

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

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



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Prayers of the People – March 7, 2010

Gathered by the Spirit, let us return to the Lord our God and pray for the church, the world, and all who yearn for new life. (When you hear the words: "Lord in your mercy," please respond with "Hear our prayer.")

Merciful God, you call your church to be a witness to your steadfast love. Grant that the work of ministers, teachers, missionaries, relief workers, and all the baptized may be faithful and fruitful. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Creating God, all you have made is good. Teach us to care for the earth, the sea, the sky, and all living things with love and reverence. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Just God, your ways are beyond human understanding. Give those in positions of authority wisdom and compassion for all who suffer. Bring relief to victims of natural disasters, especially in Haiti, Chili, and Taiwan. Bring hope and escape to victims of oppression. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, be with those who are sick or grieving and with all who need your healing presence, that they may find comfort and refuge in you. We pray especially for: Karen Gans, Greg Piasecki, Richard Oates, Bill Osborn, Wendy McFarland, Nancy Stewart, Elaine Keech, Bill Schwessinger, David Thomas, Bob Graham, Gary Spezia, Justine Javos, Jack Pascoline, Mary Lou Pascoline, Debbie Firchau, Joe Jeannette II, Angelina Russo, John Amrhein, Mary Adzigian, Richard Firchau, Matthew Ireton, Emily Smith, Maggie Archinal, Sally Basner, Paul Kvale, Gordon Brown, Betty Ruud, Henry Blaskie, Lois Newell, Gary Kasinek, Barbara Porzondek, Lillian Strzempek, and Manetta Raab. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

God, our protector and provider, bless the middle school retreat that is taking place this weekend and bring all participants home safely from Ohio. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Nurturing and Sustaining Lord, keep us always in our baptismal covenant and especially bless Brooke Autumn Moskwa this day, who is declared your child forever through the waters of baptism and your holy Word of promise. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we commend to your loving care all who have died, especially Michael O'Connell and Hazel Decoster. Bring hope to their families, especially Michelle O'Connell-Graham & family and Larry Decoster & family. Help us to trust in your eternal love and promise of resurrection that is ours in Christ. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you have commanded us to pray, and you promise to hear us. Hear the prayers of your people and grant us all that we need, for the sake of the one in whose name we pray, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.