

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – 03/24/2024

**P** Trusting in God’s promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

**A** Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ’s suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**A** Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborists, gardeners, and river keepers. We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**A** Establish peace and justice among the nations. Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**A** Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite families enduring separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that they may know your love. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**A** Give energy and joy to our pastor/s, deacons, worship leaders, and musicians. Bless baptismal candidates, their sponsors, confirmands, and teachers. Watch over those who travel. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**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. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**A** Blessed One, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

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

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**P** Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** **Amen.**