

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – 04/14/2024

**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** O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty. God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. 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** O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. 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.