

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – MARCH 9, 2025

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Your prayer prompt this morning is “God in your mercy”; your response is “**receive our prayer.**”

Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Mothering God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the urge to strip lands of their resources and instead preserve first fruits for future generations. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. We pray for areas of the world impacted by ongoing war, conflict, and violence, especially Ukraine, Palestine, Myanmar, and South Sudan. We pray for those who are unemployed, underemployed, or facing uncertainty regarding employment. We pray for the dignity, autonomy, and safety of women, and in thanksgiving for their gifts and contributions in the world. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless all who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. We pray for all who are ill or recovering. Today we pray especially for Brett, Brent, ElRoy, Trisha, and Gina; for all who have received a pocket prayer shawl; and for all who have left a request in our prayer request box. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful who have crossed the threshold from death to life. Guide us who are living to learn from their wisdom and follow their example. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

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Readings:

First Reading:

Deut. 26:1-11

Responsive Psalm:

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Second Reading:

Rom. 10:8b-13

Gospel:

Luke 4:1-13

Hymns:

Opening Hymn:

ELW #335 – Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross – DL 16:17

Kyrie:

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God (sing vs. 1,2; recite vs. 3)

Hymn of the Day:

ELW #322 – Oh, Love, How Deep – DL 16:4

Closing Hymn:

ELW #733 – Great Is Thy Faithfulness – DL 17:12