

## Prayers of the People

Together this day, we lift our voices in prayer for the world, the church, and all of God's people.

Gracious God, your word has been sown in many ways and places. We pray for those who serve across the street and around the world in global partnerships and in newly planted congregations or transformational ministry sites. Inspire us by their witness to the faith we share.

Creating God, the mountains and hills burst into song and the trees and fields clap their hands in praise. We pray for the birds and animals who make their home in the trees, and for lands stripped bare by deforestation. Empower us to sustainably use what you have given.

Reigning God, we pray for our nation's leaders. Increase their desire for justice and equality. We pray for our enemies. Bridge the chasms that divide us and guide authorities to a deep and lasting peace with justice.

Abiding God, care for all who are in need. For those who hold doubt and frustration draw near. For those who are worrying, provide release. For those who are struggling, ease burdens. For those in fear, give hope. In a moment of silence we offer the prayers of our hearts:

This day we include

- Antonio, April, and Sofia Cedillo
- Richard James Reinke, son of Josh and Bree Reinke and grandson of Joellyn Reinke. RJ was born June 26th, premature but is doing well in the NICU.
- Ruth Herz
- Lloyd Mart
- Daniel Schowalter

Renewing God, revive your church in this place. Nourish and nurture the seeds you have planted, that we might grow as disciples and witnesses to your grace. Replace what has been depleted. Sustain our ministries and deepen relationships with each other the wider community, even when we cannot be physically together.

Eternal God, we give thanks for all who have died—and offer them to you in a moment of silence. Comfort us in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.