

A GENERAL PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

(The following may replace the intercessions of the general and seasonal liturgies.)

God's amazing grace is offered to us today, tomorrow, and forever. Thanks be to God!

God's grace renews our lives like a flowing stream. Thanks be to God for the wellspring of the joy of living.

In the assurance of God's unconditional love poured out for us in Jesus Christ, we pray first for ourselves and for our needs:

For forgiveness for wrongs we have done and good deeds we have not done,
For courage to change what needs changing within our lives,
For wisdom to seek God's guidance,
For healing of our body, mind, spirit, and relationships,
For a thankful awareness of all the blessings of our lives,

(The liturgist may add additional petitions for the worshippers' needs.)

SILENT PRAYER

Hear our prayers, God of grace.

Meet us in our need and in our honesty.

In the abundance of your mercy, we pray for others:

For members of our families,
For our friends and neighbors,
For those with whom we work, and learn, and play,
For the sick, the frightened, the lonely,
For those who grieve,
For those who are desperate and angry,
For those in prison,
For the hungry, the homeless, the poor,
For those we perceive as our enemies,

(The liturgist may add additional petitions for the needs of others.)

SILENT PRAYER

Hear our prayers, God of compassion.

Send your Spirit upon all for whom we pray.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

In the awareness that we are one with all your human creation, we pray about the issues that confront us all:

For our planet and the environment in which we live,
For the end of war, ethnic conflict, and all violence,
For liberation from racism, bigotry, and injustice,
For freedom from addictions of all kinds,
For the end of abuse of children, women, and men,
For each member of the human family, that all may know the dignity and worth of being a child of God,
For solutions to our common human dilemmas, and for our dedication to be part of those solutions,

(The liturgist may add additional petitions for current issues.)

SILENT PRAYER

Hear our prayers, God of justice, God of love.

May your love and justice be manifest in our lives.

We pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven."

In this act of worship, we come in faith — faith that our problems will not defeat us, faith that our hearts and spirits can be renewed, faith that we are not alone; for you are with us.

Thanks be to you, God our Savior, for meeting us here in this time and place. Thanks be to you for forgiving us, for freeing us, and for strengthening us to be your disciples in this life.

We are filled with the grace, mercy, and peace of God.

We are filled with the love of Jesus Christ. We give thanks that we are blessed, and we commit ourselves to be a blessing to others. Amen.