

Prayers

Individual congregation members are invited to pray aloud on behalf of the congregation one of the following printed prayer petitions:

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. We pray especially this day for ELCA Presiding Bishop Eaton, Synod Bishop Lee Miller, II, and our companion synods of Zambia and Zimbabwe; Pastor Dana Smith and Atonement in Syracuse; all leaders and staff of Owasco Reformed Church; and our congregation of Holy Trinity. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind, especially The Rescue Mission in Auburn and Syracuse and Vera House in Syracuse. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Healing God, so many of your children suffer. Provide comfort and care to those who are in need of your healing, and use us, where possible, to be agents of care and support. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died. Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.