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.

We pray for the church. Reassure all who gather in your name of your steadfast presence with us in joys and sorrows, in hope and uncertainty (*joys and/or concerns of the community may be named*). God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.
We pray for the healing of the earth: for clean air, clear water, rich soils, and thriving ecosystems. Revive your creation for generations to come. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.
We pray for legislators, mayors, governors, and all who hold elected office. Fill leaders with a commitment to service, humility, and justice for all people. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.
We pray for vulnerable people in our communities, for families experiencing poverty, for people in prisons, for individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, and for any who are ill (*especially*). Come to their aid and assure them of your faithfulness. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.
We pray for all who travel to be with loved ones as Christmas approaches. Make their roads safe and their journeys smooth. Abide with any who cannot travel or who are alone in this season. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.
Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember all who have died in Christ, (*Katharina von Bora Luther and*) the faithful saints whose lives magnified your name, that your world-turning love continues to shine forth. 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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