



# St Michael's

## L U T H E R A N C H U R C H

Prayers for March 22, 2020

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Open the hearts of the church and the world to all who share your love. Raise up the voices in your church that are often silenced or overlooked due to age—the young and the old, sexual orientation gender expression, race, or economic status.

Empower us to care for the land and all living things that dwell in it and beneath it. Provide rich soil for crops to grow. Bring rain to lands suffering drought.

Bring peace to all people and nations. Anoint leaders who seek goodness, righteousness, and truth on behalf of all. Watch over all affected by the coronavirus, flu, and other illnesses. Draw near to all in need.

God, you care for our needs even before we ask. Accomplish healing through the work of doctors, nurses, physician and nursing assistants, respiratory and physical therapists, nutritionists, and all who tend to human bodies.

God of community, we give thanks for the gifts of each person who is connected with St. Michael's, and for all who share their gifts with others no matter their physical or social location, physical capacity, cognitive ability, or sensory need. Help us to be creative and brave in worshipping, living, and caring in new ways.

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all the prayers we hold in our hearts as we now commend them to you; through Christ our Lord. Amen.