PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Rejoicing with all creation at the birth of Christ, we pray with thanksgiving for the church, the world, and Godâ€™s good creation.

A brief silence.

Kindle creativity, hope, and joy in the church as we proclaim the good news of your promise for all people. (*In the spirit of John, apostle and evangelist,*) inspire preachers, teachers, and all who share the story of Christ. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
All creation praises you, from the depths of the earth to the far reaches of the heavens. Protect fragile places, especially polar ice caps, melting glaciers, and rising seas. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Send your Spirit into communities experiencing conflict. Reconcile nations at war, bring an end to genocide, and cause violence based on religion to cease around the world. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Protect all people experiencing persecution or discrimination, create a safe haven for those who flee violence, and mend our communities so that such violence is no more. Surround your children with your healing love (*especially*). God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Bless older adults in our congregation and in our community. Nurture relationships among generations, sustain all who care for aging loved ones, and strengthen ministries with elders (*local organizations or ministries may be named*). God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Here other intercessions may be offered.

You raise up prophets like Anna to speak your grace and truth into the world. We give thanks for their faith, wisdom, and courage that resonates throughout the ages. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
God-with-us, we commend these and all our prayers to your care, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

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