

Prayers of the People – May 10

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and new life, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Build us up, mothering God. Continually strengthen your church as it is sent forth to proclaim your love. We pray especially for our partner church in Cimineto, Guatemala; for new congregations and those in redevelopment. Guide and equip us all as your people to embody your spirit alive and at work in the world.

Humble us, creator God, as part of your creation. Fill us with respect and awe for the world you have made, including volcanoes, ocean currents, tropical rainstorms, glaciers, and other forces that both destroy and create.

Align our ways to your love, O God. We pray for countries, leaders, and other organizations as they prepare places for those seeking refuge and safety. We pray for all who seek the common good and provide care during these difficult days.

God of healing and rest, help those whose hearts are heavy and weighed down by many troubles. Comfort their suffering, ease their distress, and carry their burdens, especially we pray for Ruth Blomster, with her brother Don in hospice; Juliet Hanson; Sara Johnson; and all affected by illness or preparing for surgery.

Nurturing God, we pray for those who tend and teach young children—with give thanks for the gifts of teachers and for parents who have become teachers during these days.

On this Mother's Day weekend, we give thanks for all the women in our lives who have shown nurture and mothering care. We pray for the safe pregnancies of expectant parents. We hold in prayer families who struggle with infertility and miscarriage. We trust that you draw near to those who grieve the death of a mother or the death of a child. And we remember all for whom this day is difficult.

Generous God, you call into your brilliant light all who have died. Today we remember St. Michael's member Carolyn Finegan who died on May 3, Michelle, family friend of Jill Schilling; and continue to remember Amaya, niece of Amber Peterson. Give us faith to take hold of the promise of your eternal life.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your care; through Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray...

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those
who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen