PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

In hope and expectation, we bring to God our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Prepare your church for the mystery of Christâ€™s incarnation. Strengthen your people with the promises made known in word and sacrament, in our common life, and in service with our neighbors (*local ministries of fellowship or service may be named*). God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Reveal your glory in the goodness and wonder of your creation. Inspire renewed commitments by individuals, cities, countries, and the global community to practices and policies that safeguard the planet. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Defend all who work for peace and cooperation among towns and cities, states and nations. Point us toward new solutions to long-standing challenges in our communities, and empower us and our leaders to act with clarity and wisdom. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Speak tenderly to all who cry out in hunger, pain, or distress. Bring comfort and connection to all who are hospitalized, homebound, or living in nursing homes (*especially*). Encourage those who care for them. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Stir up our commitment to your justice, especially for the most vulnerable communities among us. Transform the stories, structures, and attitudes that maintain the inequities among us. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We praise you for the wisdom of all the faithful saints. Guard our waking and our sleeping, until with (*Nicholas and*) all the faithful departed, we find our rest in you. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We entrust these and the prayers of our hearts to you, most holy God, in the name of Christ Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

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