

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION, 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 22, 2020

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of insight, open the hearts of the church to those in our world who are in need spiritually, emotionally and physically in these unprecedented times. Raise up voices in your church that are often silenced or overlooked due to age, gender expression, race, or economic status.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of insight, empower us to care for the land and all living things that dwell in it and beneath it. Provide rich soil for crops to grow. Bring rain to lands suffering drought. Protect hills and shorelines from damage caused by erosion. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

God of insight, bring peace to all people and nations. Anoint leaders who seek goodness, righteousness, and truth on behalf of all. Frustrate the efforts of those who would seek to cause violence or terror. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

God of insight, as our great Shepherd, you care for our needs even before we ask. Come quickly to all who seek prayer this day (*especially, see names below...*). Accomplish healing through the work of doctors, nurses, first responders, and all who tend to human need in the midst of this pandemic. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

God of insight, help each one of us at Hope to lift up the unique gifts of each person in our community of faith in these days of social isolation. Help us to be creative and courageous in making our ministries accessible to all. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

God of insight, you call out to those who are asleep and awaken them to new life with you. We give thanks for all your saints who have preceded us in death. Join us together with them as your children in this world and the next. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Remember in Prayer: Ben Roman, Janice Callentine, Helen Jensen, Mark Knight (Inge's son), Helen Litvak, Betty Loftesness, Juanita White, Alina Ratilainen, Ove Floystrup, Doris Hendrickson, Kristi Hendrickson, Stella Liu, Sue Puska, Linda Farrell, Evelyn Rorem, Charlene Wilcox, Jeremiah Michaels (Hilda Bautista's son-in-law) & Hilda's Family, Carol Hayter (Evelyn Olson's sister-in-law), Jessica Lane (Paula Tagliareni's niece), John Christensen, Mark Gahl (Paul & Eloise Gahl's son), Olive Sampson (Wayne Sampson's Mom), Cheryl Jennings, Bruni

VonGehlen, Evelyn Olson, Judy Andrzejek (acquaintance of Pastor Jack), Family of Jack Nold, Rose Jug, Shirley Griffey, Lois Finch