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.

Pour out your Spirit upon the church. Fill all who teach and preach with courage and compassion to speak boldly of your good news at work among us. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Preserve wilderness places and protect public lands from exploitation. Lighten human impact on soil, water, and air, that we might live in balance with the natural world. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Empower community leaders and organizers in their efforts to strengthen relationships for the common good. Sustain judges, legal advocates, and all who serve on juries, that justice is advanced for all people. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Bring healing to all who are brokenhearted and release us from that which holds us captive. Draw near to all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit (*especially*). Assure all who despair that you are near. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Bless and grow the service and outreach ministries of this congregation (*specific ministries may be named*), that our work in the world proclaims your healing love to all whom we encounter. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We rejoice in the gift of those saints who have come before us. We give thanks for (*Lucy and*) all the faithful departed whose lives testify to your light among us in the world. 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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