

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – 03/31/2024

P Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

A Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Loving God, we pray for this community of faith and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Alleluia! God, you are strength. Awaken hope and perseverance in all who need to hear a word of life this day: those who are hungry, anxious, oppressed, despairing, or sick. Accompany all who suffer especially the Bishop family, Bill, Elaine, Donna, MaryAnn, Faye, Pauline, Paul, Marilyn, Beverly, Steve, Laurette, Michelle, Gail, Doug, Gene, Lee, Ruth, our homebound members: Marguerite and Lynn and to those we now name in our hearts or on our lips...(pause). We pray for veterans, and for those currently serving in our armed forces, including Lt. Cmdr. Laurin Smith Teegarden. Please grant them respite and renewal. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A For what else shall we pray? (*pause for individual petitions from the congregation*). God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C Amen.