

# ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

Sharing God's grace through Christ, we love, pray, rejoice and serve



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## *Prayers of the People*

As God's beloved people made radiant by the light of Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human family and God's good creation.

(When you hear the words: "Hear us, O God." please respond with "Your mercy is great.")

When your church grows weary and weak, give courage to our leaders, and strengthen your people for service, especially our church council members installed today, that everyone who searches for you might share in the blessings of the gospel. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Where the earth is exhausted by our demands and the waters polluted with our waste, bring rest to creation and restore the health of your creatures. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

When war and violence threaten innocent lives and displaced people flee in search of shelter, renew the strength of peacemakers and humanitarian aid workers. Raise up leaders who value justice more than power. We ask for your presence and protection for men and women of our armed services, serving both here and abroad. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your care for the weak gives us strength. We lift to you those who struggle to provide for their families, the vulnerable young, the frail elderly, the homeless and the sick. We pray especially for those battling illness: Margaret King, Robin Dalby, Mary Herbert, Richard Oates, Bill Osborn, Nancy Stewart, Elaine Keech, Bill Schwessinger, Bob Graham, Gary Spezia, John Miller, Mary Northcutt, Matthew Ireton, Jim Ireton, Marsha Ireton, Pastor Peter Perella, Dr. Victor Cervenak, Sara Dekuiper, Linda Demeyer, Ben Wrobel, T.J. Baldwin, Helen Fick, Olive N'Jie, Hannah Tripp, John Rooney, Dawn Gaden, Denean Uhrman, Marguerete Schwedler, Robert Goetsch,,Kathy Firchau, Cindy Johnson, Robert Harms, John Piljan, Jeff Warner, Paul Gautraud, Sandy Defour, Michele Miller and Mary Jo Crane. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for the children of our congregation that they will grow strong in their faith and be filled with the wisdom of Christ. Renew our commitment to baptismal vows, strengthen us through Christian Education and study of the Bible. Build up the community of believers. Deepen our care for one another and bless the mission and ministry of LSSM. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

When we are frantic and troubled, lead us into quiet places of prayer, that, restored by your peace, we gladly serve you and our neighbors in our daily lives. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for those who trusted in your steadfast love and promises. Give us the same patient hopefulness that sustained the saints before us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy God, we lift our prayers to you in hope, entrusting all for whom we pray to your great goodness and mercy, made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen