

Prayers of the People

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

O God, call your people to be one, as you are one. Unite your people in the work of your gospel: the love of our neighbor, and the call to proclaim your reign of peace and justice to all.

Breathe life into your creation. Guide your people as we explore the vast mysteries of the universe. We pray for the work of scientists, astronomers, and mathematicians whose skill enriches our understanding. We pray for epidemiologists, lab technicians, and researchers who study the smallness of viruses, bacteria, and the quarks of atoms.

Make your justice known among the nations of the earth. Protect the vulnerable especially those who struggle with warfare, poverty, violence, and hunger. Watch over all countries as they strive to address the COVID-19 virus amidst great disparities and need for care. Redirect those who use violence and greed as weapons.

Come to the aid of your children. We pray for those engulfed in grief, those without supportive families, and for all who are isolated or afraid, that all may rest their anxieties in your care. We pray that you would be present with those recovering from illness or surgery—we hold in prayer Barb Yarusso as she recovers from knee surgery.

Give courage to all who embark on new ventures. We pray for college graduates and those who have received their Masters or Ph.D.s. We pray for those enlisted in the military, including Josh Reinke. And this day we especially remember this day those who risked their lives and died while serving our armed forces. Watch over all of your children, O God, and direct us in ways that lead to greater peace and understanding. And grant safety to those serving at home or abroad in the military, in the Peace Corps, and in the Non-Violent Peace Force, assure them of your never-failing strength.

Raise all your saints to eternal life: we entrust Ron Dishneau to you your eternal care—even as we comfort Colleen and their family; and we entrust Norma, aunt of Tracy Danby, to your everlasting care. We give you thanks for the faithful examples of those who have listened to your voice and now rest in you.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**