

Prayer of the Church – 10.16.22 – Pentecost 19

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

For all the baptized, that they become skilled in compassion and grace and equipped to share the good news with all. Grant your followers persistence in proclamation and prayer.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For air and sky, clouds and sun, that they provide rain to parched land and relief to flooded ground. Renew and restore our polluted atmosphere and empower us to be worthy stewards of creation.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For judges, juries, and all who work in the judicial system, that they desire wisdom, seek truth, rule with fairness, and have the courage to do what is right. Eliminate oppression and injustice in our criminal justice system. Strengthen all those, including our partners, such as **Lutheran World Relief**, who are providing shelter, food, and care to those fleeing violence and oppression. Keep safe those 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.**

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord, raise up faithful and persevering missionaries to share your Gospel of hope. Give us, also, that same faithfulness and perseverance until the day when you fulfill and resolve all issues, problems, and matters. Bless our very own missionaries and relief workers across the world whom we are privileged to support financially and prayerfully.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For all who are lonely, especially those who have newly arrived in an unfamiliar city or country, political prisoners without recourse to justice, hospital patients without visitors, and any who are ill or grief-stricken, including **our own Lesley, Donna, Michael, Pastor Ralph Wiechmann, Bob, Paul, Donna, Esther, Pastor Gary, Allan, Helen, and Susan as well as our friends and family requesting our prayers.** Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Faithful God, we give you thanks for the healing ministries of this congregation. Equip those who visit, care, and pray for the sick, including our pastors, elders, and congregational care leaders. Give insight to doctors, nurses, home health aides, and all practitioners of medical arts.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For those who have taught us faith and now rest in your heavenly peace (*especially*), that we remember and give thanks for these saints who shared the gospel through word and deed.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We lift up the names today of our brothers and sisters to whom you have given life: **Jim, Eric, Heather, Natalie, Matthew, Ellen, Myles, Caroline, Susan, Stacey, Rob, Ted, Max, and Randy.** May their birthday celebrations and shared love of Christ reveal the Holy Spirit's love, life, and light.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.