

Prayers of the People (May 3, 2020)
OUR COMMUNITY

*(from Psalm 121) I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent God, we are confident in serving you. Thank you for being our strong tower and for never letting us go. **As the Holy Spirit leads, praise the Lord. He will not take his eyes off of us, and he will keep our footsteps firm.***

*(Isaiah 41:13) For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.... Sovereign God, we thank you that you are in control, and you are with us. Bring to mind stories of your faithfulness to combat our fear and worry. We proclaim our trust in your perfect timing. **As the Holy Spirit leads, pray for the Lord to break in and end the destruction of the coronavirus.***

Heavenly Father, our minds and hearts are flooded with emotions and uncertainties right now. It has become a battle ground! Holy Spirit, help us to fight for thoughts that are excellent and praiseworthy and align with what you say about us in your word. Be the warrior that stands at the gate of our mind, protecting us from the enemy's onslaught. **As the Holy Spirit leads, pray for the Lord to set our minds on His truth and hope.**

Lord, we praise you for Ararat Church! Thank you for their commitment to you as their Savior and their desire that all may come to know your salvation! Give them creativity and Holy Spirit power to reach their congregation during this time. Bring healing and hope to families affected by the coronavirus. Keep our hearts open to how we can best serve one another. **As the Holy Spirit leads, pray for our brothers and sisters of Ararat church.**

Jesus, we believe you are coming back for your bride, the church, and when you do, your word says it will be spotless and pure. Guard us during this time when we are not able to physically be with one another. Purify us and protect us from falling away. Surprise the enemy, and let this be a time of great growth and sanctification. Make us one in purpose and love as we seek to be children of the day to our hurting community. **As the Holy Spirit leads, pray for the church in Sioux Falls to come alive and be light in the darkness.**

Father, you have blessed us with beautiful and precious children. Guard and protect them from all evil. Help us be good examples of compassion so that it is easy for them to believe in you as their loving Father. May our homes be sanctuaries of grace and peace. May we train them in the way they should go, and may their hearts always be open to the truth. Help us model and teach them to worship and enjoy you as their Lord, Savior, and friend. Show us how to call forth the gifts within them and encourage them in their walk with you. May their lives be marked by empathy and service. **As the Holy Spirit leads, pray for the children of Life Church.**

Thank you, Father, for hearing our prayers. It's in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.