

Prayers of the People

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

God of companionship, encourage our relationships with our siblings in Christ. Bless our conversations. Shape our shared future and give us hearts eager to join in a festal shout of praise.

God of abundance, you make your creation thrive and grow to provide all that we need. Inspire us to care for our environment and be attuned to where the earth is crying out.

God of love and life, we give thanks for the birth of Olivia Strand and celebrate with parents Emily and Joe and big brother John. We celebrate Ed Olson's 100 years of life; and Roger and Bettie Syverud's 50 years of marriage.

God of mercy, your grace is poured out for all. Inspire authorities, judges, and politicians to act with compassion. Teach us to overcome fear with hope, meet hate with love, and welcome one another as we would welcome you. In this month in which we celebrate Pride we honor the love and diversity of our LGBTQ+ community.

God of care, accompany all who are in deepest need. Comfort those who are sick, lonely, or abandoned especially this day we pray for Denny Malarky, Ruth Herz, Lloyd Mart, Tom Reddy, Juliet Hanson, Daniel Showalter (brother-in-law of Sandy and Ken Gibson). Renew the spirits of all who call upon you.

God of community, we give thanks for this congregation. Give us passion to embrace your mission and the vision to recognize where you are leading us. Teach us how to live more faithfully with each other and consistently broaden our welcome.

God of love, you gather in your embrace all who have died especially Elizabeth (mother of Nancy Suter); Dawn (daughter of Dennis Malarky); Pat (sister and sister-in-law of Marsha and Bob Toft), Arlene (sister-in-law of Joel and RoseAnn Bergstrom), Joan (sister and sister-in-law of Gene Recibe and Nancy Recibe). Keep us steadfast in our faith and renew our trust in your promise.

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