world, let us pray. Sustain and keep safe all who work to defend, safeguard, and promote the common good across the world, including our own **Bethany, Patrick, Claire, Scott, Nate, Carter, Jonathon, Alex, Carson, Erica, and Jackson**. Lead us toward a world where faithfulness will sprout underfoot and righteousness rain down from above.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who suffer this day, that Christ our healer transform sickness into health, loneliness into companionship, bereavement into consolation, and suffering into peace, let us pray, **especially for our own Lesley, Donna, Martin, Michael, Alison, Lisa, Diana, Lilli, Jim, Nemeh, Fabiana, Noor, and Kelly as well as our friends and family requesting our prayers**, that in the midst of suffering, God's peace and mercy surround them. Strengthen doctors, medical care workers, and caretakers who see to their needs, many of whom put themselves in harm's way, including our own **Lani, Ouwen, Barry, Alexia, Carolee, Chad, Sandra, Laura, David, Megan, Jennifer, Errel, and Jane**. Be with those who vaccinate and are being vaccinated, that the health of our communities and families be promoted.
Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For companions on life's journey in this worshiping community, for loved ones who cannot be with us this day, and for guidance during struggles we face, that God's glory is revealed around and among us.
Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

God of ventures, anoint us with the missionary spirit of the early church. Bless our missionaries: **Megan and Mark Mantey and Krista and Joel Young in Africa, Katie, Lutheran Braille Workers, Bethania Kids in India, Pastor Jon Diefenthaler and Lutheran World Relief, and the many other missionaries** and relief organizations we support financially and prayerfully. Empower testimony from new communities of faith to shape a diverse witness to your saving power.
Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their earthly pilgrimage, that their lives of service and prayer inspire us in our living.
Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

We lift up the names today of our brothers and sisters to whom you have given life: **Abby, Beth, Alex, Lainie, Jan, Holly, Alyce, Donna, John, Brendan, Janet, Lisa, Dani, and David.** May their birthday celebrations and shared love of Christ reveal the Holy Spirit's love, life, and light in the midst of disease, destruction, and despair.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**