

Prayer of the Church – 6.19.22 – Pentecost 2

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, creation, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

Holy God, you hear the cries of those who seek you. Equip your church with servants and messengers who reveal the continuous call of your outstretched hands and your promises of a home in you.

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

You hear the cries of the earth. Restore places where land, air, and waterways have been harmed. Guide us to develop and implement sources of energy and food production that do not harm the earth.

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

You hear the cries of those who are marginalized or cast out. On this Juneteenth holiday observance, guide us continually toward the end of oppression in all its forms. Bring true freedom and human flourishing to all your beloved children. Move the hearts of world, national, and local leaders to seek wisdom, speak truth, and care for all endangered by poverty, prejudice, or violence.

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

Further the work of international collaboration and peacemaking. Protect all whose lives are marred by war, particularly in Europe. Strengthen all those, including our partners, such as **Lutheran World Relief**, who are providing shelter, food, and care to those fleeing violence. Keep safe all who work to defend, safeguard, and promote the common good across the world, including our own **Patrick, Claire, Scott, Nate, Carter, Jonathon, Alex, Carson, Jackson, Erica, Stephen, and Bryson.**

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

Raise up courageous missionaries to share your gospel of hope. Give us, also, that same courage until the day when you fulfill all things. Bless our very own missionaries and relief workers across the world whom we support financially and prayerfully.

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

You hear the cries of those who suffer. Come to the aid of all who are homeless, naked, hungry, and sick **especially our own Lesley, Donna, Michael, Pastor Ralph Wiechmann, Bob, and Paul as well as our friends and family requesting our prayers.**

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

You hear the cries of those who celebrate as well as those who grieve on this Father's Day. Nurture mutual love and tender care in all relationships. Comfort those for whom this day brings sadness or longing.

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

Be present to faithful ones who are persecuted for following you Sustain them by your faithfulness, and give them strength in the name of Jesus.

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

We lift up the names today of our brothers and sisters to whom you have given life:

Ryan, John, Jesse, Kathy, Lucy, Jim, Cadence, Rose, Malcolm, and Sanderijn.

May their birthday celebrations and shared love of Christ reveal the Holy Spirit's harvest, health, and hope.

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

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. **Amen**