

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – 04/21/2024

**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** Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** On the cross Jesus joined all who feel forsaken. Console and strengthen those who are abused or neglected, for the lonely, and for those who are ill. 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** Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. 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.