

# Prayers of Intercession

God of power and might, comfort your people and come quickly to this weary world. Receive our prayers for everyone in need.

*A brief silence.*

Faithful God, you teach us to wait for you with faithfulness and patience. Sustain and support us in our doubts and questions. Nurture our faith as we discern and enact your mission.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Loving God, you set the stars in the sky and breathe life into the earth. Renew the face of creation where it is in need of your healing touch. Mend the wounds of environmental damage and restore balance to ecosystems so that all creation can declare your praise.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Steadfast God, you never tire of seeking justice. Where people suffer from discrimination, judgment, and injustice, speak words of truth and comfort. Lead us toward a world where faithfulness will sprout underfoot and righteousness rain down from above.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Leading God, you ask us to make uneven ground smooth. Make even the disparities between your people. Sustain and support people with physical and intellectual disabilities. Accompany disability advocates who work for a world accessible to all. Teach us to celebrate the great diversity in our midst.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Tender God, you know sorrow and joy alike. We pray for those in our families and congregation who are not joyful in this holiday season. Comfort those who grieve, be a companion to all who are lonely, tend those who are sick or struggling with depression especially Chris Otto, Glenn Burgener, Linda and Dale Feece, Marge Baima, Anita Giltner, Malea and Jason J, Fran Launstein, Justin, Michael Carlson, Gayle Kern, Deb & Jean Hart, Deb Best, Steve, Janis Jones, Carol Deller, Vicki DeMeyer, Charlie Miller, Avery Smith, Residents of Warm Friends senior living facility, Matthew Carlson and his family, and the friends and family of Jim Kleckner, Jack Goes, Sharron Foran, Clifford “smitty” Smith, Jean Dimmick, Debra Walker and Don and Debbie Painter. Gather all people in your healing embrace.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Eternal God, we give thanks for the saints who have prepared your way in the wilderness and taught us to continue their faithful work. Make their generous lives an example for all.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**