

Call to Worship

Everyone come!

You who are thirsty, come.

You who are struggling to make ends meet, come.

You who squander all you have, come.

You who are longing to share with others, come.

Come, and listen!

God draws near and gives renewing water.

God enters in and offers strength to the weary.

God teaches us again how to share as community.

God helps us to be a new people grounded in promise.

Everyone come!

Come and know the renewing love of God.

Confession and Forgiveness

God's steadfast love is everlasting,

And God's faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Trusting in the mercy of God, we acknowledge the sin and brokenness in us and around us.

Reconciling God,

we confess that we do not trust your abundance.

We place our hope in ourselves

and rely on our own efforts.

We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

We fear difference and do not welcome others

as you have welcomed us.

We sin in thought, word, and deed.

By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life.
Amen.

Beloved of God,
by the radical abundance of grace and mercy
we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus.
Our sins are forgiven.
Let us live now in hope.
For hope does not disappoint,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

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Prayers of the People

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

You take resources that appear to be meager, bless them, and there is enough. May your church trust that what you bless and ask us to share with the world is abundantly sufficient.

Your bountiful creation offers sustenance and life for all creatures. Protect this abundance for the well-being of all. Reverse the damage we have caused your creation. Replenish ground water supplies, provide needed rains in places of drought, and protect forests from wildfires.

You offer yourself to all the nations and peoples of the earth, inviting everyone to abundant life. May people run to you seeking your guiding presence and be filled with compassion and equipped to care for others.

You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Hear the anguish of tender hearts who cry to you in suffering and satisfy their deepest needs. Bring wholeness and healing to those who suffer in body, heart, soul, and mind.

You offer freely the fullness of healing and salvation. Give St. Michael's such a welcoming heart, that our words and actions may extend your free and abundant hospitality to all whom we encounter.

You gather your saints as one, united in the body of Jesus. Bring us with all your saints to the heavenly banquet. We remember with love and thanksgiving the saints we have known especially Don Ulbricht, brother of Ruth Blomster.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

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Blessing

God's peace: carry, keep and hold you.

God's love: nourish, bless and enfold you.

God's spirit: inspire, lift and mold you.

Go now having shared in the gifts of God

To bless others with what they need for the day.

Go in peace, Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God!