

## Prayers

On this first Sunday in Lent, let us pray boldly for all in need, responding to each petition with words echoing today's psalm, "**In you we put our trust.**"

Relying on you, O God of our salvation, we pray for the church throughout the world, that strengthened by the promises of baptism, we discern your way of truth and justice, and reject the attractive lures of evil. Sustain those Christians who are beset with temptations or hardship. On this day we pray especially for the ELCA and Presiding Bishop Eaton, for the Upstate NY Synod and for our companion synods of Zimbabwe and Zambia, for Transition Pastor Gail Wolling and Trinity in Herkimer, for First Presbyterian Church of Skaneateles, and for our own congregation of Holy Trinity.

*A brief silence.*

Receive our prayers, O righteous God: **In you we put our trust.**

Grateful for a plenteous creation, we pray that you preserve the wild beasts and keep lands from being flooded by waters. Encourage the work of biologists, conservationists, and science educators, that we all come to appreciate more about the wonders that you create.

*A brief silence.*

Receive our prayers, O creative God: **In you we put our trust.**

Distressed by injustice and violence, we pray for leaders who govern in our nation and around the world, that they strive for equality and concord in all things. Visit the people of Myanmar and Sudan and stem the might of tyrants the world over.

*A brief silence.*

Receive our prayers, O sovereign God: **In you we put our trust.**

Alert to the difficulties of wintertime, especially in Texas and the deep South, we pray for all who are cold. for power to be restored. for all the homeless. for refugees awaiting assistance.

*A brief silence.*

Receive our prayers, O warm-hearted God: **In you we put our trust.**

Pained by the suffering of others, we pray for all who are sick, especially those we name here before you.... We pray for all who have contracted COVID-19, for those who are bowed down by trials of any kind, for those who face natural disasters, for those whose suffering is known only to you. Comfort those who feel desolate. Give health and wholeness to all who suffer.

*A brief silence.*

Receive our prayers, O benevolent God: **In you we put our trust.**

We praise you for the Christians of time past, especially Polycarp and all the martyrs who died in their witness to you. Give us the faith that at the end, your rainbow will bring endless beauty to all things.

*A brief silence.*

Receive our prayers, O splendid God: **In you we put our trust.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

