

# Prayers

We pray on this sixth Sunday of Easter for the Moravian Church, for the baptized around the world, and for all people according to their needs, responding to each petition with the words **“fill us with your love.”**

*A brief silence.*

O triune God, we praise you for your wondrous love, for the witness of Moravian Christians, and for the steadfastness of believers throughout this pandemic. Whenever churches face hardship or challenge, strengthen us in affection within and between denominations. On this day we pray especially for Presiding Bishop Eaton, Bishop Macholz and the Upstate NY Synod, our companion synods of Zimbabwe and Zambia, Pastor Susan Salomone and St. Michael's in Camillus, Rev. Barry Sisson and Grace Chapel, and our congregation of Holy Trinity Lutheran.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, loving God: **fill us with your love.**

We praise you for the beauty of spring, and we stand in awe of even the hungry cicadas. Wherever creation is beckoning us to lives of ecological restraint, teach us your care of our earth.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, creating God. **fill us with your love.**

We praise you for all efforts to achieve peace throughout the world. Wherever violence prevails, wherever brutality silences protest, wherever prejudice reigns, wherever the rich oppress the poor, lead us and all nations into the ways of justice.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, righteous God: **fill us with your love.**

We praise you for the gradual lessening of the pandemic and for your gift of vaccines. Wherever the virus still rages, especially in India, Turkey, and South America, wherever medical resources are depleted, wherever medical advice is rejected, extend the power of your healing hand. Be present with all who today will die, and visit all who are sick or suffering, especially those named on our prayer list, along with all those we name before you now....

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, healing God: **fill us with your love.**

We praise you for the loving support of mothers to their children. Bless mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers, godmothers, and all of each gender who give mothering care. Protect mothers in societies where women have few rights. Comfort those who grieve because they cannot mother a child. Wherever children are deprived of mothering, provide responsible and affectionate care.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, mothering God: **fill us with your love.**

We praise you for the witness of all who have died in the faith, especially those we name in our hearts. Keep us united with all your children until we join them in your presence forever.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, everlasting God: **fill us with your love.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy, through 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.**

