

Prayer of the Church – 6.18.23 – Pentecost 3

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.
A brief silence.

For the church here and around the world, we pray. Seek out disciples and send them out with authority to proclaim good news, bring healing where there is pain, and counter the forces of evil.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the earth and all its creatures, we pray. Equip farmers, farm workers, and all who labor on the land to produce a harvest. Nourish crops with ample rainfall and abundant sunshine. Restore ruined lands.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who govern, we pray. Empower those who seek peaceful solutions to conflict and embolden those who advocate for all who are oppressed. Work through systems of government to establish justice throughout the world. Strengthen all those, including our partners, such as **Lutheran World Relief**, who are providing shelter, food, care, and assistance to those in need throughout the world. Keep safe those who work to safeguard, and promote the good across the globe, including our own **Patrick, Claire, Nate, Carter, Jonathon, Alex, Carson, Jackson, Stephen, and Bryson** as well as our **missionaries** whom we are blessed to support financially and prayerfully.

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For those who suffer, we pray. Accompany those who feel helpless, alone, or abandoned. Embrace any who long for successful treatment for mental illness or freedom from addiction. Heal those who are sick, especially our own **Donna, Michael, Pastor Ralph Wiechmann, Bob, Paul, Donna, Esther, Mary, Ray, Janet, Willi, Melinda, Susie, and Diane** as well as our **friends and family requesting prayers**. Deliver us from the depths of our despair and free us from the worries that bind us.

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For fathers and father figures, we pray. Console all who long to be fathers, children estranged from their fathers, anyone grieving the death of a father, and fathers who have lost a child. Draw near to all for whom this day stirs up difficult emotions.

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We give thanks, O God, for all the saints. Renew our faith that you can do what you have promised and raise us, with all our beloved dead, to new life.
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We lift up the names today of our brothers and sisters to whom you have given life: **Sally, Ryan, John, Honey, Kathy, Jim, Lucy, and Cadence.** May their birthday celebrations and shared love of Christ reveal the Holy Spirit's power, peace, and provision during the Pentecost season.
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Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**