

Prayers of Intercession

On this fifth Sunday of Easter, let us unite in Christ to pray for all in any need, responding to each petition with the words "**Make us one in you.**"

A brief silence.

God of triune mystery, as you have formed your church to be one fruitful vine, strengthen our churches and our ecumenical connections with Christians across the street and around the globe. On this day we pray especially for Presiding Bishop Eaton, Bishop Macholz and the Upstate NY Synod, our companion synods of Zimbabwe and Zambia, The Presbyterian Church USA, and our congregation of Holy Trinity Lutheran.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O loving God: **Make us one in you.**

Nurture our missionaries and theologians, our seminaries, our Sunday schools, and all adult discussions of the faith.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O enlightening God: **Make us one in you.**

Lead all Christian communities to welcome people of each sexual identity, every skin color, and all national backgrounds.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O embracing God: **Make us one in you.**

As you created an earth with countless forms of plant and animal life, train us to honor and maintain the bountiful earth that you intend for us and future generations.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O creating God: **Make us one in you.**

As you call humankind to live in love with one another, bring peace to nations, to neighborhoods, and to homes. Protect the oppressed and the vulnerable in every land, show us the path to nonviolence in all things.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O reconciling God: **Make us one in you.**

As you have promised to hear the cries of all the needy, listen now to the countless people around the world who are suffering from sickness, from the coronavirus, from injustice, from abuse, from starvation. Hear our pleas for India. We pray especially for all named on our prayer list, along with those we name before you now...

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O healing God: **Make us one in you.**

We remember those who have died in the faith. As you have promised to bring your people into your strong and tender embrace, preserve us until we enter with all the saints into your everlasting mercy.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O eternal God: **Make us one in you.**

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